

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Jonathan Woods
Title:	Ecchinswell Sydmonton & Bishops Green FP 4 and Ashford Hill with Headley FP 745 - Diversion Order

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1. The decision:

1.1 That an Order is made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, to divert part of Ecchinswell Sydmonton & Bishops Green FP 4 and Ashford Hill with Headley FP 745.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1 Hampshire County Council proposes to divert part of the above-named paths to facilitate the replacement of a footbridge. The bridge is on the Parish Boundary and it is therefore necessary to divert a small section of both routes, under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980. A plan showing the route of the proposed diversion is attached.

3. Background

3.1 Hampshire County Council are responsible for the management of bridges on the rights of way network. Following a review of the current structure on the parish boundary of Ecchinswell Sydmonton & Bishops Green and Ashford Hill with Headley by a contractor and an HCC bridge inspector, it was recommended that the existing location of the bridge was not viable due to current and anticipated rates of erosion. It has been recommended that the replacement structure is sited at an alternative location, approximately 20 metres north of the current crossing.

3.2 Therefore a diversion of the footpaths under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 will be required to ensure that the line of the rights of way runs over the new bridge.

4. Other options considered and rejected: Not applicable.

5. Conflicts of interest: Not applicable.

6. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service: Not applicable.

7. Supporting information: None

Approved by: Jonathan Woods Countryside Access Group Manager **Date:**

On behalf of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

Appendix A

Consultations with Other Bodies:

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council have been consulted on this proposal but made no comment.

Local Member – Councillor Mellor

Councillor Mellor was consulted on this proposal but made no comment.

Ecchinswell Sydmonton & Bishops Green Parish Council

Ecchinswell Sydmonton & Bishops Green Parish Council were consulted on this proposal and comment that “This will be a great improvement to the footpath and we very much look forward to the works being carried out.”

Ashford Hill with Headley Parish Council

Ashford Hill with Headley Parish Council were consulted on this proposal but made no comment.

The Ramblers

The Ramblers have no objection to this diversion.

The Open Spaces Society

The Open Spaces Society has stated that the OSS would raise no objection.

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

1) Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

In determining this application, the County Council is exercising its functions as the highway authority and as such must give due consideration to the statutory tests set out in s119 Highways Act 1980. These statutory tests have to be considered in conjunction with the over-arching duty of s149 Equalities Act. The proposed route is no more or less convenient than the existing route.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. It is unlikely that this proposal will have any impact on reported crime in this area.

3. Climate Change:

a) **How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?**

No impact identified.

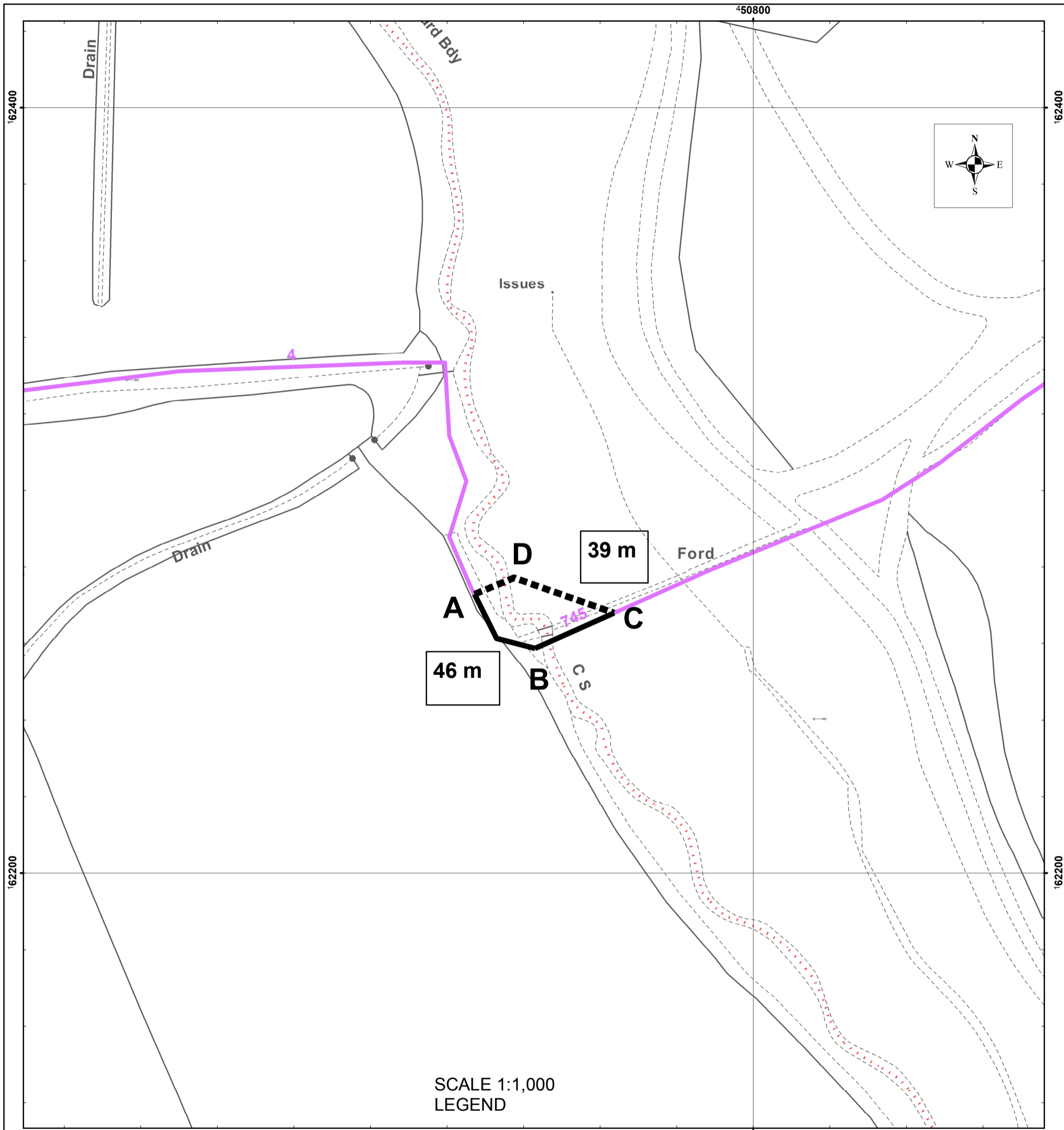
b) Environmental:

No impact identified.

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MAP REFERRED TO IN

THE HAMPSHIRE (BOROUGH OF BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE NO.10)
 (PARISH OF ECCHINSWELL, SYDMONTON & BISHOPS GREEN- PART OF FOOTPATH NO.4)
 (PARISH OF ASHFORD HILL WITH HEADLEY - PART OF FOOTPATH NO.745)
 PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP
 AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2019



SCALE 1:1,000
 LEGEND

FOOTPATH TO BE
 EXTINGUISHED:-



FOOTPATH TO BE
 ADDED TO THE MAP:-



EXISTING FOOTPATH:-



PARISH BOUNDARY:-



MAP NO. 1689 PRODUCED FROM DIGITAL DATA
 SUPPLIED BY ORDNANCE SURVEY

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 COUNCIL WAS HEREUNTO AFFIXED IN THE
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