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Your Ref:
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Date: 26 April 2024

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BY E-MAIL ONLY

Dear Sir

**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**

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to refer to your e-mail dated 24 April 2024 requesting dispensation concerning the service of notice on owners and occupiers in respect of the above.

It is noted that, despite your extensive enquiries, you have not been able to ascertain the ownership of the land in question. In these circumstances and in accordance with paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the Secretary of State hereby directs that it is not necessary for your Council to serve notice on the owners and occupiers of the land over which the Order path(s) run as required by paragraph 3(2)(b)(i). Your Council's attention is drawn to the requirements in paragraph 3(4) regarding the manner in which the notice should be addressed and displayed.

Should the above Order be submitted to the Secretary of State for determination in the future would you please ensure that a copy of this letter is enclosed with the necessary documentation.

Yours faithfully
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Rights of Way Section