

**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
PUBLIC PATH ORDER
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER**

PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FP UN1 (PART) TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR MAKING THE ORDER

Under the Highways Act 1980, Councils have the power to make orders to create, stop up (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 orders.

THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE ORDER

An application to divert part of FP UN1 Shrewsbury was submitted on 25th August 2020 by the owner of the land over which the footpath runs.

This footpath runs as a cross field path on a future development plot on which planning has been granted at the outline stage. Although a reserved matters planning application has yet to be submitted it is nevertheless considered to be in the interests of the landowner to divert the footpath around the eastern edge of the field.

The only work required to the proposed new routes will be way marking throughout.

The full cost of the diversion will be met by the applicant, according to the cost schedule.

The order will come into effect only after it has been confirmed and certified as operational: making and advertising the order simply provides an opportunity for objections or representations to be made. Objections or representations relating to the order must be made in writing by 15th February 2021.

The Shropshire Council will be willing to discuss the concerns of those considering objecting or making representations relating to the order. Please contact Kate Nore, Land Charges & Planning Support Officer, Outdoor Partnerships, Shropshire Council, The Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND.

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. If any objections are made and not withdrawn then the council will have to refer the order/s to the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination.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/s itself but it has no power to modify orders.