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Dear Mr Porter

Highways Act 1980 – Section 118
Kent County Council
Proposed extinguishment of Public Footpath AU1, Ashford

The County Council has received an application to extinguish Public Footpath AU1 at Ashford. I enclose an extract from the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way (Network Copy) showing Public Footpath AU1 at Ashford and a larger scale map (1:2500) showing the proposed extinguishment.

The application has been made to extinguish the length of Public Footpath AU1 (Shown as a solid black line between points A and B on the attached plan). AU1 currently runs through the properties and gardens of 11 homes, and is obstructed by the boundary fences of the gardens and in some cases the buildings themselves. The termination points are obstructed by a private driveway on Sandyhurst Lane and a wired fence at its connection with AU2.

AU1 connects AU2 with Sandyhurst Lane. However, AU2 also connects directly to Sandyhurst Lane at a wide entrance with good visibility. AU2 also connects Sandyhurst Lane with the wider PROW network such as AU3, AU2A and AU210. The termination point of AU2 is on the same length of Sandyhurst Lane as AU1's termination point.

The legal test for making an order to extinguish the Public Footpath is that the route is not needed for public use and thus I would be pleased to receive your views on this proposal – using the form provided – before 27th March 2017

Yours sincerely

Mr William Barfoot

Public Rights of Way Officer – Definitive Map Team
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