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Dear Sir/Madam,

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - Section 53
Order Making Authority: Cornwall Council
Title of Order: (Addition of Footpaths at Babis Lane & Town Quay in the Parish of Saltash) Modification Order 2017

Further to our letter of 14 August 2024, I am writing to advise you that objections/ representations in relation to the proposal to modify the above-named Order have been received.

In accordance with the Act (Paragraph 8(2)(b) of Schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981); the Inspector appointed to determine the Order is required to afford to any person making an objection/representation in relation to proposed modifications an opportunity of being heard by an Inspector. Alternatively, with the agreement of the Order Making Authority, objectors/representors and applicant (if applicable), a decision may be made following an exchange of written representations. If this method is adopted, the Inspector may visit the site before coming to his decision. It is our view that the written representations procedure would be appropriate in this case.

By agreeing to this procedure, all parties will be expected to abide by the Inspectorate's procedure for written representations, which can be found at Annex B of our booklet *Guidance on procedures for considering objections to Definitive Map and Public Path Orders in England.* The procedure, which is also summarised in section 2 of the booklet, sets out the timetable for the submission of statements of case. However, please be aware that where this procedure is used following objections to proposed modifications, <u>all</u> parties will be required to submit their statement of cases at the same time i.e. within 8 weeks of the 'start date' (paragraph 12.4 of the procedure for written representations at Annex B refers)

Before agreeing to written representations, we ask all parties to ensure that they are familiar with the procedure and the timetable. Your attention is also drawn to section 6 of the booklet which identifies the various matters to be considered by the Secretary of State or Inspector in deciding whether or not to confirm an order.

Our booklet is available online at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rights-of-

way-guidance-booklet. Hard copies are available on request.

IMPORTANT: Will you please let me know, by 17 October 2024, whether you would be happy to adopt the written representations procedure, or, if you have made an objection/representation and do not consider the written representations procedure to be appropriate, that you wish to exercise your right to be heard by the appointed Inspector. If you have not replied by the above mentioned date, it will be assumed that you are happy to adopt the written representations procedure/do not wish to exercise your right to be heard.

The Inspectorate considers that it is in everyone's interest for all objections and representations to be publicly available. I have therefore asked the Council to make the objections/representations, along with any others made in relation to this case, available for viewing at their offices. They have also been asked to ensure that all statements of case and any other document submitted in relation to this case be made available for public inspection in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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