

PLANNING, CONSULTATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda for the meeting to be held on **Tuesday**, **29 August 2023** at the **Ballroom**, **Sandbach Town Hall**, commencing **7pm**.

Committee Members: Cllrs Geraint Price Jones (Chair), Mike Muldoon (Vice Chair), Mark Mitchell, Tim Wheatcroft, Kelvin England, Simon Richards, Robert Gray, Dave Poole, Sandra Broad and John Arnold.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Meeting will be clerked by the Chief Officer.

Please ensure that all apologies are made directly to the meeting clerk no later than 5pm on the day of the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

The Chair of the meeting will adjourn the meeting to allow questions from members of the public relating to items on the agenda.

After the questions, the Chair will reconvene the Meeting.

If a member of the public wishes to speak to an item which is not on the agenda, we request that written confirmation of the question to be raised is received by the Chief Officer three working days prior to the meeting, via chiefofficer@sandbach.gov.uk

3. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 31ST JULY 2023

[Attached: Draft minutes of the meeting]

Action: To approve the minutes of the meeting of 31st July 2023.

4. OBSERVATIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Submitted WE 28.7.23 response to Cheshire East by 31.8.23.

Application received: 27-Jul-2023

23/2873C

15, Middlewich Road, Sandbach, CW11 1DH

Listed building consent for fire escape to the rear of the property and single storey extension

Application deadline: 31-Aug-2023

Submitted WE 04.8.23 response to Cheshire East by 31.8.23.

Application received: 31-Jul-2023

23/2841C

First Floor, 11B, High Street, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 1AH

Change of use from offices to Sui generis to be used as an appointment only tattoo studio. Placement of a simple shop sign above the front door where existing signage is currently.

Application deadline: 31-Aug-2023

Application received: 01-Aug-2023

23/2822C

Sandbach Primary Academy, Crewe Road, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 4NS Proposed Rear Extension to provide additional Classroom Accommodation

Application deadline: 31-Aug-2023

Submitted WE 11.8.23 response to Cheshire East by 30.8.23.

Application received: 08-Aug-2023

23/3017C

502, Crewe Road, Sandbach, CW11 3RL

Application for the change of use of industrial premises.

Application deadline: 06-Sep-2023

Application received: 09-Aug-2023

23/3021C

19, Victoria Street, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 1HB

Double Story extension with single story porch to rear of existing dwelling.

Application deadline: 30-Aug-2023

Submitted WE 04.8.23 last date for comments has expired.

[deadline extension requested]
Application received: 31-Jul-2023

23/2878C

Unit 2, Norton Way, Sandbach, CW11 3WL

Extension to existing industrial unit for B2 and B8 use.

Application deadline: 21-Aug-2023

[deadline extension requested]
Application received: 03-Aug-2023
23/2938C

18, Brookland Drive, Sandbach, CW11 2LX

Bungalow to house conversion

Application deadline: 24-Aug-2023

Submitted Appeals

Appeal Ref: APP/R0660/W/23/3320326

Application received: 02-Aug-2023

22/0882C

Land At, Wrights Lane, Sandbach

Erection of 25 no. dwellings with associated access, car parking, open space and

landscaping

Application deadline: 31-Aug-2023

Appeal Ref: APP/R0660/W/22/3313892

Application received: 21-Aug-2023

21/2412C

Land South Of, Old Mill Road, Sandbach

Reserved Matters for approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline approval 14/1193C for the erection of 160 dwellings, car parking, public open space and associated works

Application deadline: n/a

5. MODIFICATION ORDERS

5.1 Wrights Lane DMMO

[Attached: Site notice, order plan and explanatory notes for the DMMO at Wrights Lane, Sandbach.]

5.2 Dingle Lane DMMO

[Attached: Site notice, order plan and explanatory notes for the DMMO at Dingle Lane, Sandbach.]

6. CONSULTATIONS

6.1 Statutory Public Car Park Consultation

[Attached: Email from Cheshire East Council dated 04th of August relating to the Statutory Public Car Park Consultation and Pre-Consultation Engagement.]

Action: to consider and form response to consultation, to recommend to Full Council, by the 18th of October 2023.

