



Catherton Common Site of Special Scientific Interest, SSSI (“the SSSI”)

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO CARRY OUT AN OPERATION

Section 28E(1)(a) Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended and inserted by section 75 and Schedule 9 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000)

On behalf of the below-named person(s), Natural England has prepared this Notice of Proposal to carry out, cause or permit an operation (or operations) specified in the SSSI’s notification. That operation (or operations) will be lawful if carried out, caused or permitted by the below-named person in the manner and on the land specified below once this document is signed by or for the below-named person(s) and for Natural England.

Name and address of owner(s) or occupier(s):

Shropshire Wildlife Trust, 193 Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6AH

Work to be undertaken by Chris Bargman, Clee View Bridleways Group

I/we give notice under Section 28(E)(1)(a) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 of my/our proposal to carry out cause or permit to be carried out the operation(s) specified below on the land specified below:-

Specified operations:

To make create a new permissive bridleway across one corner of Catherton Common, which will take away the need for horse riders to go out onto the road. This has obviously already been in use for some time and a permissive route was agreed with Shropshire Council. Although Natural England were not consulted at the design stage it is evident that this is desirable for wider access and does not appear to damage the interest of the SSSI

Details of proposed operations:

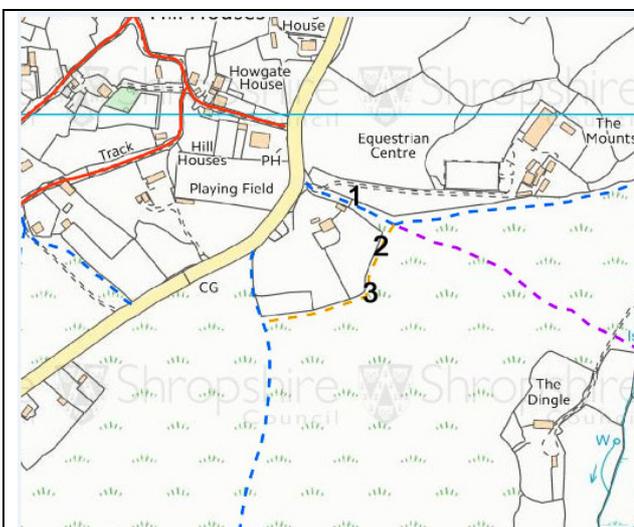


Plate 1: details of location of proposed works

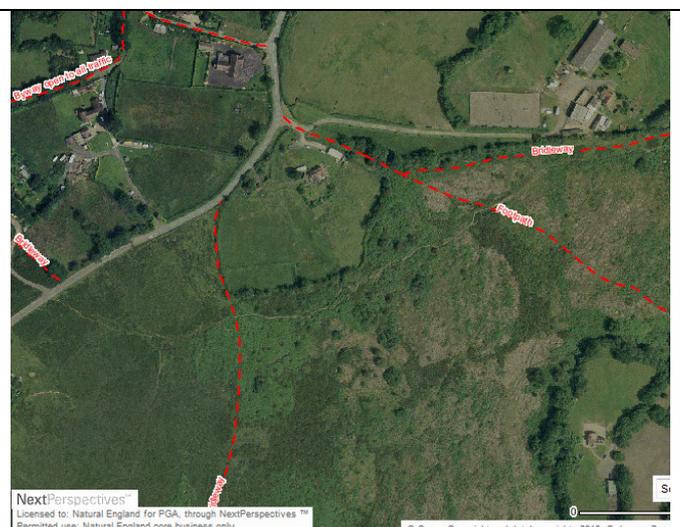


Plate 2: existing rights of way and aerial photography showing vegetation

1 – This is by the gate that goes onto the common. This gets very wet by the gate. We will put in a short section of 4" lateral land drain (approx. 6m) by the gate which will drain into a ditch along the hedge line and cover the pipe with drainage gravel and local stone.

2 – We will clear out the existing open ditch that goes along the hedge line.

3 – The property in the field above the route have put in a large pond (does not show on the map). The outflow from this empties onto the common at point 3. We will install a short section (approx. 6m) of land drain to take this water under the route and cover it with gravel and local stone.

There should be no increase in the overall width of the path and all materials will be sensitively sourced. The only impact on drainage will be to dry out the actual path itself but it will not affect the surrounding drainage.

Visual impact will be minimal and the route is not suitable for 4 wheel drive vehicles as it will be too narrow. The council rights of way officer was made aware of our plans.

Timing of proposed operations:

Summer/Autumn 2013

Land on which operations are to be carried out:

See map above

Signed for owner(s) or occupier(s):

Date:

CONSENT OF NATURAL ENGLAND

Section 28E(3)(a) Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended and inserted by section 75 and Schedule 9 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000)

Natural England gives you consent to carry out, cause or permit to be carried out, the operations specified above on the land specified above.

If you wish to change the proposed operations or their location or to carry out additional operations for which consent has not yet been given, or if a time period given in the notice, above, has expired, you are required to give further written notice to Natural England.

Unauthorised operations may destroy, damage or disturb features of special scientific interest.

It is the responsibility of the grantee of this consent to ensure that no other consents, whether of a public or a private nature, are needed and, if needed, to secure them him/herself. The grantee is also responsible for carrying out the consented operation(s) safely and in all ways according to the law.

Signed for Natural England :

Date:



2nd Floor, Parkside Court, Hall Park Way, Telford, TF3 4LR
Tel: 0300 060 0689

If you have any queries or concerns over this consent, please contact Frances McCullagh, at the above address.

Reference number of operations from SSSI notification documents, for Natural England's use only:

7 Dumping, spreading or discharge of any materials.

11 The destruction, displacement, removal or cutting of any plant or plant remains, including tree, shrub, herb, moss, lichen, leaf-mould and turf.

13a Drainage (including the use of mole, tile, tunnel or other artificial drains).

21 Construction, removal or destruction of roads, tracks, walls, fences, hardstands, banks, ditches or other earthworks, or the laying, maintenance or removal of pipelines and cables, above or below ground.