

## **Highways Act 1980**

### **The Proposed Diversion of Footpaths Heddington 20A and Calne 20A**

Wiltshire Council is consulting on the public path diversion of Footpaths Heddington 20A (HEDD20A) and Calne 20A (CALN20A). The proposal is to divert HEDD20A from point A to point B shown on the attached plan with a continuous black line, a distance of approximately 145 metres with no recorded width, to a new route from point A to point B shown with a dashed black line, a distance of approximately 340 metres with a recorded width of 3 metres. Also to divert CALN20A from point B to point C shown on the attached plan with a continuous black line, a distance of approximately 18 metres with a recorded width of 3 metres, to a new route from point B to point C shown with a dashed black line, a distance of approximately 27 metres with a recorded width of 3 metres.

The application to divert HEDD20A has been made by the Countryside Access and Development Officer on behalf of the Countryside and Rights of Way Team in the interests of the public. The application states *“The application is made in the interest of the public by diverting HEDD20A to a route that follows the field edge. It is intended to surface 2 metres of the 3 metre path with a hoggin surface funded by section 106 monies, which will provide an improved all-weather path for all users. The current cross field route of HEDD20A is subject to arable farming practices with the surface being cultivated. The footpath links two residential estates, Cherhill View and Stoke Meadow. HEDD20A forms part of a network of public rights of way which links the Cherhill View estate with Kingsbury Green Academy, Calne’s only secondary school. HEDD20A will be able to be used as an alternative to walking along a section of the A4 for the school children. HEDD20A also forms part of a traffic free route to Calne Community Campus. A new medical centre has been approved on the north side of Silver Street. Wiltshire Council are also in receipt of a planning application for up to 170 dwellings to the north of Silver Street if granted planning permission this will place even more demand on the public rights of way network on this side of Calne. The diversion of HEDD20A will provide an opportunity to also improve the surface of CALN11. The public footpath will be able to be used as a traffic free route on the west side of Calne and could be incorporated into the Walking for Health walks.”* A new footbridge will be installed crossing the water course and a step-free approach to the bridge will be provided, improving access for all users.

When Cherhill View was built a hard surface path was extended approximately 12 metres from the currently recorded termination point of CALN20A and CALN75A which continues to the footbridge at HEDD20A, this extended path is the used route on the ground. The current recorded route has the path angled south east, which can be seen on the plan with a continuous black line from points B to point C. This recorded route is not available and would require extensive clearance works of a great crested newt habitat, therefore, this minor diversion, shown on the plan from point B to points C with a black dashed line, would align the recorded route of the definitive map with the functional walked route on the ground.

If you would like to make any observations or representations regarding the proposals, I would be very grateful if you could reply to me via email, no later than 21 May 2026.

Kindest regards,

Ali

*Please note that any responses to this letter will be available for public inspection in full.  
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<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recreation-rights-of-way>*

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