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| **Order Decision** |
| Inquiry Held on 31 October 2023Site visit made on 30 October 2023 |
| **by A Spencer-Peet BSc(Hons) PGDip.LP Solicitor (Non Practicing)** |
| **an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs** |
| **Decision date: 15 August 2024** |

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| **Order Ref: ROW/3292846** |
| * This Order is made under Section 53 (2) (b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (the 1981 Act) and is known as The Hampshire (Test Valley Borough No.68) (Parish of Andover and Parish of Longparish) Definitive Map Modification Order 2020.
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| * The Order is dated 9 December 2020 and proposes to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a bridleway and upgrading lengths of footpath to bridleway as shown in the Order plan and described in the Order Schedule.
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| * The Order was the subject of an Interim Order Decision dated 6 February 2024. In accordance with Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 15 to the 1981 Act I gave notice of my proposal to confirm the Order with modifications.
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| **Summary of Decision: The Order is confirmed subject to the modifications set out in the Formal Decision** |
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Procedural Matters

1. This decision should be read in conjunction with my Interim Order Decision of the
6 February 2024, in respect of the Order, and which outlined the main issues to be addressed and my conclusions on those matters.
2. The effect of the Order, if confirmed with the modifications that I previously proposed within my Interim Order Decision, would be to record a footpath between the C87 The Middleway to a junction with Longparish Footpath 27b as having a width of 3 metres, and not to upgrade a length of Longparish Footpath 27b or upgrade a length of Andover Footpath 68 to bridleway.
3. In my Interim Order Decision, I proposed to confirm the Order subject to the modifications described in the above paragraph. As the modification proposed in my Interim Order Decision would show a highway of one description, a way which is shown in the Order as submitted as a highway of another description, by reason of Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 15 to the 1981 Act, I was required to give notice of my proposal to modify the Order and to give an opportunity for objections and representations to be made to the proposed modifications.
4. No representations or objections were received following advertisement of the notice and deposit of the associated documents relating to the proposed modifications.

Conclusions

1. In light of the above, I conclude that the Order should be confirmed subject to the modifications as set out in paragraph 51 of my Interim Order Decision dated
6 February 2024.

**Formal Decision**

1. I confirm the Order subject to the following modifications:
* Delete the text “*Sections 53(3)(c)(i) and (ii) of the Act namely:-*” in the preamble to the Order and insert:

 “*Section 53(3)(c)(i) of the Act namely:-*”

* Delete the text *“(ii) that a highway shown in the map and statement as a highway of a particular description ought to be there shown as a highway of a different description;”* in the preamble to the Order.
* Delete the text “*A Bridleway 3 metres wide*” in Part I of the Order Schedule and insert:

 “*A Footpath 3 metres wide*”

* Delete all the text after “*A total distance of 720 metres*” in Part I of the Order Schedule.
* Delete all the text after “*The following description shall be added to the Definitive Statement for the Parish of Andover*:” and insert:

“*The following description shall be added to the Definitive Statement for the Parish of Longparish:*

 *Longparish Footpath 504*

 *Add:*

 *“Footpath 3988 4562 C87 The Middleway*

 *4026 4617 Footpath 27b*

*From C87 (The Middleway) north-eastwards along 3 metre wide track to junction with Footpath 27b.”*

*NOTE: ALL LENGTHS ARE APPROXIMATE*”

* On the Order plan delete the section B-C-D.
* In the key to the Order plan delete the text “*Bridleway to be added*” and insert:

 “*Footpath to be added*”

* On the Order plan and in the key to the Order plan the notation for bridleway be replaced with that for a footpath.

Mr A Spencer-Peet

INSPECTOR

 