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Date: 21st June 2022

Your ref:
Our ref: PROW/KH318/1605

Dear Consultee

**Re: Highways Act 1980 - Section 119
Proposed diversion of public footpaths KH318 (part) and KH320 (part) at
Ulcombe in the Borough of Maidstone, postcode ME17 1LT**

An application has been made by the landowner, Sean Charlton, to divert part of public footpaths KH318 and KH320 for the following reasons:

Both footpaths run across the planting lines of the orchards. The land, which is sloping, is planted with orchard trees which need to be arranged in rows with the slope and not traversing it in order to be effectively and safely husbanded.

I enclose an extract from the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way showing public footpaths KH318 and KH320 and a larger scale map (1:2500) showing the proposed diversions.

The length of KH318 to be diverted is shown by a solid black line between points A-B.
The proposed new route of KH318 is shown by bold black dashes between points A-C-D.

The length of KH320 to be diverted is shown by a solid black line between points E-F.
The proposed new route of KH318 is shown by bold black dashes between points E-G-F.

It is proposed that the new length of footpath KH318 will be diverted from its connection with footpath KH319 (point A) to initially run up to and along the northern headland for approximately 118 metres to point C and then to head south, running to the east of the boundary hedge (and west of the orchard) to its connection with footpath KH320 at point D. The path will be 2.0 metres wide and will run 2.0 metres from the centre of the hedge line.

It is further proposed that footpath KH320 will be diverted from a point approximately 7 metres west of its connection with the new route of KH318 (point E) to run along the existing track to where it leaves the land in the Charlton ownership at point F. The path will be 2.0 metres wide and will run 2 metres from the top of the ditch to point G and then 2.0 metres from the centre of the hedge line.

The proposed diversions will assist in the safe and effective management of the orchards, whilst providing safe, wide and open footpaths for the public.

I would be grateful if you would complete the enclosed form (or email your comments), taking into consideration if you think the proposals are in the interest of the landowner, how convenient the new paths are compared to the existing, and the effect the proposals may have on public enjoyment of the paths as a whole.

I recommend that you visit the site to view the proposed routes and would suggest you please contact Sean Charlton on 01622 861300 to arrange access.

I should be pleased to receive your views on the proposal by **19th July 2022**.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Maria McLauchlan
Public Rights of Way Officer

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**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROW & ACCESS SERVICE
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – DIVERSION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY**

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS:

Proposal to divert part of public footpaths KH318 and KH320 in the Parish of Ulcombe.

Reference: PROW/KH318/1605

This consultation expires on **19th July 2022**

I should be grateful if you would kindly complete the following and return it to me as soon as possible:

- I agree the proposed diversion is in the landowner's interest
- I do not agree because
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- I agree the proposed diversion is not substantially less convenient to the public
- I do not agree because
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- I agree the proposed diversion would not negatively impact upon public enjoyment of the route
- I do not agree because
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- I agree that the new point of termination will not be substantially less convenient to the public
- I do not agree because
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