# **Order Decision**

Site visit on 23 July 2020

## by Mark Yates BA(Hons) MIPROW

an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

**Decision date: 29 January 2021** 

## **Order Ref: ROW/3235867**

- This Order is made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 ("the 1980 Act") and is known as the Bedford Borough Council (Podington: Part of Footpath Nos. 7 and 8) Public Path Diversion Order 2018.
- The Order was made by Bedford Borough Council ("the Council") on 12 December 2018 and proposed to divert two footpaths, which form one continuous route, as detailed in the Order Map and Schedule.
- The Council submitted the Order for confirmation to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.
- In accordance with Paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 6 to the 1980 Act I have given notice of my proposal to confirm the Order with modifications.

Summary of Decision: The Order is confirmed subject to modifications set out below in the Formal Decision.

## **Procedural Matters**

- 1. This decision should be read in conjunction with my interim decision of 15 September 2020, in respect of the Order, which outlined the main issues to be addressed and my findings on these matters.
- 2. I concluded that the Order should be confirmed with a modification to the width of a section of footpath to be created. No objections were received in response to the advertisement of the proposed modifications and there is nothing to suggest that the Order should not now be confirmed.

#### **Conclusion**

3. For the reasons set out in my interim decision I conclude that the Order should be confirmed with the modifications originally proposed.

### **Formal Decision**

- 4. I confirm the Order subject to the following modifications:
  - Delete "throughout" in the final line of the description in Part 2 of the Order Schedule and insert "between points A and X on the attached map and a width of 3.0 (three) metres between points X and B on the attached map".
  - Add "X" to the Order Map at the appropriate point.

Mark Yates

# **Inspector**