



Direction Decision

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an Inspector on direction of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Decision date: 23 November 20210

Ref: FPS/L3245/14D/5

Representation by Dr Timothy Parker

Shropshire County Council

Application to modify the Definitive Map and Statement by the addition of a Bridleway from Pitchford (grid ref 530 036) to Golding (grid ref 544 034) (Parishes of Pitchford and Cound, South of Shrewsbury).

- The representation is made under Paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 14 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (the 1981 Act) seeking a direction to be given to Shropshire County Council to determine an application for an Order, under Section 53(5) of that Act.
 - The representation is made by Dr Timothy Parker, dated 3 October 2020.
 - The certificate under Paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 14 is dated 21 September 2020.
 - The Council was consulted about this representation on 22 October 2020 and the Council's response was made on 4 November 2020.
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Decision

1. The request for a direction is refused.

Reasons

2. Authorities are required to investigate applications as soon as reasonably practicable and, after consulting the relevant district and parish councils, decide whether to make an order on the basis of the evidence discovered. Applicants have the right to ask the Secretary of State to direct a surveying authority to reach a decision on an application if no decision has been reached within twelve months of the authority's receipt of certification that the applicant has served notice of the application on affected landowners and occupiers.
3. In this case, although the application was made in 2013, the relevant certificate was not submitted until 21 September 2020. Accordingly, it is not possible for a direction to be issued on behalf of the Secretary of State at this stage. The request for a direction must therefore be refused.

Barney Grimshaw

INSPECTOR
