

Access to Public Footpath ETCH/14a

When the Parsonage Croft development (including the new school and Community Halls) were built the footpath was re-routed from being a straight line (in bold on the attached).

The access to the footpath was moved from the A265 at the bottom of the Croft to point A to the new public access off the A265 which is point C, diverting all public access around the east of the old shed up towards points D and E completing at point F.

The public have full access to the footpath **however** they may not access it via the Croft, nor can they return South from point B through the Croft. The signage was erected to make those members of the public that ignored and continue to ignore this fact that they were entering private property, this was primarily put in place to avoid any legal claims against the Croft residents in the event of any members of the public having accidents or causing themselves harm on the Croft private land.

The landowners (the Ahrens family) are in the process of removing the old gate at point B and replacing it with barbed wire and fence posts to match what surrounds the protected ancient pond behind the buffer zone. Sid has recently stated that no members of the public should access the field directly behind the Croft hence he is now removing the stock steps and gates and replacing these with barbed fencing as he wants the livestock to be safe in that area to graze.

The residents have for some time continued to make people aware there is no public access via the Croft to the footpath north of the Croft but they simply refuse to adhere to the requests and regularly leave dog mess and gates open at the top of the Croft.

Access can only and should only be through the adjacent new footpath leading on to the old footpath 14a via point C to D and onwards north bound to point E and F. No access is possible south beyond point F towards point B.

To confirm:

- A. There is no Public Access to the 14a footpath via the Croft
- B. Very soon there will be no possible access routes beyond the Croft to access the fields north of the Croft to the footpath 14a
- C. Public trying to access the footpath via the Croft will have to turn around at point B because the owners will have removed all access to the footpath from that point.

Paulette Barton

04/03/2024

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990. SECTION 257

AND PARAGRAPH 7 OF SCHEDULE 14

ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL

ROTHER DISTRICT (ETCHINGHAM 14A (PART))

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2013

To: *East Sussex County Council*

On 18 December 2013 Rother District Council confirmed the above Order.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert part of the public footpath known as Etchingham 14a running from point A (junction with public highway A265) in a north-westerly direction for approximately 220 metres to point B: to a new line running from point C (new junction with public highway A265) in a generally northerly and westerly direction for approximately 260 metres to point D and then in a north-westerly direction for approximately 215 metres to point E and then in a south-westerly direction for approximately 40 metres to point F, as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the confirmed Order and the Order map may be seen at Wealden District Council Offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, East Sussex free of charge between 8.30am and 5.00pm on Mondays to Fridays inclusive. Copies of the Order and map may be obtained there at no cost.

The Order comes into force on 15 January 2014, but if any person aggrieved by the Order desires to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the above Act or on the ground that any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it, has not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he or she may apply to the High Court for any of these purposes under section 287 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, within 6 weeks from the date on which notice is first published as required by paragraph 7 of Schedule 14 to that Act.

Dated 10 January 2014
C Beaumont
Environmental Health Manager

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990, SECTION 257

ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL

ROTHER DISTRICT (ETCHINGHAM 14A (PART))

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2013

The above Order is hereby confirmed without modification.

Given under the common seal of the Rother District Council the 11th day of December in the year Two Thousand and Thirteen.

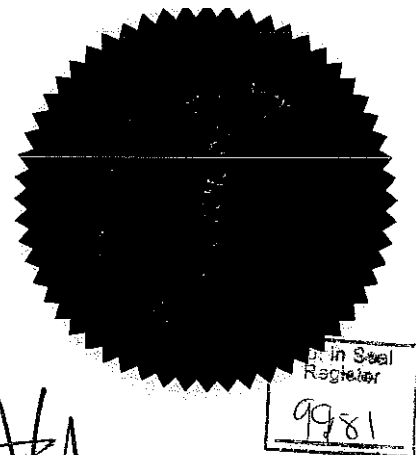
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ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL
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in the presence of:-



Chairman of the Council
Member



Chief Executive Director



PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990, SECTION 257

ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL

ROTHER DISTRICT (ETCHINGHAM 14A (PART))

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2013

This Order is made by Rother District Council under section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 because it is satisfied that it is necessary to divert the footpath to which this Order relates in order to enable development to be carried out in accordance with planning permission granted under Part 111 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 namely: erection of a new school and associated facilities, new community hall and 21 dwellings, RR/2012/2326/P

BY THIS ORDER:

1. The footpath over the land shown by a bold black line on the attached map and described in Part 1 of the Schedule to this Order ("the Schedule") shall be diverted as provided below.
2. There shall be created to the reasonable satisfaction of Rother District Council an alternative highway of width 2.5 metres for use as a replacement for the said footpath as provided in Part 2 of the Schedule and shown by bold black dashes on the attached map.
3. The diversion of the footpath shall have effect after 28 days from the date of confirmation of this Order.
4. Where immediately before the date on which the footpath is diverted there is apparatus under, in, on, over, along or across it belonging to statutory undertakers for the purpose of carrying on their undertaking, the undertakers shall continue to have the same rights in respect of the apparatus as they then had.

