

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981  
Section 53**

**North Somerset District Council**

**(Upgrade of part of Footpath AX3/42 to Bridleway AX3/62 and  
continuation of additional Bridleway AX3/62 Havage Drove) Puxton  
Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order No 1 2025**

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**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

**THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT  
AXBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT**

**NORTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL  
(UPGRADE OF PART OF FOOTPATH AX3/42 TO BRIDLEWAY AX3/62 AND  
CONTINUATION OF ADDITIONAL BRIDLEWAY AX3/62 HAVAGE DROVE) PUXTON  
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER NO 1 2025**

This Order is made by North Somerset District Council ("The Council") under Section 53(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the Act") because it appears to that authority that the County of Somerset Definitive Map and Statement Axbridge Rural District requires modification in consequence of an event specified in section 53(3)(c)(i) namely that a right of way which is not shown on the map and statement subsist or is reasonably alleged to subsist over land in the area to which the map relates, being a right of way such that the land over which the right subsists is a public path, a restricted byway or, subject to section 54A, a byway open to all traffic.

The Council have consulted with every local authority whose area includes the land to which the Order relates. The Council hereby orders that:

1. For the purpose of this Order the relevant date is 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025.
2. The County of Somerset Definitive Map and Statement Axbridge Rural District 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 North Somerset District Council (Upgrade of part of Footpath AX3/42 to Bridleway AX3/62 and continuation of additional Bridleway AX3/62 Havage Drove) Puxton Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order No 1 2025

Given under the Common Seal of North Somerset District Council on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October  
~~November~~ 2025

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The COMMON SEAL of )  
NORTH SOMERSET )  
DISTRICT COUNCIL )  
was hereunto affixed in )  
the presence of :- )

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for ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR (GOVERNANCE AND MONITORING OFFICER)

## SCHEDULE

### PART I

#### Modification of Definitive Map

##### Upgrade of part of Footpath AX3/42 to Bridleway AX3/62

Bridleway AX3/62 commences at its junction with Puxton Lane, Point A (Grid Ref ST41079 62025) where there is a 5 foot gate with a 5 foot gap to the side and proceeds in a south south westerly direction for approximately 286 metres (where Footpath AX3/42 continues off to the right in a northerly direction) Point B, (Grid Ref ST 40815 61912).

##### Bridleway AX 3/62 to be added.

Bridleway AX3/62 continues from Point B (Grid Ref ST 40815 61912) in a west south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 515 metres to Point C (Grid Ref ST 40317 61805) before turning in a north westerly direction to Point D (Grid Ref ST 40268 61846), its junction with Box Bush Lane.

This route is locally known as Havage Drove and the total distance of this Bridleway is approximately 801 metres.

The width of this Bridleway is as defined upon 1903 OS Map which details the alignment of the track and the rhyne network laid out adjacent to the track. The width of the track varies between 4.5m and 3m. Between Points "A" and "B" the width is 4.5m to 4m, between Points "B" and "C" the width is 4m and between Points "C" and "D" the width is 4m to 3m.





## PART II

### Modification of Definitive Map and Statement

Map No.	Class & Right of Way	Description of Route					Particulars as to position, width, limitations or conditions as in the opinion of the Authority it is expedient to record	
		From		General Direction	To			
		County Road or Right of Way	Location (with bounding property Nos.		County Road or Right of Way	Location (with bounding property Nos.)	General Description of Route	Reason for inclusion
EB/Mod 30	Upgrade Footpath AX3/42 to Bridleway AX3/62	Puxton Lane USRN 47830137	ST 41079 62025	South South Westerly	Footpath AX3/42	ST 40815 61912	Bridleway AX3/62 commences at its junction with Puxton Lane, where there is a 5 foot gate with a 5 foot gap to the side and proceed in a south south westerly direction for approximately 286 metres (where Footpath AX3/42 continues off to the right in a northerly direction)	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981  Upgrade of part of Footpath AX3/42 to Bridleway AX3/62 and continuation of additional Bridleway AX3/62 Havage Drove) Puxton  This route is locally known as Havage Drove and the total distance of this Bridleway is approximately 801 metres.  The width of this Bridleway is as defined upon 1903 OS Map which details the

EB/Mod/30	Bridleway AX3/62	Footpath AX3/42	ST 40815 61912	West South westerly, then North Westerly	Box Bush Lane	USRN 47817620	Bridleway AX3/62 continues in a west south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 515 metres before turning in a north westerly direction to its junction with Box Bush Lane	alignment of the track and the rhyne network laid out adjacent to the track The width of the track varies between 4.5m and 3m. Between Points "A" and "B" the width is 4.5m to 4m, between Points "B" and "C" the width is 4m and between Points "C" and "D" the width is 4m to 3m.
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## Notice of Making of a Definitive Map Order

### Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

#### The County of Somerset Definitive Map and Statement, Axbridge Rural District

#### North Somerset District Council, (Upgrade of part of Footpath AX3/42 to Bridleway AX3/62 and continuation of additional Bridleway AX3/62 Havage Drove ) Puxton, Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order No 1 2025

The above Order made on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025, if confirmed as made, will modify the definitive map and statement for the area by upgrading a section of Footpath AX3/62 to Bridleway AX3/62 and adding an additional section of Bridleway to the Definitive Map.