6.2 Notice of Intention to Extend the Dog Fouling and Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order

[Attached: Email from CEC relating to the extension of the dog fouling and control Public Spaces Protection Order.]

Action: to consider and form response to consultation by the 6th of September 2023.

https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/DogPSPO/

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None Received

8. DATE/TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 23rd October at 7pm – location to be confirmed.



PLANNING, CONSULTATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Consultation & Environment
Committee held
at 7.00pm on Monday 31st July 2023
in the Sandbach Town Hall

Committee Members: Cllrs Geraint Price Jones (Chair), Mike Muldoon (Vice Chair), Mark Mitchell, Tim Wheatcroft, Kelvin England, Simon Richards, Robert Gray, Dave Poole, Sandra Broad and John Arnold.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Price Jones, Cllr Arnold, and Cllr Richards (due to personal reasons). Cllr Muldoon chaired the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Muldoon and Crane

Declared non pecuniary interest on items 4 (application ref 23/2474C) and 5.1 which they consider to be non prejudicial.

The Chair adjourned the meeting to allow questions from members of the public and visiting town councillors. Several residents attended the meeting.

Cllr Lindop commented on items 5.1 and 5.3 of the meeting, asking the committee to consider supporting 5.1 as he felt it met the Corporate Strategy criteria of supporting social isolation and creating a sustainable environment. He also asked the committee to fully consider providing the top up required to financially support the half day funding for the library as outlined in 5.3.

Cllr Cook also attended and presented a summary of issues based on her view of concerns of residents in regard to planning application 23/2474C.

The resident of the property, which was the subject of planning application 23/2474C, also spoke and outlined a number of responses to the concerns that had been raised both outside and within the meeting.

The Chair resumed the meeting.	

3. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 2023

[Attached: Draft minutes of the meeting]

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held 3rd July 2023 were approved as a

true record.

4. OBSERVATIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Submitted WE 07.7.23 response to Cheshire East by 24.7.23.

[deadline extension requested]

23/2482C

229, Crewe Road, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 4PZ

Variation of condition 2 on approval 21/0900C: Proposed two storey side extension with rear dormer windows single storey front porch extension and second storey rear extension.

Resolved: No objection.

[deadline extension requested]

23/2558C

Brook Farm, Crewe Road, Sandbach, CW11 3RZ

Conversion of single barn to residential use.

Resolved: No objection.

23/2474C

Land Adjacent 180, Middlewich Road, Sandbach

Proposed dwelling on land adjacent to 180 Middlewich Road, including formation of new bridge over pond to outbuilding (as confirmed under application reference 21/2317c), new access (approved under application reference 20/4052c) and associated works.

There was significant debate regarding this application following the comments made within the open public session of the meeting. The Town Council decided, on balance, not to provide comments at this stage and await the decision of Cheshire East Council.

Resolved: No Town Council comment.

23/2697T

Mature horse chestnut tree (T1 in sketch plan) Carry out a selective 2m to 1m reduction around the whole canopy. Reducing the Limbs hanging over the property by no more than 2m to create approx. 1m clearance from the property. And following this reduction around the rest of the tree to keep a natural balanced canopy. 2, Malt Kiln Way, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 1JL

Resolved: No objection.

Submitted WE 21.7.23 response to Cheshire East by 09.8.23.

23/2720C

Proposed part side, part rear extension to an existing house Brambletye, 1A, Manor Road, Sandbach, CW11 2ND

Resolved: No objection.

5. CONSULTATIONS

5.1 CEC Bus Support Criteria Consultation

[Attached: Email from Cheshire East Council dated 26th of June relating to the Bus Support Criteria Consultation.]

The committee endorsed the comments made by Cllr Lindop during public speaking and therefore supported the CEC proposals a) Contribution to carbon reduction to consider bus service carbon emissions, in line with the council's environment strategy and the authority's commitment to be carbon neutral by 2025 and its further pledge to make Cheshire East a carbon neutral borough by 2045; and b) Areas of deprivation covered by the bus route.

Cllr Wheatcroft noted that a transport link between the station and town centre should be prioritised, and the public should be encouraged to use the link. Cllr Muldoon noted that bus drivers should be encouraged to turn their engines off where possible to contribute to carbon reduction.

