

# **PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER**

**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980  
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

**WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH RL-522 (PART) (FORMERLY FOOTPATH No 19) IN THE  
PARISH OF ROUS LENCH**

## **PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2025**

This Order is made by Worcestershire County 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 public and owners of the land crossed by the footpath described in paragraph 1 of this order it is expedient that the line of the footpath 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 Worcestershire 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 applicant 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.

Wychavon District Council have been consulted about the making of the Order as required by Section 120(2) of the 1980 Act.

### **BY THIS ORDER:**

1. The public rights of way over the land situated at Rous Lench 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 on the date of confirmation of this order, and thereupon the County of Worcestershire definitive map and statement shall be modified accordingly.
2. Notwithstanding this Order any statutory undertaker as shall for the time being have statutory powers in that respect shall have the right to open up the land referred to in paragraph 1 to install, maintain or alter their apparatus.
3. There shall on the date of confirmation of this order be a public footpath over the land situated at Rous Lench described in Part 2 of the Schedule and shown by a bold broken line on the map contained in this Order, and thereupon the County of Worcestershire definitive map and statement shall be modified accordingly.
4. The County of Worcestershire definitive statement shall be modified as described in Part 4 of the schedule to this Order.

5. The rights conferred on the public under this Order shall be subject to the limitations and conditions set out in Part 3 of the Schedule.

Dated 4 September 2025

The Common Seal of Worcestershire County Council  
was affixed hereto in the presence of:- Laura Williams Principal Solicitor

## **SCHEDULE**

### **PART 1**

#### **Description of Site of Existing Footpath**

##### **FOOTPATH RL-522 (PART) (FORMERLY FOOTPATH No. 19)**

The length and entire width of RL-522 (part) in the parish of Rous Lench, to be diverted, commences at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) SP 0142 5332 (point A on the order plan) in a northeasterly direction for 44 metres to OSGR SP 0144 5336 (point B on the order plan).

The total distance of the section to be diverted is 44 metres.

### **PART 2**

#### **Description of Site of New Footpath**

##### **FOOTPATH RL-522 (PART) (FORMERLY FOOTPATH No. 19)**

The diverted length of RL-522 (part) in the parish of Rous Lench has a width of 2 metres and commences at OSGR SP 0142 5332 (point A on the order plan). The footpath proceeds in a northeasterly direction for 3 metres to OSGR SP 0142 5332 (point C on the order plan) before turning to the north northeast for 8 metres to OSGR SP 0142 5333 (point D on the order plan). The footpath then passes alongside a building, in a northeasterly direction, for 34 metres to rejoin the original footpath route at OSGR SP 0144 5336 (point B on the order plan).

The total distance of the diverted section is 45 metres.

### **PART 3**

#### **Limitations and Conditions**

##### **FOOTPATH RL-522 (PART) (FORMERLY FOOTPATH No. 19)**

**Position on path to which Limitations and Conditions apply**

**Limitations and Conditions**

None

### **PART 4**

#### **Modification of Definitive Statement**

##### **Variations of Particulars of Paths**

##### **FOOTPATH RL-522 (PART) (FORMERLY FOOTPATH No. 19)**

(Variations to definitive statement shown in bold, text to be removed struck through)

522 Formerly No. 19

Parish of Rous Lench District of **Wychavon (formerly Rural District of Evesham)**

Map Reference 35 S.W. N.W. and N.E.

**Definitive Map Reference – 05-9**

Classification Footpath

Length 0.63 miles (**1 Kilometre**)

Location

Commencing on the Rous Lench – Radford Road at a point 85 yards north-west of St. Peter's Church proceeding north-east to **OSGR SP 0142 5332**. **With a width of 2 metres, the footpath proceeds in a northeasterly direction for 3 metres to OSGR SP 0142 5332 before turning to the north northeast for 8 metres to OSGR SP 0142 5333. The footpath then passes alongside a building, in a northeasterly direction, for 34 metres to rejoin the original footpath route at OSGR SP 0144 5336. Then north-east and north for 100 yards before continuing in a north-easterly direction to end on Bridle Road no.18 at north-western corner of Slade Wood. North-west arm (north of farm) deleted following County Council's determinations.**

**Diverted under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 by order 2025**

Description General

Either gap (~~J~~), lane, ~~field~~ **pedestrian** gate (~~K~~), pasture, field gate (~~N~~), edge of pasture, field gate and bridle road 18 (~~G~~).

