Notice of Public Path Order

Highways Act 1980 Section 118 North Somerset District Council (Public Footpath LA 7/3, New Holm, Littleton Lane, Winford, BS40 8HF) Public Path Extinguishment Order No. 6 2025

The above Order, made on 25th September under section 118 of the Highways Act 1980, will extinguish part of Public Footpath LA 7/3 in the Parish of Winford within the district of North Somerset as described below:

LA 7/3: Point A (grid ref. ST 55226 64772) running in a South Westerly direction to Point B (grid ref. ST 55208 64715) then running in a South Easterly direction to point C (grid ref. ST 55235 64667) then in a South, South Easterly direction to point D (grid ref. ST 55253 64585). The route to be extinguished is approximately 198 metres in length.

The proposal is shown on the Order Map No. PPO 209: the existing route is shown with a bold black line and connecting footpaths are shown by broken purple lines. References to lettered points in this notice are references to points marked on the Order Map.

The Order and Order Map can be viewed online at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/notices or a free copy can be obtained by emailing Elaine.Bowman@n-somerset.gov.uk or phoning 01934 427406. Alternatively, visit Winford Post Office, 11 High Street, Winford, Bristol, BS40 8EH Monday-Friday 09:00-13:00, 14:00-16:30, Saturday 09:00-12:00.

Any representations about or objection to the Order may be sent or delivered in writing addressed to the Natural Environment Team, North Somerset Council, at the Town Hall address below no later than **5**th **November 2025** quoting ref. **LEB/PPO 209.** Please state the grounds on which it is made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, North Somerset District Council may itself confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation, any representations or objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

Dated: 8th October 2025

John Flannigan, Head of Open Spaces, Natural Environment and Leisure, North Somerset Council, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1UJ

25¹h Date: September 2025

Highways Act 1980 Section 118

North Somerset District Council

(Public Footpath LA 7/3, New Holm, Littleton Lane, Winford, BS40 8HF)

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Highways Act 1980 NORTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH LA 7/3, NEW HOLM, LITTLETON LANE, WINFORD, BS40 8HF) PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER NO. 6 2025

This Order is made by North Somerset District Council ("the authority") under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 because it appears to the authority that Public Footpath LA 7/3 described in paragraph 1 below is not needed for public use.

BY THIS ORDER:

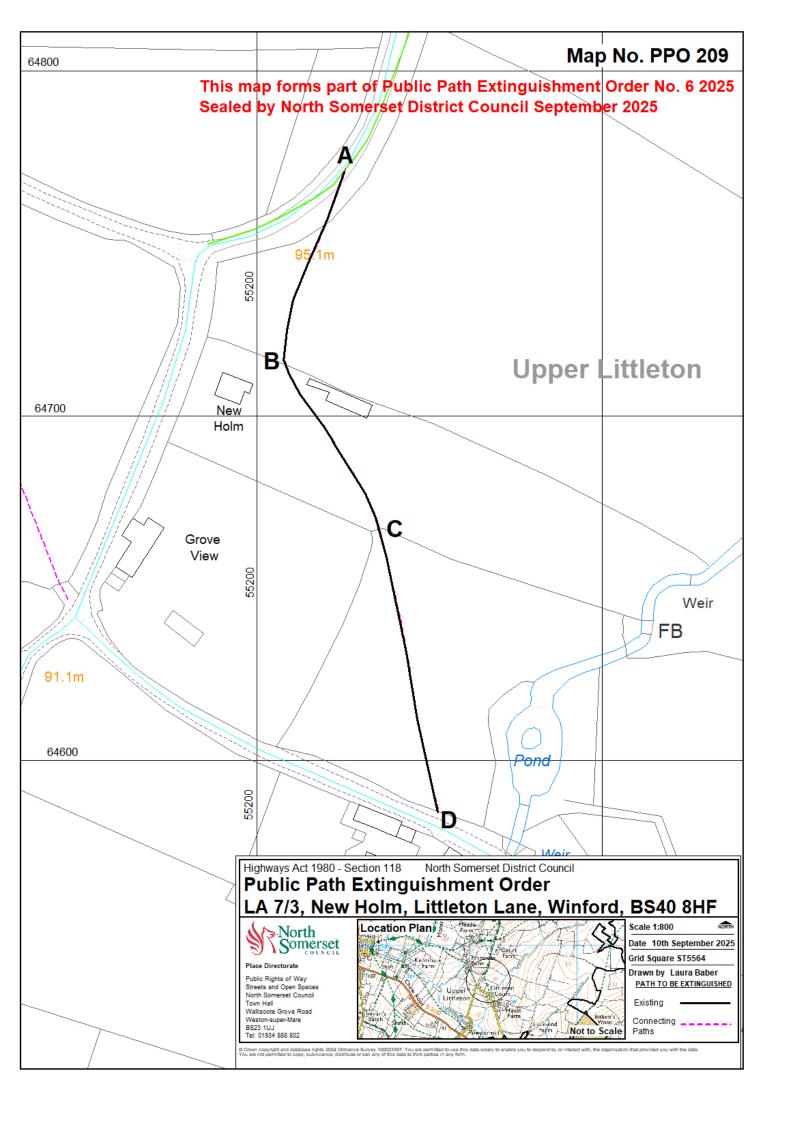
- 1. The public right of way over the land situated at New Holm, Littleton Lane, Winford and shown by a bold continuous line on the map 'PPO 209' contained in this order and described in part 1 of the Schedule to this order shall be extinguished after 28 days from the date of confirmation of this order.
- 2. Notwithstanding this order, National Grid Group shall have the following rights over the land referred to in paragraph 1, namely: they shall for the purpose of carrying out their undertaking continue to have the same rights in respect of their apparatus as they had immediately before the date on which the footpath is extinguished.

