

**Definitive Map Review 2008/09
Parish of Welcombe**

Please note that the following recommendation is subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

Report of the Executive Director of Environment Economy and Culture

Recommendation: It is recommended that it be noted that the Definitive Map Review has been completed in the parish of Welcombe and no modifications are required.

1. Summary

The report examines the Definitive Map Review in the parish of Welcombe.

2. Background

The original survey, under s. 27 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949, recorded twelve public footpaths and two public bridleways which were recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement, Bideford Rural District with the relevant date of 17 July 1963.

Footpath No. 7 was diverted by Public Path Order in 1980, a Legal Event Modification Order will be needed.

The review of the Definitive Map, under s. 33 of the 1949 Act, which commenced in the 1970s but was never completed, produced no proposals for change to the map in the parish of Welcombe at that time.

The Limited Special Review of Roads Used as Public Paths (RUPPS), also carried out in the 1970s, did not affect this parish.

3. Review

The current Review began in March 2008 with a public meeting held in the Village Hall (The Old School). A full public consultation was carried out in November and December 2008 and the review was advertised in the parish notice boards, village hall and shop, and in the North Devon Journal.

The responses were:

County Councillor Temperley	-	no comment
Welcombe Parish Council	-	no comment
Torrige Devon District Council	-	no comment
British Horse Society	-	supports diversion
Byways and Bridleways Trust	-	no comment
Country Land & Business Association	-	no comment
Open Spaces Society	-	no comment
Ramblers' Association	-	no comment

Trail Riders' Fellowship	-	no comment
Devon Wildlife Trust	-	supports diversion

No proposals emerged as a result of the consultation.

4. Diversions

During the course of the review two diversions were identified where the used line differs from that shown on the Definitive Map. The landowners and user groups have been consulted and support the formal diversion of the paths. The routes are:

Bridleway No. 3:	diversion of the eastern end onto a hardened track;
Footpath No. 4:	diversion of the mid section from the western side of a stream to the eastern side.

The diversions will be progressed under delegated powers.

5. Conclusion

It is recommended that the Members note that there are no proposals for modifying the Definitive Map in the parish of Welcombe. Should any valid claim be made in the next six months it would seem sensible for it to be determined promptly rather than be deferred.

6. Reasons for Recommendation/Alternate Options Considered

To progress the parish by parish review of the Definitive Map in Torridge.

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List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Ref.
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