

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Officer Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker</b>	Jo Heath - Assistant Director Natural Environment & Recreation
<b>Title</b>	Dedication of New Bridleway Link to connect with Silchester Roman Town
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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That consent is given to upgrade parts of Silchester FPs 10 and 11a to a bridleway and undertake works to provide a new Bridleway link between 'The Drove' Silchester BW 11b and Mortimer West End BOAT 21, across county owned land. Bridleway rights will run adjacent to the existing footpath.
- 1.2 HCC is proposing to dedicate this new path as a bridleway and record this on the Definitive Map and Statement. On the ground this would involve removing the current fence between the field and the existing Footpath (**existing Footpath 11a and 10** from 11a to the car park). The fence would be replaced leaving a 5 m wide route. This would be upgraded to a Bridleway. Footpath 10 would be retained though the car park.
- 1.3 The width and limitations to be recorded on the dedicated route will be as follows (refer to plan for precise locations):
  - A-B – 3 metres wide
  - B-C – 4 metres wide
  - C-G – 5 metres wide
- 1.4 The condition of the bridleway will be monitored and if surfacing does become necessary an SMC would be submitted for an unbound surface. Uncontrolled erosion would not be allowed to continue to develop at risk to underlying archaeology.

## **2. Reason(s) for the decision:**

- 2.1. Local horse riders approached us about the possibility of creating a link from the Drove (Silchester BW 11b) to Mortimer West End BOAT 21, opposite the entrance to the site. The indicative line is shown in the Scheduled Monument Consent (SMC) application link below (2.4).
- 2.2 The existing Silchester BW 11b is currently recorded as an anomaly on the Definitive Map as it is a dead-end route, which only connects with Footpaths. There is a permissive link which provides an equestrian link, but this is in private ownership and is at risk of being withdrawn. By creating this new link we will resolve the anomaly.

## **3. Consultations:**

- 3.1 Representatives from the local Horse-Riding Community met on site to discuss the route and gave full support. HCC Estates teams support the proposal, and the Tenant Farmer has given his full consent. The BHS were consulted and added support. [BHS Support New Bridleway at Silchester Roman Town .msg](#)
- 3.2. The proposal was raised at the Silchester Panel Meeting on 27/10/21. No objections were received.
- 3.3. Scheduled Monument Consent for the new fencing and gates was given by Historic England on 27/05/22. [Scheduled Monument consent- Fencing Gates Silchester.docx](#) As part of the application process, David Hopkins, County Archaeologist was consulted.

## **4. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 4.1. N/A

## **5. Conflicts of interest:**

- 5.1. None.

## **6. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:**

- 6.1. N/A

## **7. Supporting information:**

- 7.1. Full Officer Report
- 7.2 Location Map

Approved by:

Date:

9 August 2022

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**Jo Heath - Assistant Director Natural Environment & Recreation**  
**On behalf of the Director of Culture Communities and Business Services**

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**

**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	yes/no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	yes/no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	yes/no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>OR</b>	
<b>This proposal does not link to the Corporate Strategy but, nevertheless, requires a decision because: the County Council, in its capacity as ‘surveying authority’, has a legal duty to determine applications for Definitive Map Modification Orders made under s.53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.</b>	

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

**The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)**

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

**1 Equalities Impact Assessment: N/A**

**2. Impact on Crime and Disorder: N/A**

**3. Climate Change:**

How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption? N/A

How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts? N/A

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