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To Whom it May Concern

**SECTION 119, HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF FOOTPATHS 27 AND 28**

Dorset Council has received an application to divert part of Footpaths 27 and 28, Corfe Castle Parish as shown on the enclosed Drawing (P287/26/1).

This diversion is being made in the interest of the landowner as the diversion would allow further works on the Natural Flood Management project, part of the National Trust's Wetland programme.

The current definitive route of SE11/27 runs from point A generally south to point B then southwest to point C.

The proposed new route runs from point A southwest to point F then generally south to point G and continuing south to point C.

The current route between A – B – C is approximately 205 metres long and the proposed new route from A – F – G – C is approximately 195 metres long. The width of the new route will be 2.5 metres (except as specified below):

Pedestrian bridge at point G to Dorset Council standard, BS 4891-700-1 B (1) (4).
Pedestrian gate immediately north of pedestrian bridge to BS5709-2018.

The current definitive route of SE11/28 runs from point D generally southeast to point E then continuing southeast to point C.

The proposed new route runs from point D generally east southeast to point F where it joins the new route of footpath SE11/27.

The current route between D – E – C is approximately 195 metres long and the proposed new route from D – F is approximately 95 metres long. The width of the new route will be 2.5 metres.

Under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, the ends of the diversions must be in places substantially as convenient to the public. Regard must also be paid to the effect the diversions would have on public enjoyment of the footpaths as a whole, and on land served by the existing and proposed routes.

Section 29 of the Highways Act 1980, as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, says that when making diversion orders the Council must have regard to the needs of agriculture, forestry and the desirability of conserving flora, fauna and geological and physiographical features.

The current and proposed routes are available for inspection.

I should be grateful to have any comments you may wish to make in writing by **21 May 2026** so that they may be taken into consideration. If you think you will need more time to respond please let me know as soon as possible. Your comments will be treated as public information (please refer to the Data Protection information at the end of this letter) and may be incorporated if a report is made to the Strategic and Technical Planning Committee.

The file is available for public inspection at County Hall, by prior appointment only. Members of the public are allowed limited public speaking at a Committee meeting. If the case is to be brought before the Committee we will write to those directly affected to advise them. If you wish to be informed of the details of the meeting please let me know.

Yours

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