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Date: 23 July 2020
Ref: AB RW/T544
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Dear Sir / Madam,

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
APPLICATION FOR A DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER - Stony Down Plantation, Corfe Mullen Parish, T544

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act Dorset Council is required to maintain a "definitive map and statement of rights of way". The Council is also required by the Act to keep the map and statement under continuous review and to modify them if there is evidence that they are incorrect. The evidence may be in the form of historical documents or modern usage or both. Members of the public may apply to the Council to modify the map and statement and the Council must investigate their claims, examine the evidence and, in the light of the evidence, decide whether or not the claimed rights or other rights exist.

An application has been received to modify the definitive map and statement of rights of way by adding bridleways at Stony Down Plantation, Corfe Mullen. The application can be viewed by accessing our website at https://mapping.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/rightsofway/definitivemap/register and entering the reference number (T544) into the DMMO reference box. I enclose Drawing T544/20/1 to illustrate the route.

Dorset Council has a duty to investigate the matter to assess the available evidence and decide whether to make a legal order. The effect of the modification order, if granted in accordance with the application, would be to recognise and record the right of the public to use the routes with horses or bicycles as well as on foot. In addition, the evidence may lead the Council to make another type of order.

Please note that applications for DMMOs do not seek to create new public rights but to record those rights that already exist. Our investigations will evaluate the evidence, from users of the route and from historical documents, and make a recommendation in a report which will be considered by senior managers / officers. In addition, the evidence may lead the Council to make another type of order from that proposed.

The decision will have to be based solely on the evidence. The desirability, suitability or necessity of adding the routes are not matters that can be taken into account under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and information on these points is not required. However, information on the following points would be of assistance: -

1. The use of the routes by the public.
2. Any actions taken to prevent the public from using the paths as public rights of way.
3. Any documentation recording or relating to the routes.

Any evidence received by 07 September 2020 may be included in the report and will be treated as public information (please refer to the Data Protection information at the end of this letter). In any response it would be helpful if you could give an email address for future correspondence. If you need additional time in which to respond please let me know. The file is available for public inspection by arrangement with the Definitive Map Team.

Yours faithfully,

Anne Brown
Definitive Map Technical Officer
Spatial Planning

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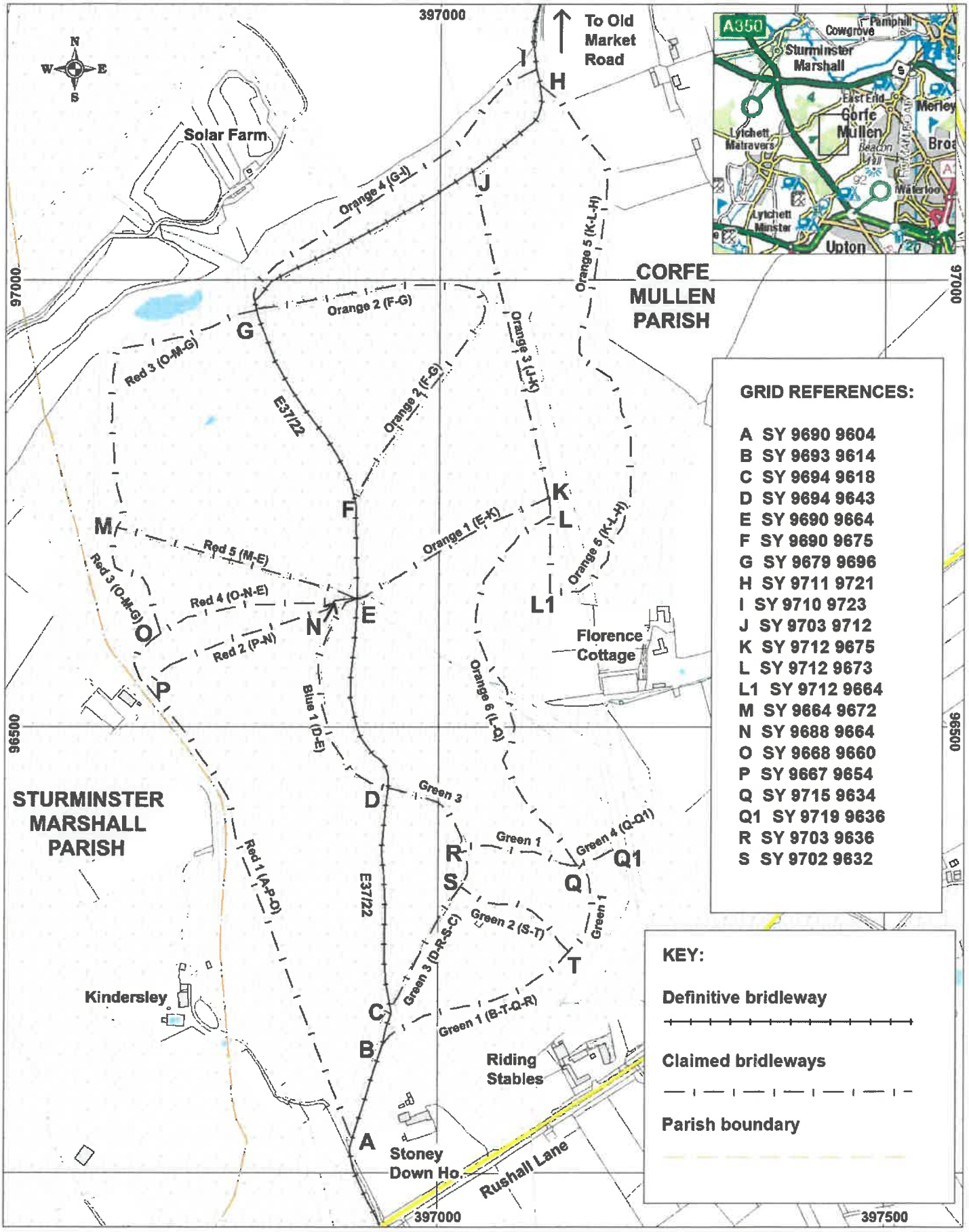

GRID REFERENCES:

A SY 9690 9604
B SY 9693 9614
C SY 9694 9618
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E SY 9690 9664
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H SY 9711 9721
I SY 9710 9723
J SY 9703 9712
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O SY 9668 9660
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R SY 9703 9636
S SY 9702 9632

KEY:

Definitive bridleway

Claimed bridleways

Parish boundary

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Application to record additional bridleways at Stony Down Plantation, Corfe Mullen

THIS MAP IS NOT DEFINITIVE AND HAS NO LEGAL STATUS

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Cent Y: 96623

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