SCHEDULE

PART1

DESCRIPTION OF SITE OF EXISTING PATH OR WAY

Part of the public footpath known as Etchingam 14a running from point A Qunction with public highway A265) in a north-westerly direction for approximately 220 metres to point B on the attached map and shown thereon as a bold black line

PART2

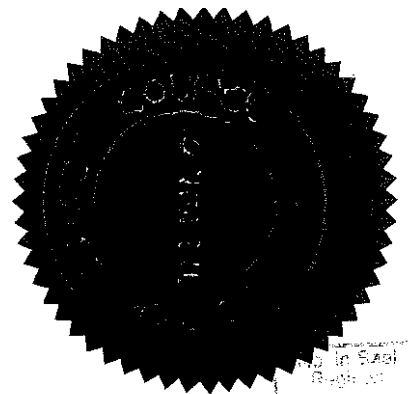
DESCRIPTION OF SITE OF ALTERNATIVE HIGHWAY

A footpath of width 2.5 metres running from point C (new junction with public highway A265) in a generally northerly and westerly direction for approximately 260 metres to point D and then in a north-westerly direction for approximately 215 metres to point E and then in a south-westerly direction for approximately 40 metres to point F on the attached map and shown thereon as a bold black dashed line.

Given under the common seal of the Rother District Council the \7:. day of July in the year Two Thousand and Thirteen.

The Common Seal of
ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL

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the presence of:-

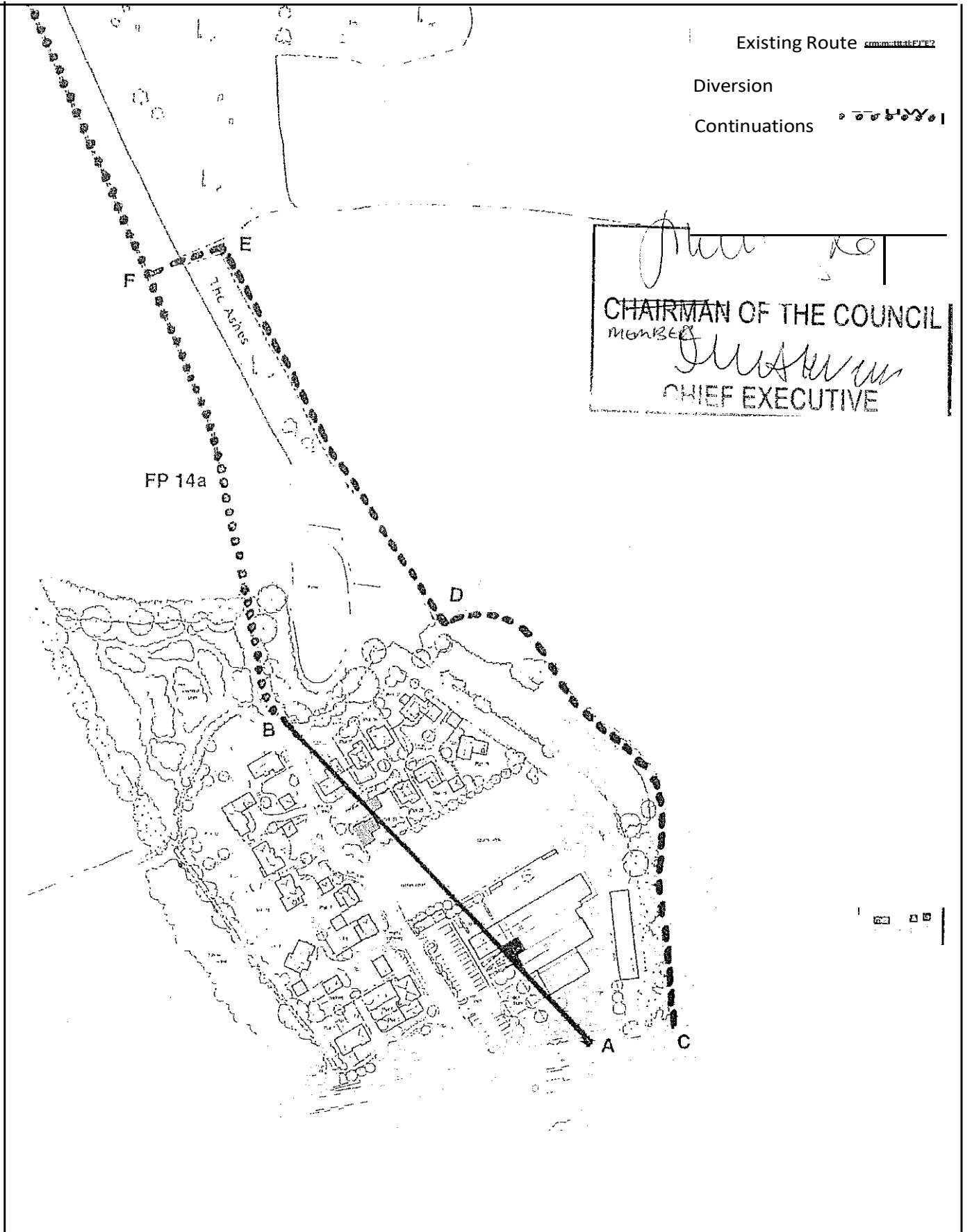


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Chairman of the Council

Chief Executive



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