

## **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY CONSULTATION**

Bath and North East Somerset Council have received an application to record a public footpath on the Definitive Map and Statement, which is the legal record of public rights of way.

The application relates to a route commencing from a junction with public footpath BA27/5 at point A and proceeding in a generally northwesterly direction adjacent to the Great Western Railway for approximately 158 metres to point B and turning in a generally north easterly direction under the railway line for approximately 57 metres to a junction with public footpath BA27/87 at point D and turning in a generally southeasterly direction for approximately 48 metres to a junction with Dryleaze at point E.

It should be noted that since the application was made the landowner has expressly dedicated the section between points D and E as a public footpath.

The application does not seek to create a new public right of way, but rather, it seeks to record a public right of way which the applicant believes already exists. This can be proven by using evidence from historical documents and/or by demonstrating that members of the public have used the route for more than 20 years 'as of right' (i.e. without force, without secrecy and without permission) and without the landowner demonstrating a lack of intention to dedicate during that time.

If you have any evidence relating to the Application Route, or you have previously used the Application Route and would like to complete a User Evidence Form, please contact the Council's Public Rights of Way Team at [prow@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:prow@bathnes.gov.uk) or on 01225 477650 no later than **4<sup>th</sup> February 2024**.