#### Upgrade of part of Footpath AX3/42 to Bridleway AX3/62

Bridleway AX3/62 commences at its junction with Puxton Lane, Point A (Grid Ref ST41079 62025) where there is a 5 foot gate with a 5 foot gap to the side and proceeds in a south south westerly direction for approximately 286 metres (where Footpath AX3/42 continues off to the right in a northerly direction) Point B, (Grid Ref ST 40815 61912).

#### Bridleway AX 3/62 to be added.

Bridleway AX3/62 continues from Point B (Grid Ref ST 40815 61912) in a west south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 515 metres to Point C (Grid Ref ST 40317 61805) before turning in a north westerly direction to Point D (Grid Ref ST 40268 61846), its junction with Box Bush Lane.

This route is locally known as Havage Drove and the total distance of this Bridleway is approximately 801 metres.

The width of this Bridleway is as defined upon 1903 OS Map which details the alignment of the track and the rhyne network laid out adjacent to the track. The width of the track varies between 4.5m and 3m. Between Points "A" and "B" the width is 4.5m to 4m, between Points "B" and "C" the width is 4m and between Points "C" and "D" the width is 4m to 3m.

A copy of the Order and the Order Map, together with the explanatory statement can be viewed online at [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/notices](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/notices) or a free copy can be obtained by emailing [elaine.bowman@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:elaine.bowman@n-somerset.gov.uk) or phoning 01934 427406.

Any representation or objection relating to the Order must be sent in writing addressed to Natural Environment Team, North Somerset Council at the Town Hall address below not later than **12<sup>th</sup> January 2026**, quoting the reference **Mod 30D**. Please state the grounds on which it is made.

If no representations or objections are duly made to the Order, or to any part of it, or if any so made are withdrawn, North Somerset 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 submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment, in whole or in part, any representations or objections which have been duly made and not withdrawn will be sent with it.

Dated 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**John Flannigan Head of Open Spaces, Natural Environment and Leisure**

North Somerset Council, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ





## **WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 – SECTION 53**

### **NORTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL, (UPGRADE OF PART OF FOOTPATH AX3/42 TO BRIDLEWAY AX3/62 AND CONTINUATION OF ADDITIONAL BRIDLEWAY AX3/62 HAVAGE DROVE) PUXTON DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER NO 1 2025**

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

#### **THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE ORDER**

Public footpaths, bridleways and byways open to all traffic are recorded on Definitive Maps and Statements. These maps and statements provide conclusive legal evidence of the existence of public rights. North Somerset District Council is responsible for the Definitive Map and Statement and has a duty to amend them when evidence suggests that they are inaccurate or incomplete. Such amendments are made by means of modification orders made under Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. These orders do not come into effect until confirmed; if there are any objections the Council must refer the order and objections to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, who will decide whether or not to confirm the order.

#### **Definition of a Footpath**

**A highway over which the public have a right of way on foot, cycling and horse riding.**

This route to be known as Bridleway AX3/62 is the subject of investigation following the submission of an application dated 4 April 2022. That application claims that a route, which runs between Box Bush Lane and Puxton Lane in the parish of Puxton should be recorded as a Bridleway.

North Somerset Council's Rights of Way Sub Committee considered this application on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and formally

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) that the Public Rights of Way Sub Committee authorised the relevant Officer to make a Definitive Map Modification Order for the route A-B-C on the grounds that there is sufficient evidence that Bridleway rights should be recorded on the Definitive Map.
- (ii) that the Committee authorised the confirmation of the Order if no representations or objections were received.
- (iii) that if objections were made, the Order would be forwarded to the Secretary of State for determination and subject to the Officer being content that there would be no significant change to the balance of evidence, the council would support the Order at any subsequent Public Inquiry.

The report that was considered by the Committee is available on the Council's website as **Report PRW 24.**

<https://n-somerset.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s6651/30%20Havage%20Drove%20Puxton%20Committee%20Report.pdf>

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To be relevant, objections or representations should relate to the question as to whether this is a historically used route; other objections or representations (e.g. relating to privacy, security, suitability, desirability or amenity) may be held to be irrelevant.

The right of objection to an order is a statutory right, but it should be exercised in a reasonable manner. **It should be noted that all comments received will form part of the case for this Order and will be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate and interested parties.**

If there are no objections to the order, or if any made are duly withdrawn, the authority may confirm the order, and the Definitive Map and Statement will then be modified. If there are any objections which are not withdrawn, then North Somerset District Council must refer the order and objections to the Planning Inspectorate acting for the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. The Department will appoint an independent Inspector to consider the order and hear the objections, normally by holding a local Public Inquiry. The Inspector may confirm the order, with or without modifications, or may decide that the order should not be confirmed.

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