**NOTICE OF ORDER**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SECTION 257**

**CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL**

The Cheshire East Borough Council (Footpath No. 14 Parish of Sandbach) Public Path Stopping Up Order 2019

Notice is hereby given that the above referenced Order has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination. An Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State to determine the Order.

The **start date** for the above Order is 13 December 2021

Consideration of the Order will take the form of a public local inquiry.

The Inquiry will be held at Sandbach Town Hall, High Street, Sandbach, CW11 1AX on **Tuesday** **24 May 2022** at 10.00am.

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications, will be to
stop up that length of Footpath No. 14 in the Parish of Sandbach, commencing at O.S. grid reference SJ 7668 6080 and running in a generally north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 63 metres to O.S. grid reference SJ 7672 6085.

Any queries relating to this Order should be referred to Joanne Drury at The Planning Inspectorate, Rights of Way Section, Room 3/A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Telephone: 0303 444 8928. Email: Joanne.Drury@planninginspectorate.gov.uk Please quote reference number ROW/3268692 on all correspondence.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order should contact Marianne Nixon at Cheshire East Council, Marianne.nixon@cheshireeast.gov.uk for an electronic copy. With the lifting of Covid restrictions it may be possible to do so during normal office hours at the Rights of Way Unit at the offices of Cheshire East Borough Council, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach, CW11 1HZ. Telephone 01270 686 077

**Timetable for sending in statements of case and proofs of evidence**

**Within 8 weeks of the start date by 7 February 2022**

The Order Making Authority must ensure their statement of case is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send a copy (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority’s offices) to everyone who has made an objection or representation and the applicant and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order.

**Within 14 weeks of the start date 21 March 2022**

Everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone who wishes to give evidence at the Inquiry must ensure their statement of case[[1]](#footnote-1) is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send full copies to the Authority. Copies will also be sent to the applicant, every person who has made an objection or representation and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority’s offices).

Within the same period the applicant (if applicable) must ensure their statement of case is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send a full copy to the Authority. Copies will also be sent to everyone who has made an objection or representation and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority’s offices).

**4 weeks before the date of the inquiry 26 April 2022**

The Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation, the applicant (if applicable) and anyone who wishes to give evidence at the Inquiry must ensure their proof of evidence (together with any summary) is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send copies of:

1. the Authority’s proof of evidence to everyone who has made an objection or representation, the applicant and anyone who has submitted a statement of case (excluding copies of any supporting documents – although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence).
2. the applicant’s proof of evidence to the Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else who has submitted a statement of case (excluding copies of any supporting documents – although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence); and
3. all other proofs of evidence to the Authority, the applicant, everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else who has submitted a statement of case (excluding copies of any supporting documents – although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence).

All parties must keep to the timetable set out above and ensure that statements of case and proofs of evidence are received by the Secretary of State on time. Late documents will be returned.

We cannot accept any libellous, racist or abusive comments. Any documents containing such comments will be returned.

Notice of order for inquiry

1. If you wish to make a legal submission, this should be submitted at the same time as your statement of case. Otherwise legal submissions will have to be submitted in writing on the day of the inquiry. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)