





**COVERING PAGE FOR DECISION REPORT ON APPLICATION TO ADD A FOOTPATH TO THE DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – LEIGH ROAD, HOLT**

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<b>From:</b>	Janice Green		
<b>Date of report:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> May 2016		
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**Nature of Report:**

This is a report from Janice Green (Case Officer) to Tracy Carter (Officer with the relevant delegated powers).

**Executive Summary:**

Wiltshire Council are in receipt of an application, made under Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015, to add a footpath to the definitive map and statement of public rights of way, in the parish of Holt, leading from Leigh Road, (adjacent to the property 22A Leigh Road), in a generally south-south-west and north-westerly direction, to its junction with Footpath no.31 Holt. The application is supported by 8 completed user evidence forms and a statement of supporting documentation.

Following an assessment of the evidence, Officers are satisfied, on the balance of probabilities, that a right of way for the public on foot, which is not shown on the definitive map and statement, can be reasonably alleged to subsist and should be recorded within the definitive map and statement of public rights of way, as such.

Additionally, there is insufficient evidence of the landowner's non-intention to the way as a public right of way, during the relevant public user period of 1995 – 2015.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That a definitive map modification order be made to add a right of way for the public on foot to the definitive map and statement of public rights of way in the parish of Holt, leading from Leigh Road, (adjacent to the property 22A Leigh Road), in a generally south-south-west and north-westerly direction, to its junction with Footpath no.31 Holt and if no objections are received, the order be confirmed by Wiltshire Council as an unopposed order.