

**From:** Bacon, Jonathan [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Definitive Map Modification Order - Claimed Public Right of Way, Bembridge, Isle of Wight  
**Date:** 18 June 2021 at 00:11  
**To:** Sarah Manchester [REDACTED]

Dear Sarah

Thank you for the email below and apologies for my delay in responding.

This is a proposal I have been aware of for a considerable time. I am also aware of what I believe is an impressive collection of evidence that I understand has been submitted in support of the proposed route.

I am fully in support of the suggested modification, which I believe is supported by the evidence and will be of great benefit to the local community.

I hope that the modification can move to being approved as soon as possible.

Jonathan Bacon

**From:** Sarah Manchester [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 May 2021 13:03  
**To:** Bembridge Parish Council [REDACTED]; Robertson, Joe [REDACTED]; Bacon, Jonathan [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Clarke, Darrel [REDACTED]  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**CONSULTATION: SECTION 53 – WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981  
Proposed Addition of Public Footpath/Bridleway on the Disused Railway Line,  
south of Embankment Road, Bembridge**

Public Rights of Way are recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement which provide conclusive evidence of the existence of public rights. The Isle of Wight Council (IWC) is responsible for the Definitive Map and Statement for the Isle of Wight and has a duty to amend it when evidence suggests that it is inaccurate or incomplete. Such amendments are made by Modification Orders made under Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

The IWC Rights of Way service has received an application for a Definitive Map Modification Order seeking to add a public right of way to the Definitive Map and Statement at Bembridge. The claimed route is shown on the attached plan. The route follows the disused railway between Points A-B-D, and connects the disused railway with Embankment Road between Points B-C and D-E. The application is made on the grounds that the extent and nature of the public use of the route has been sufficient to support the presumption that the route has been dedicated as a public right of way.

I am working with Darrel Clarke, Rights of Way Manager at IWC, on the processing of this application. Before the application is considered by the Council, I am undertaking

this application. Before the application is considered by the Council, I am undertaking a preliminary consultation with the Parish Council and local Councillors. Please send any comments, or any evidence in support or rebuttal of this application, to me at [REDACTED] by **Friday 18 June 2021**. If you would like to comment, but are unable to do so by this date, please let me know. You will be further notified of any Order that is subsequently made.

If you require any further information regarding the above matter, please contact me.

Kind regards,

Sarah Manchester  
on behalf of Isle of Wight Council

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