

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
PUBLIC PATH ORDER
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER**

- 1. THE SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL (FOOTPATH 71 & FOOTPATH UN1 (PARTS) TOWN OF SHREWSBURY) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2026.**
- 2. THE SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL (FOOTPATH 73 (PARTS) TOWN OF SHREWSBURY) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2026.**
- 3. THE SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL (FOOTPATH 74 (PART) TOWN OF SHREWSBURY) PUBLIC PATH STOPPING UP ORDER 2026**

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR MAKING THE ORDER

Under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, Councils have the power to make orders to create, extinguish (close) or divert public rights of way and under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 modify the Definitive Map and Statement accordingly. A notice that such an order has been made has to be advertised on the site of the path in question and in the local press. This provides an opportunity for objections or representations to be made to the proposed change.

This statement has been prepared to explain various aspects of the order.

THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE ORDER

Persimmon Homes have submitted a Reserved Matters planning application for a residential development on land to the south of Oteley Road and west of Thrower Road, Shrewsbury, under planning reference 25/04361/REM.

The application seeks approval for layout, scale, appearance and landscaping for 226 dwellings pursuant to outline planning permission 24/02907/OUT.

Several public footpaths cross the development site. If the footpaths were to remain on their definitive lines, they would be directly obstructed by the development; accordingly, their diversion and stopping up is necessary to enable the development to be carried out in accordance with section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

As a result, parts of Shrewsbury Footpaths 73, 71 and UN1 will require a diversion, and a short section of Shrewsbury Footpath 74 will need to be stopped up, in accordance with the granting of the planning permission.

The applicant has applied to divert footpaths 73, 71 and UN1 onto alternative lines, along newly created surfaced paths.

This application has been made under section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and the applicant, Persimmon Homes, will meet the full costs of the Order in accordance with Shropshire Council's adopted cost schedule.

Persimmon Homes will carry out all works required to construct the new routes and will meet the full costs associated with those works. Upon completion and handover of the development, the surfaces of the footpaths within the site will be maintained by the nominated management company.

The right of objection to an order is a statutory right, but it should be exercised in a reasonable manner. The costs involved in dealing with objections to orders are normally awarded against objectors only in cases of unreasonable behaviour.

Any representations about or objections to the order may be sent in writing to the Shropshire Council, Rights of Way Team, Riggs Hall, Castle Gates, Shrewsbury, SY1 2AS or by email to outdoor.recreation@shropshire.gov.uk not later than 18th June 2026.

The Shropshire Council will be willing to discuss the concerns of those considering objecting or making representations relating to the order. Please contact the Rights of Way Planning Support Officer, Rights of Way Team at outdoor.recreation@shropshire.gov.uk.

If any objections are made and not withdrawn then the council will have to refer the order to the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination. An Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate will then hear the objections at a public inquiry or hearing or in writing if the objectors agree. The Inspector can confirm an order, confirm it with modifications, or refuse to confirm it. If no objections are received the council will be able to confirm the order itself but it has no power to modify orders.

Where a new path is being created (by a creation or diversion order) the change will come into effect only after a specified period from the date of confirmation to allow time for any necessary works to be undertaken.