

NOTICE OF ORDER

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Section 53

BATH AND NORTH-EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL

Bath and North-East Somerset Council (Public Footpath BA8/93, Park Copse, Compton Dando) Definitive Map Modification Order 2024

Notice is hereby given that the above referenced Order has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination. An Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State to determine the Order.

The **start date** for the above Order is **25 August 2026**.

Consideration of the Order will take the form of a public local inquiry.

The Inquiry will be held at **Compton Dando Parish Hall, 211 Court Hill, Compton Dando, Bristol BS39 4JZ** on **Tuesday 26 January 2027** at 10.00am.

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications, will be to modify the definitive map and statement for the area by adding to them the public footpath commencing from a junction with the carriageway of Peppershells Lane at grid reference ST 6419 6493 and proceeding in a generally west-south-westerly direction for approximately 18 metres to grid reference ST 6418 6492 and turning in a generally southern direction through Park Copse for approximately 210 metres to a junction with public footpath BA8/65 at grid reference ST 6420 6474.

Any queries relating to this Order should be referred to Helen Sparks by email: helen.sparks@planninginspectorate.gov.uk quoting reference number ROW/3368508 on all correspondence. Alternatively, queries may be sent in writing to The Planning Inspectorate, Rights of Way Section, c/o QUADIENT, 69 Buckingham Avenue, Slough, SL1 4PN. Telephone: 0303 444 5682.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so by accessing this link:

<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/ParkCopseDMMO>. If there are any queries, please contact Graeme Stark (Principal Officer: Public Rights of Way).

Telephone: 01225 477650 or email: graeme_stark@bathnes.gov.uk.

Timetable for sending in statements of case and proofs of evidence

Within 8 weeks of the start date by [by 20 October 2026]

The Order Making Authority, or where the Order Making Authority is taking a neutral stance and the applicant or other party are taking the case

forward in support of the order, must ensure their statement of case is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send a copy (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices) to everyone who has made an objection or representation and the applicant and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order.

Within 14 weeks of the start date [by 1 December 2026]

Everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone who wishes to give evidence at the Inquiry must ensure their statement of case¹ is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send full copies to the Authority. Copies will also be sent to the applicant, every person who has made an objection or representation and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices).

Within the same period the applicant (if applicable) must ensure their statement of case is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send a full copy to the Authority. Copies will also be sent to everyone who has made an objection or representation and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices).

4 weeks before the date of the inquiry [by 29 December 2026]

The Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation, the applicant (if applicable) and anyone who wishes to give evidence at the Inquiry must ensure their proof of evidence (together with any summary) is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send copies of:

- i) the Authority's proof of evidence to everyone who has made an objection or representation, the applicant and anyone who has submitted a statement of case (including copies of any supporting documents – although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence);

¹ If you wish to make a legal submission, this should be submitted at the same time as your statement of case. Otherwise legal submissions will have to be submitted in writing on the day of the inquiry.

- ii) the applicant's proof of evidence to the Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else who has submitted a statement of case (including copies of any supporting documents – although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence); and
- iii) all other proofs of evidence to the Authority, the applicant, everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else who has submitted a statement of case (including copies of any supporting documents – although none should not be submitted with a proof of evidence).

All parties must keep to the timetable set out above and ensure that statements of case and proofs of evidence are received by the Secretary of State on time. Late documents will be returned.

We cannot accept any inflammatory, discriminatory or abusive comments. Any documents containing such comments will be returned.

If you use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to create or alter any part of your documents, information or data, you should tell us that you have done this when you provide the material to us. [See the detailed guidance for further information.](#)

Notice of order for inquiry

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

**SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL, BATHAVON RURAL DISTRICT AND KEYNSHAM
URBAN DISTRICT DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT**

**BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH BA8/93, PARK COPSE, COMPTON DANDO)
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2024**

This Order is made by Bath and North East Somerset Council under section 53(2)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the Act") because it appears to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs that the Somerset County Council, Bathavon Rural District and Keynsham Urban District Definitive Map and Statement require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in section 53(3)(c)(i), namely, the discovery by the authority of evidence which (when considered with all other relevant evidence available to them) shows 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, being a right of way such that the land over which the right subsists is a public path.

The authority has consulted with every local authority whose area includes the land to which the Order relates. The Bath and North East Somerset Council hereby order that:

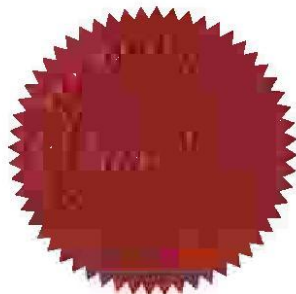
1. For the purposes of this Order the relevant date is 18th April 2024.
2. The Somerset County Council, Bathavon Rural District and Keynsham Urban District Definitive Map and Statement shall be modified as described in Part I and Part II of the Schedule and shown on the map attached to the Order.
3. This Order shall take effect on the date it is confirmed and may be cited as the Bath and North East Somerset Council (Public Footpath BA8/93, Park Copse, Compton Dando) Definitive Map Modification Order 2024.

Given under the Common Seal of the Bath and North East Somerset Council on the 19th September 2024.

The COMMON SEAL of the
BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET
COUNCIL
was hereunto affixed
in the presence of:-



Authorised signatory



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In pursuance of its powers conferred by Schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the authority hereby confirms the foregoing order

The COMMON SEAL of the
BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET
COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed

this day of 20

in the presence of:-

SCHEDULE

PART I

Modification of Definitive Map

Description of path or way to be added

A public footpath commencing from a junction with the carriageway of Peppershells Lane at grid reference ST 6419 6493 (Point A on the Order Map) and proceeding in a generally west-south-westerly direction for approximately 18 metres to grid reference ST 6418 6492 (Point B on the Order Map) and turning in a generally southerly direction through Park Copse for approximately 210 metres to a junction with public footpath BA8/65 at grid reference ST 6420 6474 (Point D on the Order Map).

PART II

Modification of Definitive Statement

Variation of particulars of path or way

A new statement for BA8/93 shall be recorded as follows:

Path Number: BA8/93

Status: Public footpath
Length: 228 metres
Parish: Compton Dando
Width: 1 metre
Limitations: None

Description of Route				
From		General Direction	To	
County Road or Right of Way	Grid Reference		County Road or Right of Way	Grid Reference
Peppershells Lane	ST 6419 6493	S	Public footpath BA8/65	ST 6420 6474

General Description:

A public footpath commencing from a junction with the carriageway of Peppershells Lane at grid reference ST 6419 6493 and proceeding in a generally west-south-westerly direction for approximately 18 metres to grid reference ST 6418 6492 and turning in a generally southerly direction through Park Copse for approximately 210 metres to a junction with public footpath BA8/65 at grid reference ST 6420 6474.

**THIS MAP FORMS PART OF THE
BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET
COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH BA8/93,
PARK COPSE, COMPTON DANDO)
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION
ORDER 2024**

Public footpath to be added

Unaffected public footpath



Scale 1:2500