Resolved: To provide a submission supporting two of the three new criteria as described above.

5.2 Update on Proposed HS2 Changes

[Attached: Email from HS2 dated 03rd of July relating to a second set of proposed changes to the HS2 Crewe.]

Cllr Wheatcroft summarised the consultation, focusing on what he felt were the main implications for Sandbach. Some concerns were raised over a current lack of information preventing a fully informed position.

Resolved: Delegated authority was approved to the Clerk in consultation with Cllr Wheatcroft and Cllr Crane to form a draft letter for submission before deadline.

5.3 Sandbach Library Consultation

[Attached: CEC proposals.]

The final proposals were welcomed by the Committee, as the comments made to Cheshire East by members were broadly reflected in the final proposal. Members discussed providing a 'top up' to the CEC libraries budget which would ensure that they remain operational full time. Overall, the committee agreed that the decision should be made at the next Full Council meeting in the context of full cost and service provision implications.

Resolved: Delegated authority was approved to the Chief Officer to produce a fully costed report to be considered at the next Full Council meeting.

6. ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

[Attached: ChALC conference slides.]

Lead: STC Climate Change lead Cllr Tim Wheatcroft

Members considered the content of the ChALC Climate Change Conference, focusing on how the key points could be incorporated when considering future planning applications, in order to standardise and highlight awareness of any environmental impacts. Overall, members accepted that environmental impact should be considered in all future meetings alongside the standard planning objection criteria.

Additionally, the committee welcomed the proposal to commission a survey on the energy efficiency of the Town Hall, which will be carried out by CEC.

Resolved:

- i) The environmental impact of planning applications were agreed to be considered, as defined in the ChALC slides, at all future meetings alongside the standard planning objection criteria
- ii) The commitment to commission the CEC led and funding the review of Town Council buildings for energy efficiency was approved, at no cost to the Town Council.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None Received.

8. DATE/TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 29th August at 7pm – location to be confirmed.

Meeting closed 8.23pm Cllr M Muldoon CL/PG

Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Cheshire East Borough Council Definitive Map and Statement (Addition of Public footpath No.53, Town of Sandbach) Modification Order 2023

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Cheshire East Borough Council has a legal duty to record Public footpaths, Bridleways, Restricted Byways and Byways Open to All Traffic (BOAT's) on a Definitive Map and Statement. These documents provide conclusive evidence of the public's right of access. The Cheshire East Borough Council, being responsible for the Definitive Map and Statement, has a duty to amend them when evidence suggests that they are inaccurate or incomplete. Such amendments are made by Modification Orders under Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. These Orders do not come into effect until they are confirmed; if there are any objections which are not subsequently withdrawn, the Cheshire East Borough Council must refer the Order and objections to the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which will generally appoint an Inspector to decide whether or not to confirm the Order.

Cheshire East Borough Council has made a Modification Order under Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to add a Restricted Byway to the Definitive Map and Statement; Public footpath No.53 in the Town of Sandbach. This Order recognises the rights that the Authority believes already exist. This Statement has been prepared to explain various aspects of the Order.

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR MAKING THIS ORDER

This statement does not form part of the Order

The Cheshire East Borough Council has made the Order for the following reasons:

- 1. An application was made to Cheshire East Council on the 20th of September 2021 to add a Public footpath between Wrights Lane to Footpath No.14 in the Town of Sandbach. The application consisted of user evidence, a total of 19 user evidence forms were submitted demonstrating use on foot.
- 2. Documentary evidence was also considered in this case, this demonstrates the existence of the route as a Public footpath. Evidence includes the Sandbach Tithe Map 1841, Bartholomew's Maps of 1902, The Finance Act Map 1910, and historical Ordnance Survey maps.
- 3. With regard to the user evidence, under s.31(1) of the Highways Act 1980 a right of way can come into being by prescription unless there is evidence to the contrary. The use of the route by those on foot, horseback and cyclists

can be demonstrated by the witness evidence over the 20 year period 2001 to 2021. This use can also be supported by the significant length of use up to this period. The use provided has been frequent and regular and as it covers a long time period can be considered suitable for the acquisition of rights to have been demonstrated. Therefore at least Footpath rights exist.

