IN THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

MAP SHEET 019 (TQ55NW)

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATHS SU50 & SU51 AT SEVENOAKS)
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2016

This Order is made by the Kent County Council ("the Authority") under section 53(2)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the Act") because it appears to the Secretary of State (who has directed the Authority to that effect) that map sheet 019 (TQ55NW) of the Definitive Map and Statement for the County of Kent requires modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in 53(3)(c)(i), namely the discovery of evidence by the Authority which shows that a right of way which is not shown in the map and statement subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist over land in the area to which the map relates, being a right of way to such that the land over which the right subsists is a public path or a restricted byway or, subject to section 54A, a Byway Open to All Traffic.

The Authority has consulted with every local authority whose area includes the land to which the Order relates.

The Kent County Council hereby orders that:

1. For the purpose of this Order the relevant date is First October 2016.

2. Sheet 019 (TQ55NW) of the Definitive Map for the County of Kent and its associated Statement shall be modified as described in Part I AND Part II of the Schedule and shown on the map attached to this Order.

3. This Order shall take effect on the date it is confirmed and may be cited as the "The Kent County Council (Public Footpaths SU50 & SU51 at Sevenoaks) Definitive Map Modification Order 2016".

GIVEN UNDER THE SEAL OF THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL THIS 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

D.J. Burgo
J. E. Berry

AUTHORISED SIGNATORY

12/11/2016
SCHEDULE

PART I: MODIFICATION OF DEFINITIVE MAP

Description of path(s) to be added

The effect of the Order is to add a public footpath numbered SU50 with a width of 4.0 metres, which commences on Linden Chase Road at its connection with Bradbourne Park Road at NGR TQ 5249 5606 (point A) and runs generally south-east through to south-south-east for approximately 576.0 metres to its connection with Mount Harry Road at NGR 5297 5583 (point B), between the points A to B on the Order plan.

The effect of the Order is also to add a public footpath, numbered SU51, which commences on Bradbourne Road at NGR TQ 5288 5608 (point C) and runs generally south-south-west through to south for approximately 118.0 metres to its connection with Linden Chase Road (Public Footpath SU50) at NGR TQ 5284 5598 (point D), between the points C to D on the Order plan. This path initially passes through a gateway with a width of 0.94 metres and then widens to 1.2 metres. The path then widens to 2.8 metres after passing through the gateway 13.0 metres from its connection with Linden Chase Road.

PART II: MODIFICATION OF DEFINITIVE STATEMENT

The Definitive Statement for map sheet 019 (TQ55NW) is amended by the addition of the following entries:

SU50 - Footpath
Connections - Bradbourne Park Road, SU51, Mount Harry Road

Added by the Kent County Council (Public Footpaths SU50 & SU51 at Sevenoaks) Definitive Map Modification Order 2016 with a width of 4.0 metres.

SU51 - Footpath
Connections - Bradbourne Road, SU50

Added by the Kent County Council (Public Footpaths SU50 & SU51 at Sevenoaks) Definitive Map Modification Order 2016. The path initially passes through a gateway with a width of 0.94 metres and then widens to 1.2 metres. The path then widens to 2.8 metres after passing through the gateway 13.0 metres from its connection with Linden Chase Road.

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The above Order was made on 13th October 2016 under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. If confirmed, it will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a public footpath numbered SU50, with a width of 4.0 metres, which commences on Linden Chase Road at its connection with Bradbourne Park Road at NGR TQ 5249 5606 (point A) and runs south-east through to south-south-east for 576.0 metres to its connection with Mount Harry Road at NGR 5297 5583 (point B), between the points A to B on the Order plan; the effect of the Order is also to add a public footpath, numbered SU51, which commences on Bradbourne Road at NGR TQ 5288 5608 (point C) and runs south-south-west through to south for 118.0 metres to its connection with Linden Chase Road (Public Footpath SU50) at NGR TQ 5284 5598 (point D), between the points C to D on the Order plan. This path initially passes through a gateway with a width of 0.94 metres and then widens to 1.2 metres. The path then widens to 2.8 metres after passing through the gateway approximately 13.0 metres from its connection with Linden Chase Road.

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order and Map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Sevenoaks District Council, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG or at the Kent County Council, PROW & Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may also be purchased there at the price of £5.

Any representation about or objection to the Order must be sent or delivered in writing to Mrs Maria McLauchlan at the Kent County Council (address as below) no later than 9th December 2016. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no such representations or objections are duly made to the Order (or to any part of it), or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State (or part of it if the Authority has by Notice to the Secretary of State so elected under paragraph 5 of schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) may itself confirm the Order (or that part of the Order). If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment (in whole or in part), any representations or objections which have been duly made and not been withdrawn will be sent with it.

PROW & Access Service, Kent County Council, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

Date: 28th October 2016

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STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
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Under section 53(5) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, anyone may make an application to the County Council for a modification to be made to the Definitive Map and/or Statement. Such an application might consist of a request to record a new Public Right of Way, to delete an existing Public Right of Way, to upgrade or downgrade the status of a route already shown on the map, or to amend any particulars contained within the statement accompanying the Definitive Map.

The 1981 Act states that the Highway Authority may make a Definitive Map Modification Order to add a public right of way to the Definitive Map and Statement if it is shown that the right of the public to use it is at least reasonably alleged to subsist.

In considering an application to add routes to the Definitive Map, it is also necessary to take into account section 31(1) of the Highways Act 1980 which states that 'where a way over any land, other than a way of such character that use of it by the public could not give rise at common law to any presumption of dedication, has been actually enjoyed by the public as of right and without interruption for a full period of twenty years, the way is to be deemed to have been dedicated as a highway unless there is sufficient evidence that there was no intention during that period to dedicate it'.

The County Council has been directed by the Secretary of State to make this Definitive Map Modification Order on the basis that the applicant has shown use of the claimed routes over a period in excess of twenty years 'as of right' and without interruption. The reasons are set out in further detail in the Inspector's Decision letter which is available on request from the Public Rights of Way Officer at the address below.

The Order will come into force only after it has been confirmed; making and advertising the Order simply provides an opportunity for objections or representations to be made. Persons considering objecting or making representations relating to the Order are invited to discuss their concerns with the Public Rights of Way Officer, Mrs Maria McLauchlan (telephone number 03000 413420).

Any representation about or objection to the Order must be sent or delivered in writing to Mrs Maria McLauchlan at Kent County Council, PROW & Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. They should state the grounds on which they are made and must be received no later than 9th December 2016.

Please note that the right of an objection is a statutory right, but it should be exercised in a reasonable manner. The costs involved in dealing with objections to Orders may be awarded against objectors in cases of unreasonable or spurious objections.

If any objections are made and not withdrawn, the County Council will refer the Order and objections to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination. An Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate will then either take written representations or hear the objections at a Public Inquiry or Hearing. The Inspector can confirm the Order, confirm it with modifications, or refuse to confirm it. If no objections are received the County Council will confirm the Order itself, but it has no power to modify Orders.

THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE PART OF THE ORDER AND IS PURELY FOR INFORMATION ONLY