



**Public Protection**

Public Rights of Way and Access  
Invicta House  
County Hall  
Maidstone  
Kent, ME14 1XX

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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Highways Act 1980, The Kent County Council (Public footpath ZF43 (Parts), Faversham) Public Path Creation Order 2016 and (Public Footpath ZF5, (Parts) Faversham) Public Path Extinguishment Order 2016**

In June/ July 2016 the Kent County Council consulted on the above Public Path Orders following a decision taken in February 2016 by the Kent County Council Regulation Committee Member Panel. The decision of the Panel was that the Orders should be made and that if objected to they should be submitted to the Secretary of State for confirmation, should funding for the construction of the proposed route be secured.

Funding for the construction of the route has been secured and the Orders will therefore shortly be submitted to the Secretary of State for confirmation. It is anticipated that given the level of representation to the Orders that the Secretary of State will wish to hold a Public Inquiry to consider the matter; as a person or organisation that submitted an objection or representation to the Orders you will be contacted further in respect of the date and arrangements for the submission of evidence to the Secretary of State.

Normally in the case of objections to Public Path Orders the authority making the Orders would seek if possible to secure the withdrawal of objections through negotiation. In this instance given the nature of the Orders and the views expressed, in support and opposition to them, the County Council sees no prospect of resolving the matter other than by submitting the Orders to the Secretary of State.

Please find attached the response to the representations and objections to the Orders that will accompany the County Council's submission to the Secretary of State. No correspondence is invited on the response at this stage. I would ask that if there are points that you wish to raise that you do so in any submission to the Secretary of State.

Yours faithfully

Graham Rusling  
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