

Dear Sir or Madam

On 6th December 2017, a section 31(6) Highways Act 1980 statement and map was entered onto the West Berkshire Council (WBC) section 31A Highways Act 1980 register, covering land owned by West Berkshire Council and managed by Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT).

A corresponding declaration has now been made and entered onto the section 31A Highways Act 1980 register, as required to complete the process under section 31(6) Highways Act 1980.

The process legally demonstrates that there has been no intention of dedicating any additional public rights of way over the affected land shown edged red on the seven attached plans (which are attached as one combine document) during the past three years.

Any public rights of way that existed across the land prior to December 2017 are not affected by the process.

There is no intention to alter access to any of these sites in relation to the above process, which is a standard process where multiple large areas are open to public access under one ownership.

Let me know if you have any queries or need any more information.

Kind regards

Stuart Higgins
Definitive Map Officer
Countryside West Berkshire Council Market Street Newbury RG14 5LD

This will not affect existing public rights of way that are already recorded on the West Berkshire Council Definitive Map and Statement, or any unrecorded public rights of way that can be proven to exist

**CA17 (Declaration) Notice Ref. 87
(West Berkshire Council Countryside sites)**

**Notice of landowner deposit under section 31(6)
of the Highways Act 1980 West Berkshire District Council**

An application to deposit a declaration under section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980 has been made in relation to the land described below and shown edged in red on the accompanying map.

PLEASE NOTE: Deposits made under section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980 may prevent deemed dedication of public rights of way under section 31(1) of that Act. For further information please see guidance at: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/rural/protected/greens/>

Description of the land(s): West Berkshire Council Countryside sites Audrey's Meadow, Greenham Common, Crookham Common, Hosehill Lake, Padworth Common, Snelsmore Common, Thatcham Reedbeds, Thatcham Nature Discovery Centre, edged in red on the accompanying plan. Post code, parishes and grid references described below.

MAP 1 Audrey's Meadow - Land to the south-east of Rosyth Gardens, Newbury, RG14 7WD, in the parish of Greenham (Grid Reference: 448623 165879)
MAP 2 Greenham Common - Land to the south of Bury's Bank Road, Greenham, Thatcham, RG19 8BY, in the parishes of Greenham (Grid Reference: 449471 164834)
MAP 2 and MAP 3 Land to the south of Thornford Road and north-west of Thornford Cottage Crookham Common, Thatcham, RG19 8EN, in the parish of Thatcham (Grid Reference: 451780 163992)
MAP 3 Crookham Common - Land between Old Thornford Road and Thornford Road RG19 8EL, parish of Thatcham (Grid Reference: 452222 164345)
MAP 3 Crookham Common - Land to the south of Bury's Bank Road, Greenham, Thatcham, RG19 8EW, in the parishes of Thatcham (Grid Reference: 451416 164622)
MAP 4 Hosehill Lake - Land south of Deans Copse Road, Sulhamstead, Reading, RG7 4BD, in the parishes of Burghfield and Sulhamstead (Grid Reference: 464903 169625)
MAP 5 Padworth Common - Land within the junction of the Rectory Road, Baughurst Road and Reading Road, Padworth Common, Reading, RG7 4JB, in the parish of Padworth (Grid Reference: 462003 164788)
MAP 5 Padworth Common Land south of the Baughurst Road and Reading Road, Padworth Common, Reading, RG7 4QG, in the parish of Padworth (Grid Reference: 462206 164697)
MAP 5 Padworth Common - Land north of the Baughurst Road, Padworth Common, Reading, RG7 4QN, in the parish of Padworth (Grid Reference: 462494 164928)

MAP 5 Padworth Common – pond/adjacent land to east of Padworth Common RG7 4QG (Grid Reference: 462612 164945), parish of Padworth
MAP 6 Snelsmore Common - northern part of Withy Copse, Winterbourne Holt, Winterbourne, Newbury, RG20 8AP, in the parish of Winterbourne (Grid Reference: 445785 171181)
MAP 6 Snelsmore Common - Land north of the A34 and west of the B4494, Snelsmore Common, Newbury, RG14 3BG, in the parish of Shaw cum Donnington (Grid Reference: 446276 170538)
MAP 6 Snelsmore Common - Land beside and to the east of the B4494, just south of the A34, Snelsmore Common, Newbury, RG14 3BG, in the parish of Shaw cum Donnington (Grid Reference: 46471 170122)
MAP 6 Snelsmore Common - Land beside and to the west of the B4494, just south of the A34, Snelsmore Common, Newbury, RG14 3BB, in the parish of Shaw cum Donnington (Grid Reference: 446346 170075)
MAP 6 Snelsmore Common - Land north of the A34 and east of the B4494, Snelsmore Common, Newbury, RG14 3BG, in the parish of Shaw cum Donnington (Grid Reference: 446454 170370)
MAP 7 Thatcham Reedbeds and Thatcham Nature Discovery Centre site (and lake), Thatcham, RG19 3FU, in the parish of Thatcham (Grid Reference: 450671 166960)
MAP 7 Thatcham Reedbeds and Nature Discovery Centre - Land south of main site and north of railway, south of Muddy Lane, Thatcham, RG19 3FU, in the parish of Thatcham (Grid Reference: 450540 166720)
MAP 7 Thatcham Reedbeds and Nature Discovery Centre - Land south of the railway, north of Kennet & Avon canal RG19 4NY, in the parish of Thatcham (Grid Reference: 450967 166387)