- 4. The evidence in support must show, on the balance of probabilities, that Public footpath rights subsist along the claimed route. The balance of user evidence certainly supports the case that a public footpath, at least, subsists along the route and combined with the documentary evidence, that the route historically is evidenced to have had public footpath status.
- 5. It is considered that the requirements of Section 53(3)(c)(i) have been met and Cheshire East Council's Public Rights of Way Sub Committee agreed by majority that a Definitive Map Modification Order should be made to record a public footpath between Wright Lane to footpath No.14 Sandbach.

Objections or representations to the Order must be made <u>in writing</u> to the Public Rights of Way Unit by the <u>21st September 2023</u>, as explained in the public notice.

Objections or representations may be sent by email to prow@cheshireeast.gov.uk however they must be received on or before 31st August 2023.

To be relevant, objections and representations should be based on the existence or status of the route in question. Objections based on the issues of safety, suitability, privacy, security, amenity or the effects on the value of property may be held to be irrelevant.

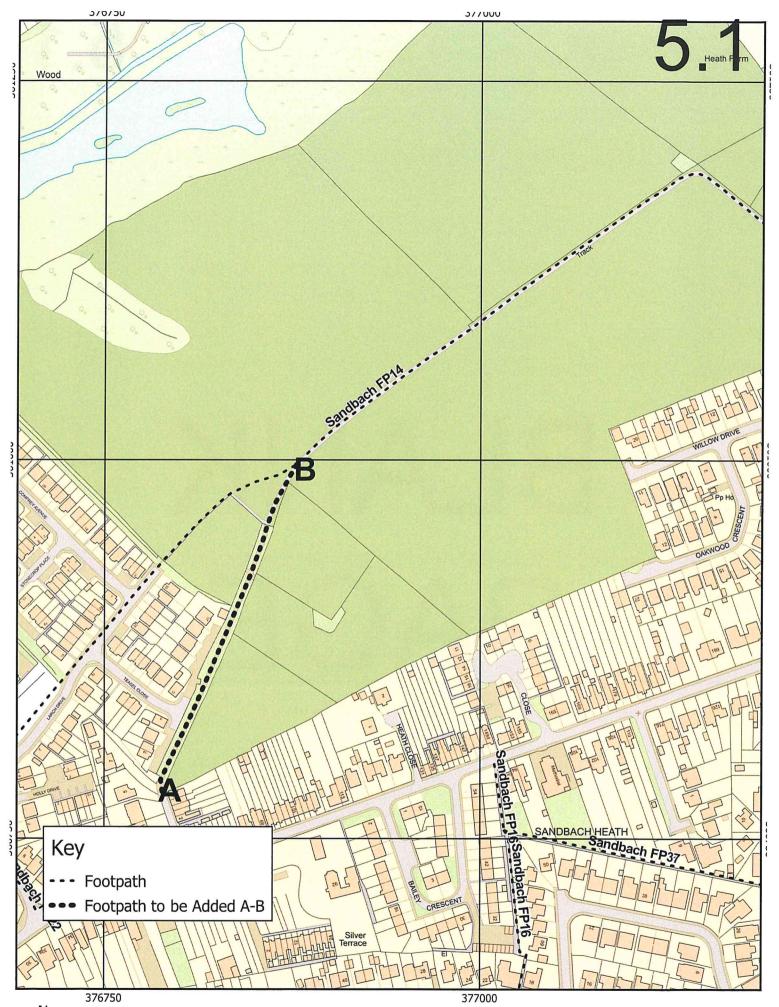
The right of objection is a statutory right but it should be exercised in a reasonable manner. The costs involved in dealing with objections are normally only awarded if it is shown that someone has behaved in an unreasonable manner.

The Cheshire East Borough Council is willing to discuss the concerns of those considering making objections or representations relating to this Order. Please contact the **Public Rights of Way Unit 01270 686029 or email prow@cheshireeast.gov.uk** Copies of the documentary evidence may also be consulted free of charge at the Unit during normal office hours, by appointment with an officer. The address is given below.

