

NOTICE BY THE APPOINTED PERSON UNDER PARAGRAPH 10 OF SCHEDULE 1A TO THE NATIONAL PARKS AND ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1949: OBJECTION ABOUT A COASTAL ACCESS REPORT

**PUBLIC INQUIRY**

at

Dorchester Town Hall, High East Street, Dorchester DT1 1HF

commencing at 10.00am on Tuesday 1 November 2016

On 8 July 2015 Natural England submitted a coastal access report to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs under section 51 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 pursuant to its duty under section 296(1) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. The report relates to Lyme Regis to Rufus Castle.

A person has been appointed <sup>(a)</sup> for the purpose of considering an objection which has been received in relation to the report.

The appointed person, appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, will attend at the date, time and place shown above to consider evidence in relation to the land between Abbotsbury Beach and Rodden Hive in the report to which the objection relates. The reference to the relevant section of the report to which the objection relates is Chapter 6 of Natural England's report, Abbotsbury Beach to Rodden Hive (Maps 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e and 6f) route sections LR-6-S010 to LRR-6-S026.

At the inquiry the appointed person will consider the following:

- i) The need for an appropriate assessment as required by the Habitats Directive and Habitats Regulations and whether the appraisals carried out by Natural England form the required Habitats Regulation Assessment.
- ii) The effect on the management of the objector's agricultural land and tourism enterprises.
- iii) An alternative route proposal of the objector, including restrictions on access to the coastal margin, from Chester's Coppice to follow an old drove to meet New Barn Road following a public footpath after New Barn Farm along the edge of Wyke Wood to join the existing South West Coast Path, continuing towards Rodden Hive to its junction with the proposed route at the junction of LRR-6-S026 and LRR-6-S027.

Any person to whom notice has been given under paragraph (3) of regulation 13 of The Coastal Access Reports (Consideration and Modification Procedure) (England) Regulations 2010 is entitled to appear at the inquiry. Members of the public may attend the public inquiry and, at the discretion of the appointed person, express their views. The venue provides for disabled access. Please contact Natural England, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6DG (email: [westcoastalaccess@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:westcoastalaccess@naturalengland.org.uk) tel: 0300 060 3900) if you need to confirm that suitable provisions are in place.

A copy of the report and a map of the area indicating the proposed line of the route and (if applicable) the boundaries of the associated coastal margin which is the subject of the objection, representations received as a result of the notice dated 25 January 2016 and documents submitted in respect of the Inquiry may be viewed free of charge at the following location:

Dorchester Town Hall, High East Street, Dorchester DT1 1HF between the hours of 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday

and at Natural England, First Floor, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6DG between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

The report and maps are also available to view at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/england-coast-path-lyme-regis-to-rufus-castle>

Contact point at the Planning Inspectorate: Rights of Way team, Room 3G Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN tel: 0303 444 5226 email: [caroline.baylis@pins.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.baylis@pins.gsi.gov.uk)

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(a) See paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 1A to the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.