



**Dorset
Council**

**Public Path Diversion
and
Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order**

**Highways Act 1980
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**

**Dorset Council (Part of Footpath 2, Swanage)
Public Path Diversion Order 2026**

This Order is made by Dorset Council ("the authority") under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 ("the 1980 Act") because it appears to the authority that in the interests of the owner of the land crossed by the footpath described in paragraph 1 of this Order it is expedient that the line of the path should be diverted.

This Order is also made under section 53A(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the 1981 Act") because it appears to the authority that the County of Dorset definitive map and statement require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in section 53(3)(a)(i) of the 1981 Act, namely, the diversion (as authorised by this Order) of a highway shown or required to be shown in the map and statement.

The National Trust has agreed to defray any compensation which becomes payable in consequence of the coming into force of this Order and any expenses which are incurred in bringing the new site of the path into a fit condition for use by the public.

Swanage Town Council has been consulted as required by section 120(2) of the 1980 Act.

BY THIS ORDER:

1. The public right of way over the land situate at Swanage parish and shown by a bold continuous line on the map contained in this Order and described in Part 1 of the Schedule to this Order shall be stopped up after 7 days from the date of confirmation of this Order or on the date which Dorset Council certify that work has been carried out to bring the site of the new highway mentioned in Part 2 of the Schedule to this Order into a fit condition for use by the public, whichever is the later and thereupon the County of Dorset definitive map shall be modified by deleting from it that public right of way.
2. Notwithstanding this Order, where immediately before the date on which the path is diverted in pursuance of this Order, there is apparatus under, in, on, over, along or across the path belonging to the statutory undertakers for the purpose of carrying out their undertaking then such undertakers shall continue to have the same rights in respect of their apparatus as they would have had if this Order had never been made.

3. There shall at the end of 7 days from the date of confirmation of this Order be a public footpath over the land situate at Swanage parish described in Part 2 of the Schedule to this Order and shown by a bold broken line on the map contained in this Order and thereupon the County of Dorset definitive map shall be modified by adding that path to it.
4. The County of Dorset definitive statement shall be modified as described in Part 3 of the Schedule to this Order.

SCHEDULE

(The points specified relate to the map attached to the Order and their positions are identified by national grid references)

Part 1

Description of site of existing path

Footpath 2, Swanage:

- A – B – C The full width of the path from the unaffected part of Footpath 2 at point A (SZ 02003 79747) generally west to point B (SZ 01996 97946) then generally north west to point C (SZ 01848 79870) then generally north to Point D (SZ 01844 79907) and north north west then north west to the unaffected part of Footpath 2 at point E (SZ 01674 80195).
– D – E
(No recorded width)

Part 2

Description of site of new path

Footpath 2, Swanage:

- A – F – G From the unaffected part of Footpath 2 at point A (SZ 02003 79747), approx. 12m north north west to point F (SZ 01999 79762) across a pedestrian bridge then approx. 214m generally north west to point G (SZ 01846 79904), approx. 6m west south west across the stream to point H (SZ 01841 79901) then approx. 338m north north west to the unaffected part of Footpath 2 at point E (SZ 01674 80195).
– H – E

Width 2.5m except pedestrian bridge at point F (SZ 01999 79762) width: 1m.

Part 3

Modification of Definitive Statement

Variation of particulars of path

Footpath 2, Swanage:

Delete:

From: 02087934 To: 010801

From junction with vehicular access road to Prospect Business Park north to Godlingston Road, then west to Copse.

Add:

From: 02087934 To: 010801

From junction with vehicular access road to Prospect Business Park north to SZ 02003 79747, approx. 12m north north west to SZ 01999 79762 across a pedestrian bridge then approx. 214m generally north west to SZ 01846 79904, approx. 6m west,

south west across a stream to SZ 01841 79901 then approx. 338m north north west to SZ 01674 80195 then north to Godlingston Road, then west to Copse.

Width 2.5m from SZ 02003 79747 to SZ 01674 80195 except pedestrian bridge at SZ 01999 79762 width: 1m.

