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Your Ref: NB/FDO009109
Our Ref: ROW/3289798

09 March 2022

Dear Nicola De Bruin,

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Section 257
Order Making Authority: Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
Title of Order: Public Footpath number 27 (Part) (Parish of Caverswall) Diversion Order 2021

Thank you for your letter of 18 February 2022 agreeing to the adoption of the written representations procedure to decide the case. Neither the applicant nor the objector(s)/respresentor(s) have asked to be heard by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.

The consideration of this Order will therefore take the form of an exchange of statements of case and comments on statements of case as well as a site visit by the Inspector.

The start date for this Order is as stated on the enclosed notice of order.

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

In fairness to the other parties we ask everyone to keep to the timetable set out in the notice and to ensure that statements of case and comments are with us on time. As I have given details of the timetable, I will not send you reminders.

Site visit arrangements

Once the exchange of statements of case and comments has been completed, the Inspector will visit the site. The purpose of the site visit is for him to see the land to which the Order relates and the surrounding area and to note physical features such as stiles, gates, fences, walls, hedges and trees. He makes this visit alone unless the Council, any person who has made an objection or representation or the applicant ask to accompany him. Further information on site visits, is in section 2 of the booklet *Guidance on procedures for considering objections to Definitive Map and Public Path Orders in England*.

We are encouraging local authorities to retain pdf copies of their submission bundle to the Planning Inspectorate (as set out in the latest version of our OMA Document Checklist). Parties have been informed that if they would like to receive a copy, they should contact you to find out if one is available.

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

Yours sincerely,

Joanne Drury

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Statement of case – a written statement containing full particulars of the case which a person proposes to put forward; 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>