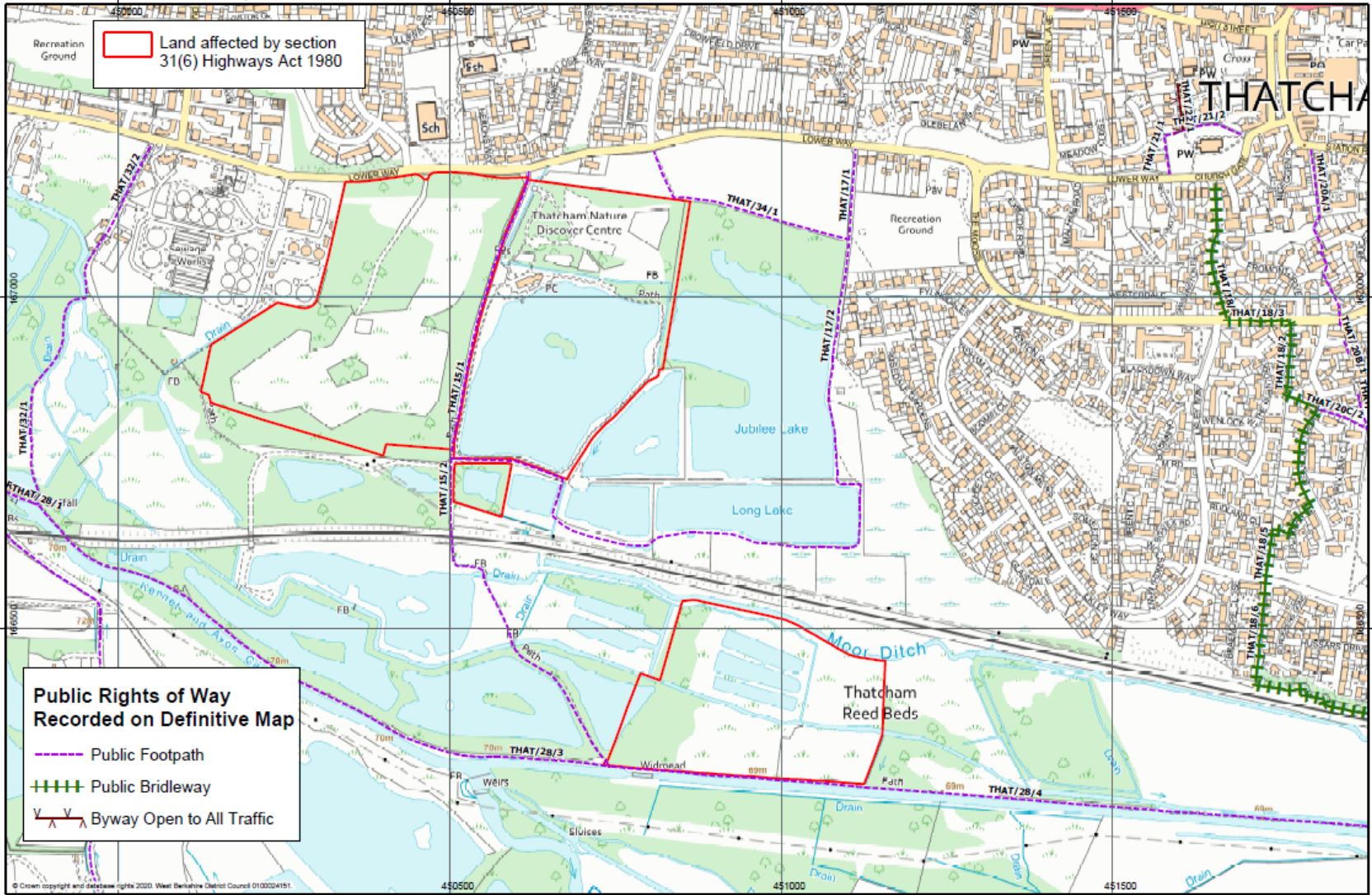
The declaration was signed by Jon Winstanley, Service Director (Environment), West Berkshire Council, Market Street, Newbury RG14 5LD. The declaration application was received by this authority on 29th December 2020.


The authority maintains a register of maps, statements and declarations deposited under section 31A of the Highways Act 1980. This register can be inspected free of charge 8:30am-5pm (Mon-Thurs) and 8:30am-4:30am (Fri) at the address below or online at: <http://info.westberks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=28888>

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MAP 7 Section 31(6) Highways Act 1980 Plan (ref. 87)
 Thatcham Reedbeds, Thatcham

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 Land affected by section 31(6) Highways Act 1980

Public Rights of Way Recorded on Definitive Map

-  Public Footpath
-  Public Bridleway
-  Byway Open to All Traffic

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