Dated this 19th day of JUNE 2026

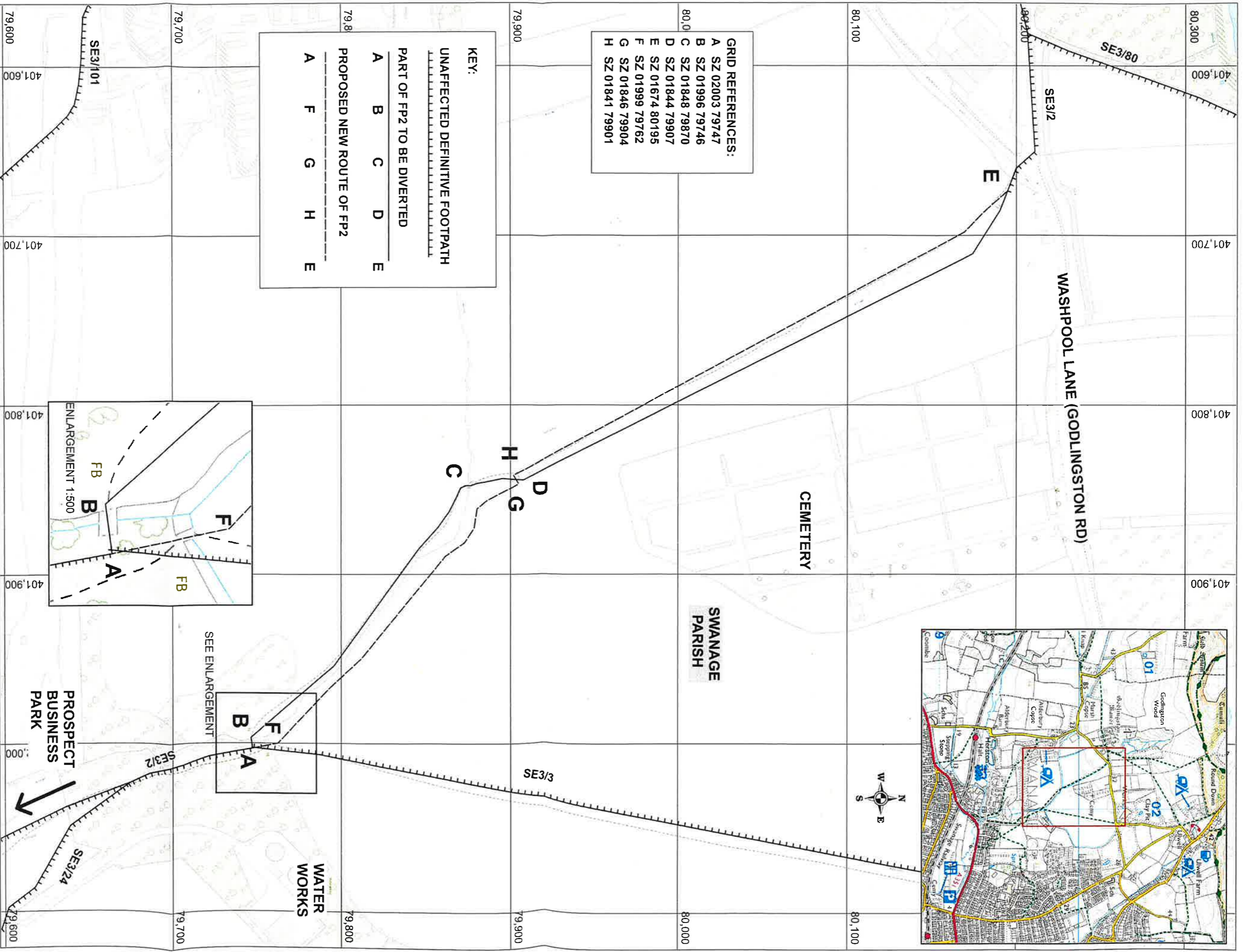
THE COMMON SEAL of
DORSET COUNCIL
was affixed in the presence of:-

Jonathan Fair



499/26

Authorised signatory



GRID REFERENCES:

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| A | SZ 02003 79747 |
| B | SZ 01996 79746 |
| C | SZ 01848 79870 |
| D | SZ 01844 79907 |
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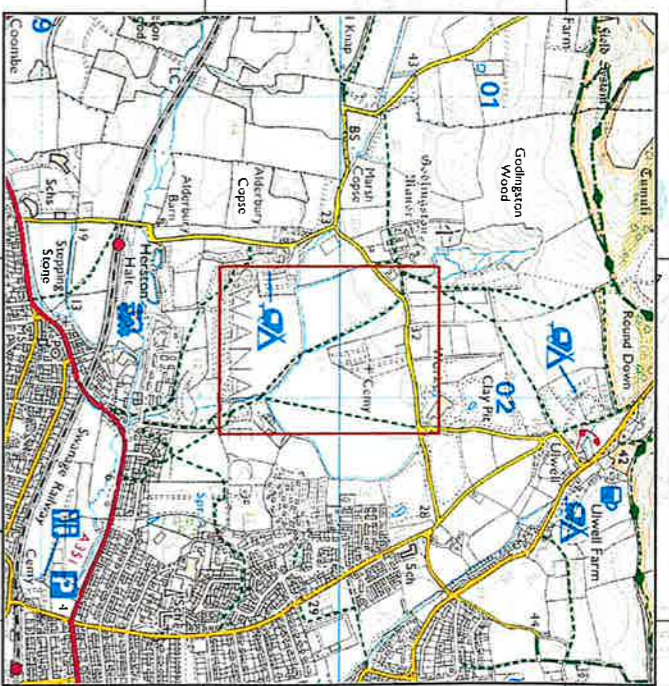
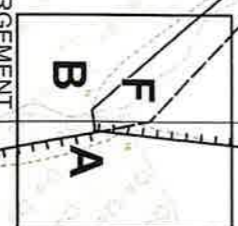
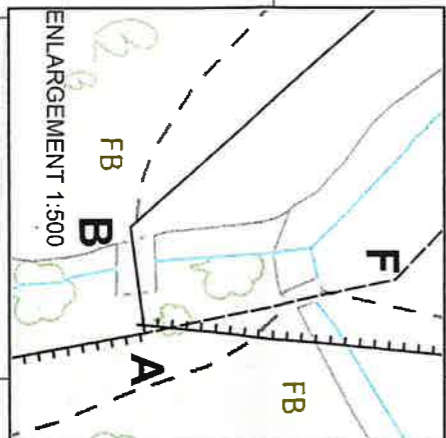
KEY:

UNAFFECTED DEFINITIVE FOOTPATH

PART OF FP2 TO BE DIVERTED

PROPOSED NEW ROUTE OF FP2

A F G H E



**DORSET COUNCIL (PART OF FOOTPATH 2, SWANAGE)
 PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2026**

Dorset Council

Ref: P282/26/2
 Date: 08/06/2026
 Drawn by: ASB
 Scale: 1:2000 @ A3
 Cent X: 401,842
 Cent Y: 79,964