If there are no objections to the Order, or if any made are withdrawn, the Cheshire East Borough Council can confirm the Order and the Definitive Map and Statement will be modified. If there are objections which are not withdrawn, the Borough Council must refer the Order to the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. The Department will appoint an independent Inspector to consider the Order and hear objections, with or without holding a public inquiry. The Inspector may confirm the Order, with or

without modifications, or may decide that the Order should not be confirmed at all.

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Cheshire East Borough Council Definitive Map and Statement Addition of Public Footpath No.53 in the Town of Sandbach, Modification Order 2023.

Plan No.WCA/ 262/031A



NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER

Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Cheshire East Borough Council Definitive Map and Statement (Addition of Footpath No. 53, Sandbach) Modification Order 2023

The above Order, made on the 16th August 2023 is about to be submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation, or to be confirmed as an unopposed Order by Cheshire East Borough Council.

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modification, will be to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a Restricted Byway:

Commencing at the junction with Wrights Lane (road No UY2320) at OS grid reference: SJ 7678 6078 and running in a generally north- easterly direction for approximately 215 metres to OS grid reference: SJ 7687 6092, at the junction with Footpath No.14 Sandbach.

The effect of the order is illustrated on the plan attached to this notice.

A copy of the Order and Map has been deposited and may be seen free of charge during normal office hours in the Rights of Way Unit at the office of the undersigned, and at the offices of Cheshire East Borough Council, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ. Copies of the Order and the Map may be obtained free of charge from the offices of the undersigned.

Any representations or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to the undersigned, Public Rights of Way Unit, Municipal Buildings, c/o Delamere House, Delamere Street, Crewe, CW1 2LL or by email prow@cheshireeast.gov.uk no later than the 28th September 2023. Please state the grounds on which they are made. If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Cheshire East Borough Council may, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, confirm the Order itself. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State, any representations and objections that have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

DATED: 17th August 2023

Director of Governance and Compliance Public Rights of Way Unit Floor 2, Old Building, Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Cheshire East Borough Council Definitive Map and Statement (Addition of Public Footpath No.52, Town of Sandbach) Modification Order 2023

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR MAKING THIS ORDER

This statement does not form part of the Order

The Cheshire East Borough Council has made the Order for the following reasons:

- 1. An application was made to Cheshire East Council on March 2016 to add a Public Footpath to the section of unadopted part of Dingle Lane in the Town of Sandbach. The application consisted of user evidence, a total of 12 user evidence forms were submitted demonstrating use on foot.
- Documentary evidence was also considered in this case, this demonstrates the existence of the route known as Dingle Lane. Other evidence includes the Sandbach Tithe Map 1841, Bartholomew's Maps of 1902, The Finance Act Map 1910, and historical Ordnance Survey maps.
- 3. With regard to the user evidence, under s.31(1) of the Highways Act 1980 a right of way can come into being by prescription unless there is evidence to the contrary. The use of the route by those on foot, can be demonstrated by the witness evidence over the 20 year period 1996 to 2016. This use

can also be supported by the significant length of use up to this period. The use provided has been frequent and regular and as it covers a long time period can be considered suitable for the acquisition of rights to have been demonstrated. Therefore at least footpath rights exist.

- 4. The evidence in support must show, on the balance of probabilities, that Public Footpath rights subsist along the claimed route. The balance of user evidence certainly supports the case that a public footpath, at least, subsists along the route and combined with the documentary evidence, and historical evidenced.
- 5. It is considered that the requirements of Section 53(3)(c)(i) have been met and Cheshire East Council's Public Rights of Way Sub Committee agreed by majority that a Definitive Map Modification Order should be made to record a Restricted Byway along Watch Lane.

Objections or representations to the Order must be made <u>in writing</u> to the Public Rights of Way Unit by the <u>21st September 2023</u>, as explained in the public notice.

