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Dear Sue

PRE-ORDER CONSULTATION - PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH SV-560 (PART) IN THE PARISH OF STOURPORT ON SEVERN UNDER SECTION 119 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

The County Council has received an application from Severn Trent Water to divert part of footpath SV-560 in the parish of Stourport on Severn. This proposal was originally the subject of a diversion, under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1981, processed by Wyre Forest District Council. Technicalities with planning amendments meant that the diversion no longer qualified under the Town and Country Planning Act legislation. Hence, the proposal was passed to the County Council for resolution under the Highways Act.

The current legal line of the path (coincident with the Severn Way) is inaccessible due to the construction of a water intake structure on the riverbank (part of the regional Birmingham Resilience Project). Thus, the only practicable way forward is to divert the right of way around the structure. The diversion will add approximately 15 metres to the overall length of the path, but the new section is wider, even underfoot and more resilient to flooding (i.e. a compacted stone surface).

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Please let me have your comments by **31 January 2024**. If I hear nothing by then I will assume you have no objection. Please note that views expressed at this stage in no way limit your right to object or comment when the order is formally advertised. A site visit can be arranged on request.

I should advise that the plan may not be totally accurate as regards fencing etc. although it is based upon the most up-to-date Ordnance Survey mapping available to the County Council.

Kind Regards

Tony Kerbey
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