

**Bath and North East Somerset Council are proposing to change the Public Rights of Way network at Birchwood Lane, Whitley Batts, Pensford.**

A section of Public Footpath CL17/5, Birchwood Lane, Whitley Batts, Pensford. Public Footpath (FP) CL17/5 commencing from grid reference ST 6255 6276 continuing in a generally southeasterly direction for approximately 120 metres to grid reference ST 6266 6271 would be stopped up, as shown on the attached plan by a continuous red line between points A–B. The new line of the FP would commence from the same point continuing in a generally southerly direction for approximately 100 metres to grid reference ST 6261 6268, as shown on the plan by a continuous green line between points A–D–C.

The changes would be achieved by way of a diversion order made under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 ('the Act'). These changes are proposed in the interests of the landowner in order to route the FP away from existing farm buildings onto a route which will be clearer and easier to follow. It is intended to authorise pedestrian gates at the field boundaries at points C and D under section 147 of the Act to prevent the ingress and egress of livestock. An existing gate north of point A will be removed.

If you have any comments regarding the above proposal, please send them to [pro@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:pro@bathnes.gov.uk) or Public Rights of Way, Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath, BA1 1JG no later than **7<sup>th</sup> April 2023**. If you wish to discuss the proposal please telephone 01225 394161.

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