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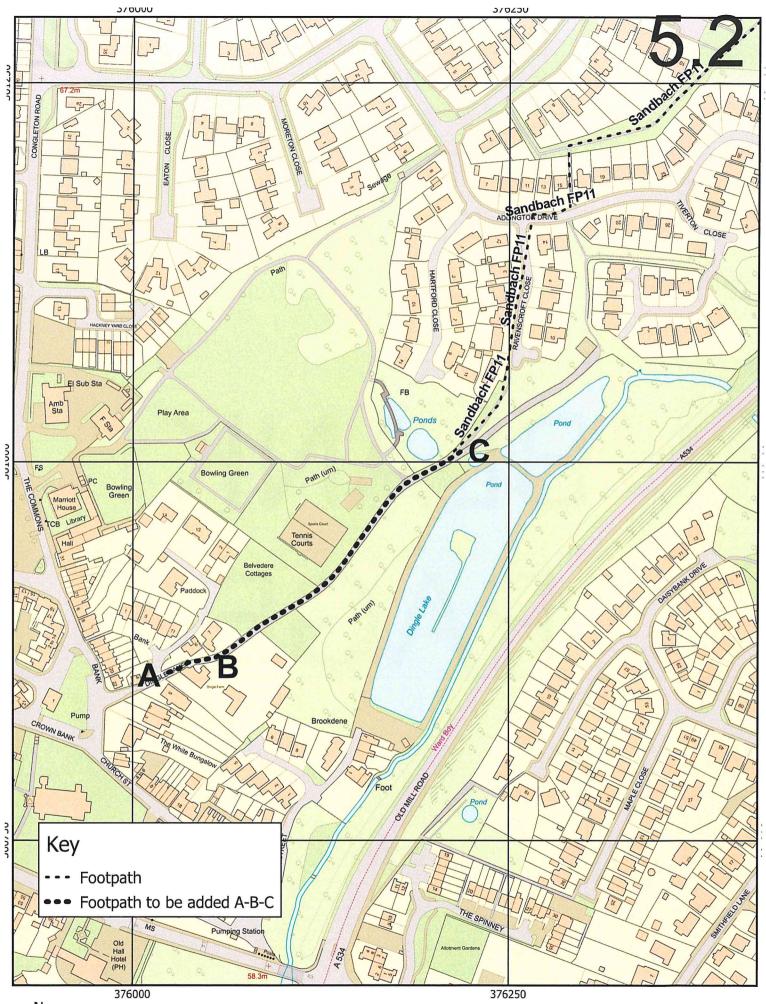
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The Cheshire East Borough Council Definitive Map and Statement, addition of a footpath from A-B-C, Town of Sandbach. Modification Order 2023.

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NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER

Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Cheshire East Borough Council Definitive Map and Statement (Addition of Public Footpath No. 52, Sandbach) Modification Order 2023

The above Order, made on the 16th August 2023 is about to be submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation, or to be confirmed as an unopposed Order by Cheshire East Borough Council.

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modification, will be to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a Restricted Byway:

Commencing at the junction with Dingle Lane (road No UY2126) at O.S grid reference: SJ 7602 6086 and running in a generally north- easterly direction for approximately 256 metres to OS grid reference: SJ 7625 6103 at the junction with Footpath No. 11 Sandbach.

The effect of the order is illustrated on the plan attached to this notice.

A copy of the Order and Map has been deposited and may be seen free of charge during normal office hours in the Rights of Way Unit at the office of the undersigned, and at the offices of Cheshire East Borough Council, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ. Copies of the Order and the Map may be obtained free of charge from the offices of the undersigned.

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DATED: 17st August 2023

Director of Governance and Compliance Public Rights of Way Unit Floor 2, Old Building, Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

TO ALL CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS / TOWN AND PARISH CLERKS

On Thursday 20 July, Cheshire East Council's Highways and Transport committee agreed a recommendation to consult the public on changes to car parking across the borough.

The Committee delegated authority to finalise proposals relating to a set of parking initiatives and to complete public and statutory consultation.

We are writing to advise you of the background to these proposals, the timescales for consultation, as well as to seek your views on current parking issues in your local area which you would want us to consider as we prepare proposals for public consultation.

Cheshire East Council is responsible for the operation, management and civil enforcement of on-street and off-street parking regulations in Cheshire East.

Current parking provision reflects legacy arrangements dating from before the formation of Cheshire East Council. These arrangements do not reflect the needs of all towns, they can be difficult for customers to understand and may not be considered to be fair across the whole borough.

