

From: David Sheppard [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 January 2024 18:58
To: Harlow, Craig
Subject: Objections

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We would like to express our objection to the footpaths (rams5, Rams8c, little Bedwyn 20 & bridleway Ramsbury No6 being relocated.

The footpaths and bridleways has been here for many years and we feel strongly that these ancient rights of way should not be relocated for personal gain but continue to be used and enjoyed by the public.

Several areas, which the public have walked for many years are now 'no go' areas. In some cases these paths have been walked by us for over fifty years.

Major Fisher, the previous owner always said the locals could walk anywhere in 'Axford and the surrounding countryside as long as they did not do any damage. Now all our walking areas are shrinking fast.

In the past other footpaths have been relocated by Ramsbury Estates and as these have fallen apart over the years they have not been repaired and are quite dangerous in places, with weakened wood, holes in bridges and extreme sloping of wooden walkways.

Kind regards

David and Carolyn Sheppard

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From: [Harlow, Craig](#)
Sent: 05 February 2024 13:03
To: [Harlow, Craig](#)

Dear Craig

Thank you for your email dated 11 January.

Ramblers objects to this order on the grounds that it will add a distance of over 650 metres to the route of a walker using footpath RAMS8C and wishing to continue south on bridleway RAMS6 (or the same route in the opposite direction), which does not meet the requirement set out in s.119(6) Highways Act 1980 that the path or way must not be substantially less convenient to the public in consequence of the diversion.

We made the same objection at the informal consultation stage and we have noted the comments you have made in response in your Decision Report. While we agree that the southern end of RAMS6 does not connect well with the rest of the network we do not agree that the “not substantially less convenient” test should be assessed in the context of an assumed total walking distance which will inevitably vary between users. s.119(6) clearly states that the test applies to “the path or way” which is being diverted.

We do not believe that the 2023 “presumption” guidance applies to this case. RAMS6 does not pass through a farmyard or garden and is not within the curtilage of any individual property.


In your Decision Report you also refer to the Planning Inspectorate’s Advice Note 9 which states that the “not substantially less convenient” test is a gateway test. We are therefore not commenting at this stage on the extent to which the diversion meets the other tests but we reserve the right to make further representations if and when the case is referred to the Secretary of State for decision.

We do not object to the diversion of RAMS5/LBED20.

Without prejudice to any of the foregoing would you please let me know if Ramblers is the only objector to this order.

Best wishes

Peter Gallagher
Footpaths and Walking Environment Officer
Swindon and North East Wiltshire Group
The Ramblers



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THE RAMSBURY MANOR FOUNDATION

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Wednesday 14th February

Dear Mr Harlow

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER - THE WILTSHIRE COUNCIL PARISH OF RAMSBURY PATH 5,6, AND 8C AND PARISH OF LITTLE BEDWYN NO20 DIVERSION ORDER

With reference to the above order made by Wiltshire Council under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 and Section 53 A(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

I lodged an objection on behalf of The Ramsbury Manor Foundation on 13th October 2022 to the original proposals to divert the paths referred to above. My clients reiterate their OBJECTIONS to the amended proposed modifications as set out in the above modification order.

As owners of the full Sporting Rights over the land covered by the Modification Order dated 10th January 2024 with the exception of Path Number 20 in the Parish of Little Bedwyn the Foundation wish to OBJECT to the Order as follows:

1. The length of Bridleway leading from Point A on the plan attached to the Order to Point D will allow access to an area that forms an important part of the Sporting Rights previously undisturbed by walkers and riders. The present bridleway route ensures the users remain on the hard surfaced drive to Park Farm House and buildings B-C-D. This route has been long established, and it ensures the minimum of disturbance to Ground nesting birds and any wild game that lives and breeds in this area of the Estate. The routing proposed by the modification order is only to ensure the private and personal users of the New House and Park Farm House have the least disturbance. The Sporting Rights have been long held by the Ramsbury Manor Estate and the owners of the Freehold Property were fully aware of their existence when they purchased the property indeed, they clearly stated in their planning application that they would not be looking to amend any current rights of way. The order if confirmed will clearly diminish the enjoying and operation of those Sporting Rights.
2. The users of this proposed bridleway will find the additional length over and above the present Route A-D unnecessary and will quite reasonably question what benefit there is to anyone other than the new owners of the built property at Park Farm.

3. The installation of bollards on the bridleway is totally unacceptable to the Ramsbury Manor Estate as it restricts the free movement of the Estate owners and staff going about their legal business of exercising the Sporting Rights.
4. The Public Footpath from point B to E if modified as proposed will remove the walkers ability to appreciate on their arrival at the existing stile the views and sloping land form lying to the north. As the proposed diversion takes the walker to point C the route adjoins the southern boundary of the Ramsbury Manor Estate and the mature tree that overhang the new path. This passes the potential safety of the walkers to the Ramsbury Manor Estate to maintain these trees to reduce the liability of a claim in the event of accident caused by falling trees. Therefore, it is a reduction in any liability to the new owners at Park farm whilst diverting lawful walkers from the present routing of the footpath.
5. The Ramsbury Manor Estate request that the Modification Order is not confirmed as drafted.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours Sincerely

Bill Hughes

**WF Hughes FRICS FAAV
Consultant**

William Hughes

Harlow, Craig

From: Jessica Lawrence [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 February 2024 14:52
To: Harlow, Craig
Subject: Re: The Wiltshire Council Parish of Ramsbury Path Nos. 5, 6 and 8C and Parish of Little Bedwyn Path No.20 Diversion Order
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New House at Park Farm Ramsbury

I am led to believe, as part of the proposed development of Park House on Park Farm Ramsbury that a bridleway and some foot paths will be re-routed. I assume that any application would have to be reviewed by the Parish and Wiltshire Council.

I am a lifelong resident of Ramsbury I know the area very well.

It is a great shame that proposed new house and grounds will mean that an important area of our countryside will be adversely affected as can be seen by the work carried out so far.

The bridleways and foot paths around Ramsbury Manor and Park Farm go back into history and have been, and are used and enjoyed by many local residents and visitors.

Therefore, I would like to object to any diversion of bridleways and foot paths.

Steven Little

On Thu, 11 Jan 2024, 14:50 Harlow, Craig, <Craig.Harlow@wiltshire.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear All

The Wiltshire Council Parish of Ramsbury Path Nos. 5, 6 and 8C and Parish of Little Bedwyn Path No.20 Diversion and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2024.

Wiltshire Council has made the above-named order on 10th January 2024, please see attached a copy of the order, plans and notice of the order.

I would be pleased to receive any objections or representations to the order in writing addressed to Craig Harlow, Definitive Map and Highway Records, Wiltshire Council, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN or via email at craig.harlow@wiltshire.gov.uk. Any responses should be received by 17:00 on 16th February 2024 , please see the attached notice.

Any responses to the order will be available for public inspection in full.

Information relating to the way Wiltshire Council will manage your data can be found at: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recreation-rights-of-way>.

Best Regards

Craig

Craig Harlow MIPROW

Definitive Map Officer

Definitive Map and Highway Records

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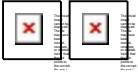
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