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Helmdon Parish Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 53

Notice of Determination of Definitive Map Modification Order – 416 Helmdon

West Northamptonshire Council has now reached a determination in respect of the application to add a footpath to the Definitive Map and Statement in Helmdon received in 2024. This letter gives notice of that determination.

The determination is that there is sufficient evidence to indicate that "rights of way which are not shown in the map and statement subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist".

As a consequence, an Order to amend the Definitive Map and statement will be made. The routes are as indicated on the attached plan:
Route 1 – point Z- point Y Route 2 – point X – point W Route 3 – Point U – Point V

The Order will then be advertised in line with statutory requirements. If that consultation process does not attract any objections, then the authority can confirm the Order and make the necessary alterations to the Definitive Map and Statement. In the event of objections being received however, the Order must be referred to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs who will decide the process through which a final decision will be made.

I will contact you once the formal Consultation process stage is underway.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Marion Borman

Definitive Map Officer