The council faces significant financial pressures and must look to reduce budget pressures so that it can continue to provide essential frontline services. The Council's adopted budget includes efficiencies gained from a review of car parking.

In summary, the measures that would likely affect parking in your local area are:

- To implement pay and display parking charges on a more consistent basis across the borough, on a town-by-town basis, including the need for measures to manage any displacement of parked cars.
- To review parking tariffs at council-operated car parks and adjust for inflation since tariffs were last changed in 2018/19.

Your feedback:

We understand that there may be local issues affecting the use of car parks that can inform our approach. We invite you to advise us of these issues to inform the development of proposals for public consultation.

Examples of issues that may be relevant are the facilities in car parks, the balance between short/ long stay parking places, residents' concerns about inappropriate parking or on-street parking problems.

Please can you provide any comments by 5pm on Friday 25 August 2023 via email to consultationsparking@cheshireeast.gov.uk

This will provide officers with sufficient time to consider your comments and, as far as practical, make refinements to our proposals before the start of the statutory public consultation in September 2023.

Statutory Public Consultation

We intend to run the statutory public consultation from Wednesday 6th September 2023 to Wednesday 18th October 2023.

The proposals will be on display at each car park as well as in local newspapers, and on the council's website.

The proposals will also be available to view in local libraries and further information will be provided as part of press releases issued to the local media and promoted by the council.

During the six-week statutory public consultation period, every ward Councillor, town and parish council will be invited to make representations, alongside other stakeholders and the wider public.

Formal objections to any proposals should be made during the statutory consultation period.

This pre-consultation engagement is intended to capture any local considerations that you want us to be aware of prior to the statutory consultation period.

Kind regards,

Parking Services
Cheshire East Council



ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014 CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO EXTEND THE DOG FOULING AND DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

Notice is hereby given that Cheshire East Borough Council ('the Council') for the purposes of reducing anti-social behaviour proposes to extend the Borough wide Dog Fouling and Dog Control Public Space Protection Order (the 'PSPO') using its powers under Section 60(2) Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the 'Act') and of all other enabling powers.

The PSPO took effect on 1st November 2017, was extended for 3 years in October 2020 and, unless extended again, will expire at midnight on 31st October 2023.

Section 60(2) of the Act gives the Council a discretionary power to extend the PSPO if, in addition to having regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly set out in articles 10 and 11 of the Convention, it is satisfied on reasonable grounds that an extension is necessary in order to prevent after that time, the occurrence or recurrence of, or an increase in the frequency or seriousness of, the activities identified in paragraphs (a) to (d) of the Introduction to the Order.

In accordance with its duty under Section 72(3) of the Act, the Council would like to seek your views on the proposed extension of the PSPO, a copy of which can be viewed on our website: Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO's) (cheshireeast.gov.uk). Paper copies of the draft order can be requested by contacting the ASB Team on any of the contact details below.

Submitting your comments

Our Consultation opens at **9am on Monday 24th July 2023** Please use the link or scan the QR code below to complete our short consultation in relation to our intentions around the extension of this order: https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/DogPSPO/

For any queries about this consultation, e.g., if you would like to receive this Notice in an alternative format or submit your response in a different way (request a paper copy or to complete over the phone), please contact the ASB Team via phone on: **0300 123 50 30** (please note that this contact number is a voicemail only facility which is regularly checked) or via email: **asbteam@cheshireeast.gov.uk** or in writing to:

Anti-Social Behaviour Team Partnerships Office Floor 3 Divisional Police HQ Civic Centre Crewe CW1 2DQ



Please submit your consultation response by 12pm on Wednesday 6th September 2023

Post consultation: At the closure of the formal consultation period, the Council will review all comments and or objections. Having regard to the statutory criteria, the Council will make a decision to either extend the PSPO for a further three years to midnight on 31st October 2026 or such shorter time as it may consider appropriate, or alternatively to allow the order to lapse. **Your confidentiality is assured** Any personal information you supply will remain strictly confidential and will be used in line with the Data Protection Act 2018. To find out more about how we use your information see our <u>Privacy notice</u> (cheshireeast.gov.uk)