



Mr Tom Chevalier
Toddington Multi-User Access Forum

Your ref:
Our ref: CBC PPDO 009
Date: 15 July 2021

Dear Mr Chevalier

Highways Act 1980 Section 119 Pre-Order Consultation

**Proposed Diversion of Part of Public Bridleways 22 & 46 Houghton Regis
Grove Farm LU5 6JJ
Houghton Regis Town Council**

Introduction

Central Bedfordshire Council has received an application to divert part of Houghton Regis Bridleways No. 22 and 46. The current line of the Bridleways run through a working farmyard, which is in close proximity to the private residence of Grove Farm as such, the purpose of the diversion is to divert the footpath around the farmyard away from working farm machinery and the private residence so that the outbuildings used to store farm machinery, the private residence and stables can be secured.

Bridleway No. 46 currently runs from Dunstable Road in a general North Easterly direction along an established access track to Grove Farm, through the farmyard until it connects to Bridleway 22.

The section of Bridleway No. 46 to be diverted is show as a bold black line between points E - C on the attached plan.

The proposed alternative route for Bridleway 46 is Point E running in a South-South-East direction until it reaches Point F and then run in a generally North-East direction via the bridge at Point G until Point H and then run in a North-West direction until Point D shown as a black and white line on the attached plan.

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The section of Bridleway No. 22 to be diverted is shown as a bold black line between points A-B-C-D on the attached plan.

Bridleway No. 22 currently runs from a junction with BOAT 43 shown as Point A on the plan attached and runs in a generally South-West direction along a grass track enclosed by stock proof fencing on one side and a hedge on the other and then South-East past the stables belonging to Grove Farm until it reaches a junction with Bridleway 46 and then continues in a South-East direction until it reaches the junction with that part of Bridleway 22 to be retained shown as Point D on the plan attached.

The proposed alternative route is shown as a black and white line K-J on the attached plan.

The approximate length of the current routes shown in black A-B-C-E is approximately 482 metres. The route shown in black A-B-C-D-J is approximately 470 metres and the route shown in black E-C-D is approximately 290 metres.

The proposed length of the alternative routes E-F-G-H-D is approximately 449 metres. The route A-K-J is approximately 391 metres and the route E-F-G-H-D-J-K-A is approximately 930 metres. The proposed alternative routes are shown as a black and white line.

In future the Authority will be sending all correspondence and Statutory Notices via e-mail wherever possible.

As part of a scheme to share Definitive Map Officers between Bedford Borough Council and Central Bedfordshire Council, this application is being processed by officers at Bedford Borough Council for and on behalf of Central Bedfordshire Council.

Should you have any queries or comments about this proposal please e-mail me (if at all possible) due to homeworking restrictions in place due to the current pandemic and lack of access to posted letters by 26th August 2021.

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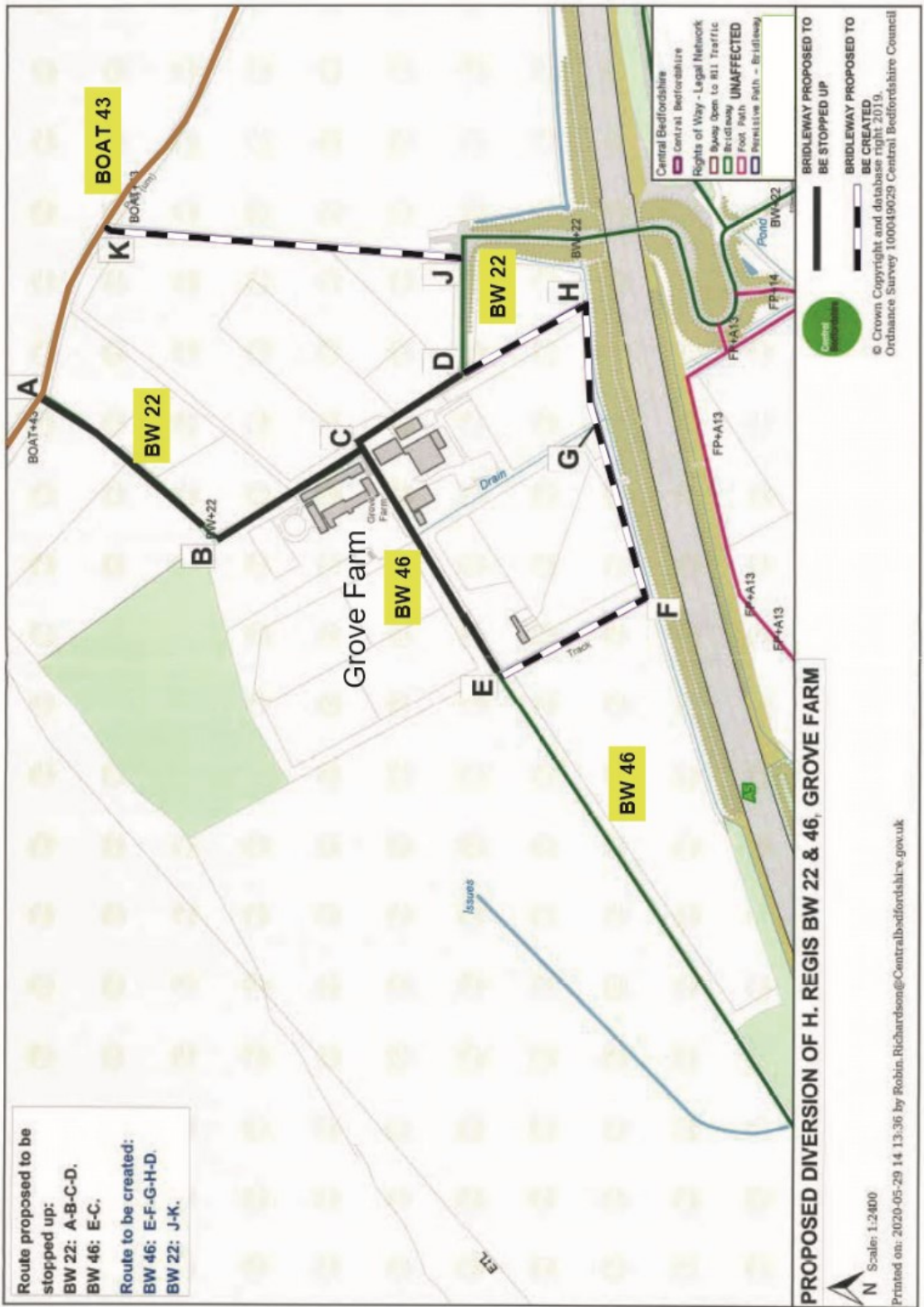
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