SCHEDULE

PART 1

DESCRIPTION OF SITE OF EXISTING PATH OR WAY

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

NORTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH LA 7/3, NEW HOLM, LITTLETON LANE, WINFORD, BS40 8HF) PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER NO. 6 2025

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

Under the provisions of S.118 of the Highways Act 1980 County and District Councils have the power to make orders to extinguish public rights of way. A notice that such an order has been made has to be advertised on the site of the path in question and in the local press. This provides an opportunity for objections or representations to be made to the proposed change.

North Somerset District Council ("the Council") has made this Order because it appears to the council that it is expedient that, the path or way should be stopped up on the ground that it is not needed for public use.

The application has been submitted for the following reasons:

The walking public have not used footpath LA 7/3/10 for nearly 20 years, as they have preferred to use Littleton Lane instead. No complaints have ever been made to North Somerset Council to reopen this route, as it is more convenient for the general public to use Littleton Lane. The footpath does not directly connect to any other public rights of way to the South or the East, and if you wished to use any of the other nearby routes it would involve walking back on yourself via Littleton Lane. For example, if you wished to walk to Dundry, you would do so by walking down Littleton Lane as there would be no benefit to using footpath LA 7/3/10 which would lengthen the journey and be inconvenient. If you wished to do a short circular walk from Winford village via footpath LA 7/2/50, you would exit the footpath opposite Grove View, follow Littleton Lane to the right and walk back to the village using LA 19/68/20 and then Kentshare Lane. You would not need to use footpath LA 7/3/10.

From points B to C on the attached Map No. PPO 209, the footpath cuts directly across the applicant's land and is in close proximity to their house. Article 8 of the Human Rights Act 1998 of the European Convention protects individuals right to respect family and private life and their home. The applicant believes that the current footpath is an invasion of this right, especially when the walking public have chosen and preferred to walk the existing line around Littleton Lane.

The application complies with the provision of Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 on the basis that it appears to the order making authority that, it is expedient that the path or way should be stopped up on the ground that it is not needed for public use.

The Order will come into effect only on the confirmation/certification of the Order. Making and advertising the Order simply provides an opportunity for objections or representations to be made.

Any representations about or objections to the order must be made in writing by **5**th **November** to the Natural Environment Team, Streets and Open Spaces, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ quoting reference **LEB/PPO 209** and stating the grounds on which they are made.

If any objections are made and not withdrawn the matter will be referred to the Council's Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee, to advise that the Orders will be submitted to the Planning

Inspectorate (as agent for the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) for determination. Once submitted, the Planning Inspectorate will then appoint an Inspector who will determine whether to deal with the matter by written representations, a hearing or a public inquiry. The inspector can confirm an Order, confirm it with modifications, or refuse to confirm it. In some cases the Inspectorate may award costs against objectors. If no objections are received the Council will be able to confirm the Order itself but has no powers to modify Orders.

The right of objection to an Order is a statutory right, but it should be exercised in a reasonable manner. If you objected at the pre-order stage and still wish to object now that the Order has been made you will need to re-submit your objection by the deadline specified above. Only objections received during this statutory period will be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

