

Dear Sir or Madam,

The County Council has received an offer for the dedication of public footpath rights on a track running between the legally recorded line of Bishopstoke FP 732 and Church Road (shown on the attached map). The dedication is linked to a proposed development, and once recorded, will allow the landowner to make application to Eastleigh Borough Council for the extinguishment of the section of FP 732 that runs parallel, under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The southernmost 130 metres of Bishopstoke FP 732 has been unavailable on the ground for some time, with the proposed dedication route being used in its place. As such, the proposed dedication will simply formalise current public use, and ensure that the newly recorded route is maintained by the County Council.

It is intended that this matter will be progressed via the Countryside Service's Scheme of Authorisation in due course, following which the dedication will be formalised by an agreement between the landowner and the County Council, under Section 25 Highways Act 1980. If you would like to make any comment on this proposal, I would be grateful if you could let me know by 14 July 2017.

Kind regards

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