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## Proposed creation of public footpath to link Hill Farm Road with Holton footpath no 6 - Highways Act 1980 Section 26

Dear Consultee,

East Suffolk Council is considering a proposal to create a new public right of way linking Hill Farm Road with the existing Holton footpath no 6 as shown on the attached map.

Under the Highways Act 1980, Section 26 where it appears to the Local Authority that there is a need for a footpath over land in the area and they are satisfied that, having regard to -

(a) the extent to which the path or way would add to the convenience or enjoyment of a substantial section of the public, or to the convenience of persons resident in the area, and (b) the effect which the creation of the path or way would have on the rights of persons interested in the land, account being taken of the provisions as to compensation contained in section 28 of the Highways Act 1980,

it is expedient that the path or way should be created.

The path would provide a pedestrian link between the residential areas off Hill Farm Road, Halesworth and the area of Holton, including the primary school and nursery. It would avoid the need to walk along the pavement of the busy Holton Road. It will also link up with the public rights of way network to the north through the public open space paths.

Consultees should note that whilst they can walk along the proposed route from A to G to look at it, there is no link between G and H and they should access that section via Holton footpath no 6, either from Holton Road or from Orchard Valley.

The width of the new path would be 1.8 metres. Between A and F it would have a tarmac bound surface. Between F and H it would have an unbound surface comprised of 100-150mm of a type 1 aggregate with approx. 20mm of compacted fines on top. A pedestrian

metal two-way self-closing gate is proposed to be sited on the west side of the Holton Orchard track.

I would be grateful if you could let me have your comments on the proposal by returning the attached form to me, preferably by email, or by post to the address below, by 15 December 2023 at the latest. Please note that your comments cannot be treated as confidential and may be inspected by interested parties. For further information please refer to East Suffolk Council's Rights of Way Privacy Notice which can be viewed online at <a href="http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Your-Council/Access-to-Information/Privacy-Notices/Rights-of-Way-Privacy-Notice.pdf">http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Your-Council/Access-to-Information/Privacy-Notices/Rights-of-Way-Privacy-Notice.pdf</a>

If you require any further information from me in order to comment please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, should you have any queries about East Suffolk Council's rights of way policies and administrative process in general, please address these to me at <a href="mailto:rightsofway@eastsuffolk.gov.uk">rightsofway@eastsuffolk.gov.uk</a>

Yours Sincerely

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