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Your Ref:
Our Ref: ROW/3175170
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03 August 2017

Dear Sir,

**Highways Act 1980 - Section 118, Highways Act 1980 - Section 26
Order Making Authority: Kent County Council**

Title of Order: (Public Footpath ZF43 (parts) Faversham); Public Path Creation Order 2016

& (Public Footpath ZF5 (Parts) Faversham) Public Path Extinguishment Order 2016

I am writing to advise you that an inquiry into the above Order(s) will be held at 10.00am on 16 January 2018 at The Alexander Centre, 15-17 Preston Street, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8NZ. The inquiry is currently scheduled to last 4 days. The length of the inquiry will partly depend on the number of witnesses who give evidence. To ensure we have allowed enough inquiry time, please let me know as soon as possible whether you intend to call witnesses, and if so, how many. Please let me know within 7 days if you think more time is needed.

Whilst most inquiries will be completed within the scheduled period, some may be shorter and some need to be extended, depending on the amount of evidence produced or the number of people wishing to be heard. It is therefore very important that if you wish to speak, give evidence or contribute to the inquiry in any way, that you attend on the opening day.

It would be useful for the Inspector if you could confirm whether or not you will be attending the inquiry. You should notify me immediately if your circumstances change or you change your mind nearer the date of the inquiry.

It is open to anyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else with an interest in the Orders to attend the Inquiry. However, if you have asked to be heard, you are expected to attend (or send a representative^[1]). If this does apply to you, please ensure that you are familiar with paragraph 8.4 of our booklet *Definitive Map and Public Path Orders* concerning costs. If you will be unable to attend, please notify me in writing immediately.

If you are responsible for instigating a petition, we trust that you will pass these details to

all the signatories.

The **start date** for these Orders is as stated on the enclosed notice of order.

The enclosed notice, which will appear on our website, contains information about the Orders, where queries about the Orders should be directed, when and where documents relating to the Orders can be inspected by the public and the **timetable for sending statements of case and proofs of evidence**. Please ensure you read the notice carefully.

All parties must keep to the timetable to ensure that statements of case are with us on time. If you plan to attend and give evidence, you will need to submit a statement of case, along with copies of any documents you wish to submit in evidence and a list of those documents. Late documents will be returned. As I have given details of the timetable, I will not send you reminders.

If you are disabled and concerned about what facilities will be available at the Inquiry, you should write to or contact the Council to confirm that the provisions to meet your specific needs will be available. Additionally, please contact the Council if you would like to know what equipment (over head projector, screen etc.) will be available at the venue for you to use.

We are encouraging local authorities to retain pdf copies of their submission bundle to the Planning Inspectorate. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact Kent County Council to find out if one is available.

Please ensure our case reference number is quoted in all correspondence.

Definitions:

Statement of case – *a written statement containing full particulars of the case which a person proposes to put forward at a hearing or inquiry; it includes copies of any supporting documents which that person intends to refer to or put in evidence, and a list of those documents.*

We expect statements of case to be paginated, labelled, indexed and submitted in a clear order. Appendix E of our guidance booklet refers. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rights-of-way-guidance-booklet>

Proof of evidence - *a document containing the written evidence which a person at a public inquiry will speak about. It should not rehearse all of the available evidence but should focus on the matters in dispute. It should not contain supporting documents.*

[1] Please refer to paragraphs 4.11 and 8.4 of our booklet *Definitive Map and Public Path Orders*

Yours sincerely,

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Where applicable, you can use the internet to submit documents, to see information and to check the progress of cases through GOV.UK. The address of the search page is - <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-inspectorate>

Linked cases: ROW/3175171