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Stelling Minnis

Dear Sir or Madam

Highways Act 1980 Section 119- Proposed Diversion of Public Footpaths HE14, HE15 and Public Bridleway HE13 Stelling Minnis Kent.

I attach a copy of a plan showing a proposal to divert part of Public Bridleway HE13 and the total lengths of Public Footpaths HE14 and 15 on land at High Chimney Farm in the area of Curtis Lane and Stone Street at Stelling Minnis Kent. I also attach a copy of the Definitive Map for the area.

The proposals at High Chimney Farm have been made by the applicants on the basis it would be in their interest for the following reasons: -

- The current line of the **Bridleway HE13** is currently shown on the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way as passing through part of the garden of an adjoining domestic property. The route used on the ground runs through an adjoining shaw of trees and it is this line that the applicant wishes to formalise. The path then continues inboard of the field boundary, crossing agricultural land. The applicant would also wish to divert this section to follow the boundary in order to alleviate impact on the crop. To provide the proposed new route the applicant proposes to clear the existing Field Crop and provide a graded stone path, levelled and rolled with a width of two metres.
- The applicant wishes to divert the line of **Public Footpath HE14** because the route of this path is currently directed across the centre of the field and the applicant wishes to divert this along the southern boundary of the field from the current southeast corner to the intersection point with Public Footpath HE13 to minimise impact upon the crop. To provide the proposed new route the applicant will clear the existing Field Crop and provide a graded stone path, levelled and rolled with a width of two metres.
- The applicant wishes to divert the line of **Public Footpath HE15** because the route of this path is currently directed across the centre of the field and the applicant wishes to divert this along the western boundary of the field from the current southeast corner to the intersect with the southwestern end of Public Footpath HE14 to minimise impact upon the crop. To provide the proposed new route the applicant will clear the existing Field Crop and level and roll the existing surface with a width of two metres.

In the County Council's initial view, the proposed diversion would alleviate these problems. However, before taking a final decision on whether to make the requested Public Path Diversion Order, the County Council would appreciate any views that you might wish it to consider.

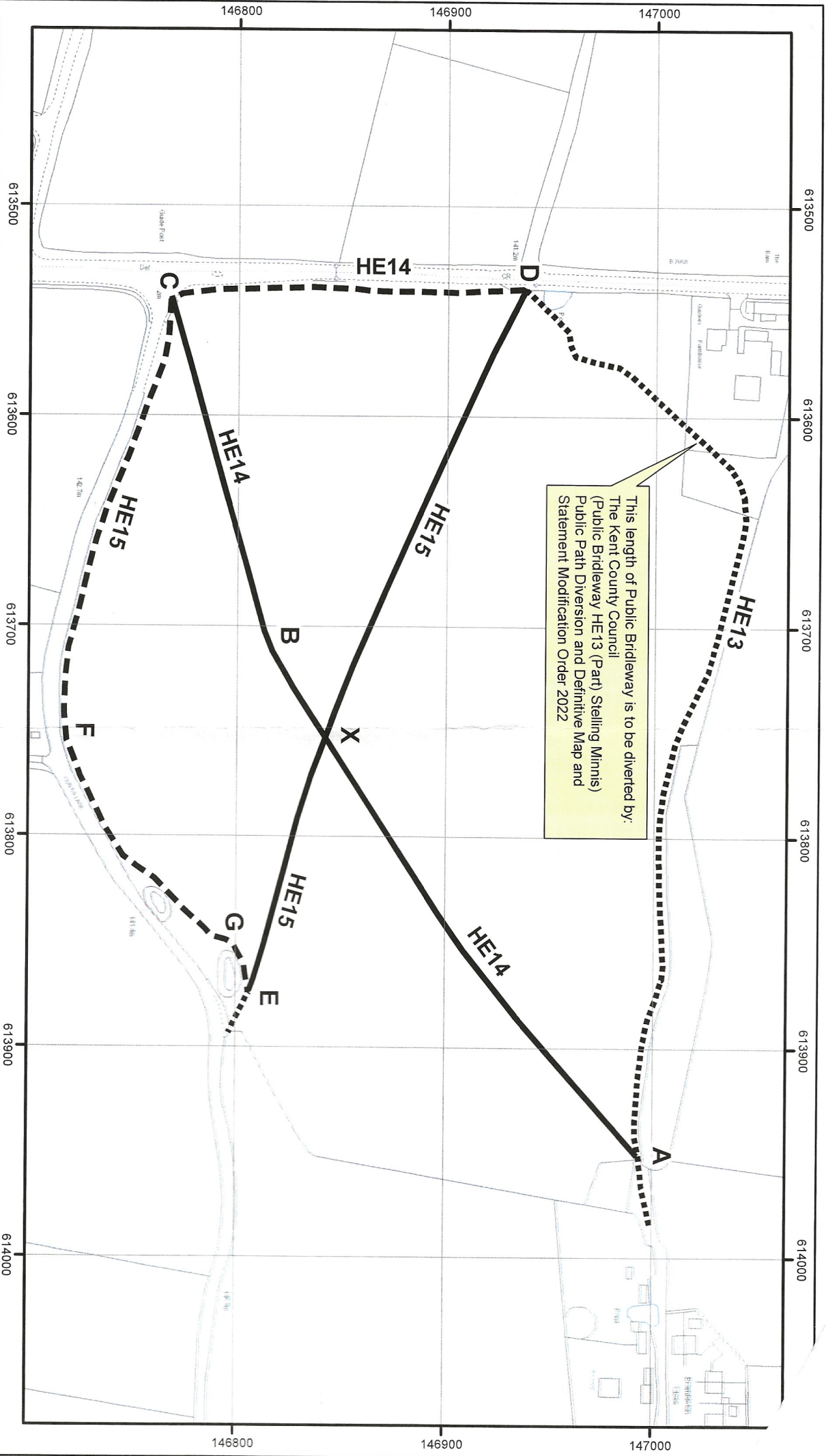


We recommend that you visit the site to view the proposed route and consider the benefits to the public and the landowner and the effect it may have on public enjoyment.

The route proposed in respect of HE13 and 14 is open for public use. The proposed alternative route for HE15 is not currently available.

I would be pleased to receive your views on the proposal by the 28 October 2022.

Yours sincerely
Mr. Chris Wade
Public Rights of Way and Access Service



Key	
—	Route to be diverted
- - -	New length of route
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