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Your Ref: RWO 212
Our Ref: ROW/3281357

08 June 2022

Dear Mr Kisko,

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - Section 53
Order Making Authority: East Sussex County Council
Title of Order: East Sussex (Public Footpaths Hastings 425a, 425b, 425c, 425d, 425e)
DMMO 2021

I refer to my letter of 23 May in which I advised you that the above Order(s) would be determined by way of a hearing.

However, since that date the applicant has requested that the Order(s) be determined by way of a local inquiry. Having considered the request carefully, we have agreed to arrange an inquiry.

You will shortly be contacted by a member of staff from the team responsible for charting Inspectors about a suitable date and venue for the Inquiry. If you have not already done so, it would be helpful if you could provide the charting team with an estimate of the number of days the Inquiry is likely to run. The contact details for the charting team are as follows:

NAME TELEPHONE NUMBER EMAIL

Clive Richards 0303 444 5502 rightsofway2@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

For the reasons set out in paragraph 4.7 of our booklet, should you be aware in advance of any dates you are unavailable over the next 11 months, you should notify us by 22 June. Whilst we will do our best to avoid any dates you provide to us, we are unable to give any guarantees.

If your Council is proposing to take a neutral stance at the Inquiry, you will need to arrange for a person, usually the applicant or a supporter, to present the case for the Order(s). Before agreeing to any dates, please ensure that this person has confirmed that the date

and venue is acceptable to them. Please provide me with the details of this person as soon as possible so that I can send them information about the local inquiry procedure and the timetable for the submission of statements of case and proofs of evidence.

Please refer to the Inspectorate's Facility Note for Public Inquiries and Hearings to assist you in arranging a suitable venue. If parking will be limited at the selected venue, it would be much appreciated if a space could be reserved for the Inspector.

All parties to the local inquiry procedure are expected to abide by The Rights of Way (Hearings and Inquiries Procedure) (England) Rules 2007, which can be found at Annex A of our booklet Guidance on procedures for considering objections to Definitive Map and Public Path Orders in England. The procedure, which is also summarised in section 4 of the booklet, sets out the timetable for the submission of statements of case and proofs of evidence.

Yours sincerely,

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