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Dear Sir or Madam

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - Section 53
Order Making Authority: Surrey County Council**

Title of Order: The Surrey County Council Restricted Byway No. 41 (Walton and Weybridge) Definitive Map Modification Order 2016

I enclose for your information a copy of the Inspector's interim decision on this Order following the Inquiry on 04 December 2018.

This is an interim decision because the Inspector has proposed a modification to the Order, which will need to be advertised before a final decision can be made. You are entitled to comment on the Inspector's proposals and I will write to you again shortly about how you can do this. In the meantime, you will find information about the modification process at section 7 of our booklet *Definitive Maps and Public Path Orders*. Please let me know if you require a copy of this booklet.

If you have concerns or queries about the decision or the way we have handled the Order, or you simply wish to provide feedback, please visit our Feedback and Complaints webpage at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/planning-inspectorate/about/complaints-procedure>. Please quote our reference number in any correspondence.

If you do not have internet access you may write to the Customer Quality Team, Room 3H Hawk Wing, at the address above. Alternatively, if you would prefer hard copies of our information on the right to challenge and our feedback procedure, please contact our Customer Service team on 0303 444 5000.

An electronic version of the decision will shortly appear on the Inspectorate's website <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rights-of-way-order-information-decisions-and-maps>.

We are continually seeking ways to improve the quality of service we provide to our customers. As part of this commitment we are seeking feedback from those who use our service. It would be appreciated if you could take some time to complete this short survey, which should take no more than a few minutes complete:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Planning_inspectorate_customer_survey

Thank you in advance for taking the time to provide us with valuable feedback.

Yours faithfully

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Modifications

1. The Secretary of State or Inspector may decide that an order should be confirmed with modifications. The modifications may be quite small, like correcting a spelling error or adding a grid reference or they may be major. The Inspector will explain the exact modifications in the order decision.
2. Some modifications must be advertised so that people are given the opportunity to object or submit representation to them. The following types of modification need to be advertised:
 - moving the line of a path;
 - increasing the width of a path;
 - adding a width to a path (definitive map modification orders and some public path orders);
 - showing a new path on the order;
 - deleting all or part of a path shown in the order (definitive map modification orders only); or
 - changing the type of path shown in the order (definitive map modification orders only).

Decisions, which propose modifications needing advertisement, are known as 'interim' or 'proposed' decisions.

3. Where a modification needs to be advertised, we will arrange for a notice to be published in a newspaper circulating in the local area, outlining how and when objections or representations can be made. A copy of the notice will be copied to the authority, the objectors (including anyone who has made a statutory representation), the applicant and any other people who have asked for a copy of the decision.
4. For your objection/representation to be 'duly made' it has to be made within the time and manner specified in the notice and be with respect to the proposal. Your objection/representation would not be 'duly made' if made before or after the notice period and you would not have the right to be heard.

No objections/representations to proposed modifications

5. If no objections/representations are received to the proposed modifications, the Secretary of State or Inspector will make a final decision, in which he or she will confirm the order with the modifications they previously proposed. The final

order decision will be sent to all the people who received a copy of the interim decision.

Objections/Representations to proposed modifications

6. Objections/representations to the modifications will be considered by the Secretary of State or an Inspector (usually the same Inspector who proposed them). Dependant on the number and content of objections/representations received, there may need to be an inquiry to consider the evidence they contain.
7. If there are only a few objections/representations and/or the issues they raise could be dealt with by written representations, we will write to the authority and relevant parties to ask if they would be happy for a final decision to be made on this basis instead of an inquiry. We will hold an inquiry if anyone asks to be heard by an Inspector.
8. If an inquiry is held into the proposed modifications, the Inspector will not be able to consider any representations into the unmodified part of the order. If anybody asks to give evidence relating to the unmodified part, the Inspector will ask them to submit it in writing to the Planning Inspectorate (within a specified period) and continue to hear the evidence relevant to the modifications. If the submitted representation raises questions likely to effect the Secretary of State or Inspector's decision, it may be necessary to re-open the original inquiry (if one was held). However, if all the parties agree, the new evidence could be dealt with on the basis of written representations (this is the most likely action if the interim decision was made following an exchange of written representations).
9. Having considered the objections/representations, the Secretary of State or Inspector may decide that they do not raise any questions likely to affect their decision. If this is the case no further action on the objections/representations will be taken and the Secretary of State or Inspector will proceed to write a final decision.

What happens if objections/representations are received to the unmodified part of the order?

10. If the only objections/representations received within the objection/representation period relate to those parts of the order the Secretary of State or Inspector does not propose to modify, it may be necessary to re-open the original inquiry or offer the written representations procedure if more appropriate.
11. If the original inquiry is re-opened, the Inspector would not be able to hear evidence relating to his or her proposed modification(s). If anybody asks to give evidence on the modified part, they will be asked to submit it in writing to the Planning Inspectorate within a given period. Again, if the submitted representation raises questions likely to effect the Secretary of State or Inspector's decision, it may be necessary to hold an inquiry so that it can be discussed. However, if all the parties agree, the evidence could be dealt with on the basis of written representations.

Objections/Representations received to the proposed modifications and the unmodified part of the order

12. Where both types of objection/representation are received within the objection/representation period, it may be necessary to hold a 'joint' inquiry. A joint inquiry effectively re-opens the original inquiry whilst allowing the Inspector to hear evidence against the proposed modification(s).

Hearings

13. A hearing may be held instead of an inquiry with the agreement of the authority and the relevant parties.