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Our Ref: FPS/G3300/14D/12
Date: 20 January 2017

Dear Madam

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 SCHEDULE 14

Somerset County Council

upgrading footpath to bridleway on route known as Lily Lane in Abbas and Templecombe

1. I am directed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to refer to the application made by Mrs S Bucks of the South Somerset Bridleways Association on 23 September 2016 under paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 14 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, seeking a direction requiring Somerset County Council ("the Council") to determine the application to it, under section 53(5) of the Act, for an order to modify the authority's Definitive Map and Statement of public rights of way for the area so as to upgrade a footpath to the status of bridleway. The alleged bridleway is known as Lily Lane in the parish of Abbas and Templecombe. I am satisfied that the terms of paragraph 3(2) have been met.
2. The Secretary of State having considered the application and after consulting the Council as required by the Act, has concluded that the application should be determined within a specific time frame. Accordingly the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers vested in her by paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 14 to the 1981 Act, hereby directs Somerset County Council to determine the above-mentioned application not later than 31 December 2018.
3. I have sent a copy of this letter to Mrs Bucks and I enclose a copy of our letter to her for your information.
4. As soon as practicable after determining the application, you should give notice of the decision by serving a copy of it on the applicant and any person on whom notice of the application was required to be served under paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 14. I should be grateful if you would inform me when notice of the decision is given.

Yours faithfully

Peter Millman

Inspector

Authorised by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to sign in that behalf

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