Highways Act 1980 Section 118

North Somerset District Council

(Public Footpath LA 8/42 and Part of Public Footpath LA 8/37, Water Lane, Pill)

Public Path Extinguishment Order No. 10 2025

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Highways Act 1980 NORTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH LA 8/42 AND PART OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH LA 8/37, WATER LANE, PILL) PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER NO. 10 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 8/42 and Part of Public Footpath LA 8/37 and described in paragraph 1 below are not needed for public use.

BY THIS ORDER:

- 1. The public rights of way over the land situated at Water Lane, Pill and shown by a bold continuous line on the map 'PPO 52' 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, Wessex Water Ltd, Bristol Water PLC and Wales and West Utilities Ltd 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 footpaths are extinguished.

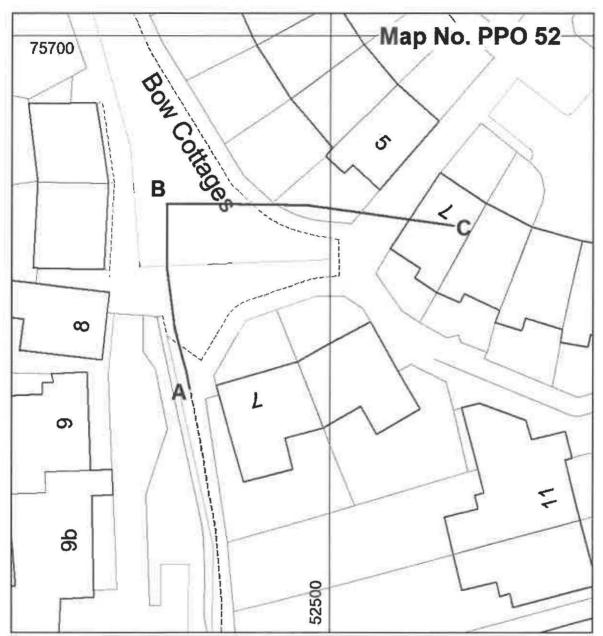
SCHEDULE

PART 1

DESCRIPTION OF SITE OF EXISTING PATHS OR WAYS

Part of LA 8/37 from point A (grid ref. ST 52485 75665) running in a northerly direction to point B (grid ref. ST 52483 75683), a total distance of approximately 20 metres.

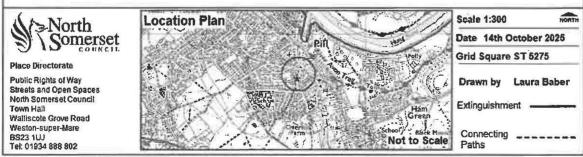
LA 8/42 from point B (grid ref. ST 52483 75683) running in an Easterly direction to point C (grid ref. ST 52512 75681) a total distance of approximately 29 metres.



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Proposed Public Path Extinguishment Order of Public Footpath

LA8/42 and Part of Public Footpath LA 8/37, Water Lane, Pill



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Given under the Common Seal of North Somerset District Council the 27day of 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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Notice of making of an Order

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

NORTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

(Public Footpath LA 8/42 and Part of Public Footpath LA 8/37, Water Lane, Pill)
Public Path Extinguishment Order No.10 2025

The above Order, made on 27 November 2025, under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980, will extinguish Public Footpath LA8/42 and part of Public Footpath LA8/37 in the Parish of Pill and Easton in Gordano within the District of North Somerset as described below:

<u>Public Footpath LA 8/42</u> from point B (grid ref. ST 52483 75683) running in an Easterly direction to point C (grid ref. ST 52512 75681) a total distance of approximately 29 metres.

<u>Part of Public Footpath LA 8/37</u> from point A (grid ref. ST 52485 75665) running in a northerly direction to point B (grid ref. ST 52483 75683), a total distance of approximately 20 metres.

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 paul.hayward1@n-somerset.gov.uk or phoning 07584607213. Alternatively, visit Pill Post Office to view the Order and Order Map, at 5 Baltic Place, North Somerset BS20 0EJ.

Any representation 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 not later than **7 January 2026**, quoting the reference PGH/PPO 52. 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 confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation, any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

Dated 10 December 2025

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

NORTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH LA 8/42 AND PART OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH LA 8/37, WATER LANE, PILL) PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER NO. 10 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 original planning permission for the houses from February 2002 included a condition that the footpaths must be extinguished prior to work being carried out. This was not achieved therefore they must now be extinguished under the Highways Act 1980. It will additionally make any disposals of assets currently impacted by the existing footpaths easier.

Part of the changes here will involve a dedication of the path that runs through Park Walk as a public right of way by Alliance Homes. Both the extinguishment order and the dedication agreement will allow better access in this area for the walking public by having a legally recognised and protected route going from Water Lane through Park Walk and up to Heywood Road.

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 **7 January 2026** to the Natural Environment Team, Streets and Open Spaces, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ quoting reference **PH/PPO 52** 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.