



## **Notice of Modification Order**

### **Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**

#### **Dorset Council County of Dorset Definitive Map and Statement of Rights of Way**

#### **Dorset Council (Part of Bridleway 33, Stourton Caundle) Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2025**

The above Order, made on 25 April 2025, if confirmed as made, will modify the definitive map and statement for the area by:

#### **Adding to them**

##### Part of Bridleway 33, Stourton Caundle

From the existing part of Bridleway 33, Stourton Caundle, at its junction with Bridleway 6, at ST 71161348 north east along a tarmac surfaced track to its junction with Rowden Mill Lane at ST 71181355. The width of this part of Bridleway 33 is 3 metres.

A copy of the Order and the Order map may be seen free of charge at Reception, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester during normal office hours. Copies are also available on our website at [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/row-orders](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/row-orders).

Any representations about or objections to the order may be sent in writing to Sue Phillips, Definitive Map Technical Officer, Spatial Planning, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ (Ref: RW/T721), or via email to [susan.phillips@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:susan.phillips@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) not later than 27 June 2025. Please state the grounds on which they are made. Any letters received will be made available for public inspection.

If no representations or objections are duly made to the Order, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Dorset Council, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs may itself confirm the Order. If the Order is submitted to the Secretary of State, any representations or objections which have been duly made and not withdrawn will be sent with it.

Dated: 15 May 2025  
Jonathan Mair, Monitoring Officer



**Dorset  
Council**

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**

**Dorset Council**

**County of Dorset Definitive Map and Statement of Rights of Way**

**Dorset Council (Part of Bridleway 33, Stourton Caundle)  
Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2025**

This Order is made by Dorset Council under section 53(2)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the Act") because it appears to that authority that the County of Dorset Definitive Map and Statement require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in section 53(3)(c)(i) namely, that a right of way which is not shown in the map and statement subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist over land in the area to which the map relates and section 53(3)(c)(iii) namely, that there is no public right of way over land shown in the map and statement as highway of any description or that any other particulars contained in the map and statement require modification.

The authority has consulted with every local authority whose area includes the land to which the Order relates. Dorset Council hereby order that:

1. For the purposes of this Order the relevant date is 10 March 2025
2. The County of Dorset Definitive Map and Statement shall be modified as described in Part I and Part II of the Schedule and shown on the map attached to the Order.
3. This Order shall take effect on the date it is confirmed and may be cited as the "Dorset Council (Part of Bridleway 33, Stourton Caundle) Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2025".

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL 2025

THE COMMON SEAL OF  
DORSET COUNCIL  
was fixed in the presence of:-



Authorised Signatory

316/25

## **SCHEDULE**

(The points specified relate to the map attached to the Order and their positions are identified by national grid references)

### **Part I**

#### **Modification of definitive map Description of way to be added**

##### **Part of Bridleway 33, Stourton Caundle**

A - B      From the existing part of Bridleway 33, Stourton Caundle, at its junction with Bridleway 6, at point A (ST 71161348) north east along a tarmac surfaced track to its junction with Rowden Mill Lane at point B (ST 71181355). The width of this part of Bridleway 33 is 3 metres.

### **Part II**

#### **Modification of definitive statement Variation of particulars of way**

##### **Bridleway 33, Stourton Caundle**

##### **Delete:**

From: ST 71181346      To:      ST 71161348

Path no 6 at footbridge to county road (Bowden Mill Lane)

##### **Add:**

From: ST 71181346      To:      ST 71181355

From its junction with Bridleway 22, Holwell at the parish boundary west across a stone bridge to open grassland and continuing west to its junction with Bridleway 6, Stourton Caundle at ST 71161348. It continues north east along a tarmac surfaced track to its junction with Rowden Mill Lane. The width varies: 1.9 metres at ST 71181346 widening to 3 metres between ST 71161348 and ST 71181355.



# STOURTON CAUNDLE PARISH

ROWDEN MILL LANE

B

## GRID REFERENCES:

A - ST 71161348  
B - ST 71181355

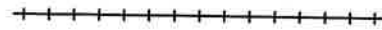
ROWDEN MILL HOUSE

## KEY:

UNAFFECTED BRIDLEWAYS



PART OF BRIDLEWAY 33 TO BE ADDED



PARISH BOUNDARY



A

B

BR 6

60 1m

A

BR 33

ROWDEN MILL FARM

371,125

BR 22

HOLWELL PARISH

113,500

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DORSET COUNCIL (PART OF BRIDLEWAY 33, STOURTON CAUNDLE) DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2025

Ref:T721/25/1  
Date: 25/03/2025  
Drawn by:SP  
Scale:1:600  
Cent X: 371,165  
Cent Y: 113,534



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## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

### **THIS EXPLANATORY STATEMENT DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE ORDER**

Public footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways open to all traffic are recorded on definitive maps and statements. These maps and statements provide conclusive legal evidence of the existence of public rights of way. Dorset Council is responsible for the definitive map and statement and has a legal duty to change them when evidence suggests that they are inaccurate or incomplete. One of the ways these changes can be made is by means of modification orders under Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. These orders do not come into effect until they are confirmed. Before that happens, members of the public have a right to make objections or representations about the order. If there are any objections then the Council must refer the order and the objections to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which will decide whether or not to confirm the order.

*In this case Dorset Council has made a modification order to add a section of bridleway (part of Bridleway 33, Stourton Caundle) to the definitive map and to correct the definitive statement for the entire length of Bridleway 33, Stourton Caundle.*

For your information, definitions of the categories of public rights of way are given overleaf.

If you wish to make representations about the Order, you must write to Sue Phillips, Definitive Map Team Case Officer, Spatial Planning, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ (Ref: RW/T721), or via email to [susan.phillips@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:susan.phillips@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk), not later than 27 June 2025. Please state the grounds on which they are made. Any letters received will be made available for public inspection.

You have a statutory right to object to the Order but your comments should be legally relevant. This means that they should relate to the existence or the status of the right of way in question. Other objections, for example about privacy or security, may not be legally relevant. Any letters received will be made available for public inspection.

Usually the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs does not award costs, either to Dorset Council or to objectors. They may make an award of costs if objectors unreasonably maintain objections which are not legally relevant or which cannot be sustained.

If you are considering objecting to the Order and would like to talk to someone or if you have any concerns about the Order, please telephone Sue Phillips on 01305 221409 or email [susan.phillips@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:susan.phillips@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk), who will be happy to help.

**Definitions:**

- Footpath: A highway over which the public have a right on foot only, other than such a highway at the side of a public road.
- Bridleway: A highway over which the public have the following, but no other, rights of way, that is to say, a right of way on foot and a right of way on horseback or leading a horse, with or without a right to drive animals of any description along the highway.
- Restricted byway: A highway over which the public may have restricted byway rights, with or without a right to drive animals of any description along the highway, but no other rights of way.  
"Restricted byway rights" means –  
(a) a right of way on foot,  
(b) a right of way on horseback or leading a horse, and  
(c) a right of way for vehicles other than mechanically propelled vehicles.
- Byway: (i.e. byway open to all traffic) A highway over which the public have a right of way for vehicular and all other kinds of traffic, but which is used mainly for the purpose for which footpaths and bridleways are so used.