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Our Ref 416/MEB/IC
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Helmdon Parish Council

Dear Sir/Madam

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 53
Definitive Map and Statement for West Northamptonshire Council**

Public Rights of Way (footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways open to all traffic) are recorded on the West Northamptonshire Council Definitive Map and Statement. The Definitive Map and Statement provide conclusive evidence of the existence of public rights.

West Northamptonshire Council has a duty to keep the Definitive Map and Statement under continuous review and to amend it when evidence suggests that it is inaccurate or incomplete. These amendments are made by the use of the modification order process given under section 53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Information alleging that footpaths in Helmdon should be recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement has been received by West Northamptonshire Council. The application routes are shown in red on the attached map reference 416/MEB/IC-Plan and indicated by letters A to F.

In accordance with Schedule 14, Paragraph 3(1)(b) of the Act, West Northamptonshire Council is required to consult interested parties regarding the application and would therefore welcome any information regarding the routes. This information should relate only to the existence or the status of the routes and may be of a user or documentary nature, including historical documents. Factors such as the suitability of a route for users who may have a right to use it, any nuisance that may result, the need for public access, the desirability of the route, surface conditions, safety factors or other environmental considerations are not regarded as evidence and cannot be taken into consideration.

No decision has been made whether the evidence suggests that an Order(s) should be made to modify the Definitive Map and Statement.

If you have any information about the alleged routes, please could you send it to the Council, to be received by 22 June 2026. After that date the Council will examine the available evidence. If the evidence indicates that the Definitive Map should be amended then the Council must then make a Legal Order(s) to reflect this.

An Order does not come into effect until it is confirmed and there will be an opportunity to object to or support an Order should one be made.

If you would like to discuss this further then please contact me. I am available on Monday to Thursday.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M E Borman". The signature is written in a cursive style. The text is positioned on a light blue rectangular background.

Marion Borman

Definitive Map Officer