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Dear Sir or Madam

**SECTION 118, HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF BRIDLEWAY 2, LODERS**

Dorset Council has received an application to extinguish Bridleway 2, Loders at Church Farm Cottage as shown on the enclosed Drawing (P206/20/1).

This extinguishment is proposed because Bridleway 2 is not needed for public use due to the existence of an alternative bridleway in close proximity. The current route of Bridleway 2 passes through the garden of Church Farm Cottage, Loders Village Hall car park and a field and is not available on the ground.

The current definitive route of Bridleway 2, Loders runs from point A to the east of Church Farm Cottage north north east along the garden boundary of Church Farm cottage and then north to point B where it crosses into the village hall car park, continuing north and north east to point C and then into a field and north north west and east north east to point D where it joins Bridleway 1, Loders.

An alternative route approximately parallel to Bridleway 2 is available along Bridleway 3, Loders and Bridleway 1 Loders as shown on the plan.

Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 says that the Council may, by order, extinguish a path when it appears to them to be expedient to do so, on the ground that it is not needed for public use.

Section 29 of the Highways Act 1980, as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, says that when making extinguishment orders the Council must have regard to the needs of agriculture, forestry and the desirability of conserving flora, fauna and geological and physiographical features.

The current route of Bridleway 2 can be viewed from the C68 road south of point A and from the village hall car park but cannot be walked due to the obstructions detailed above. The alternative route via Bridleway 3, Loders and Bridleway 1 Loders is available on the ground.

I should be grateful to have any comments you may wish to make in writing (email preferred) by **Monday 17 August 2020** so that they may be taken into consideration. **If you are unable to visit the site at present due to the Covid-19 restrictions or if there are other reasons that you think you will need more time to respond please let me know as soon as possible.** Your comments will be treated as public information (please refer to the Data Protection information at the end of this letter) and may be incorporated if a report is made to the Area Planning Committee.

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Yours faithfully

Carol McKay

Carol McKay
Senior Definitive Map Technical Officer

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