

Coddenham Parish Council



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Dear Pippis Ford Resident

Possible Diversion of Footpath Coddenham 27 and Creeting St Mary 57

Coddenham Parish Council would like to gauge the amount of interest amongst the owners of the land over which footpath Coddenham 27 and Creeting St Mary 57 passes into proposing a diversion of the path.

The route of the footpath is shown on the brown extract of the definitive map and for clarity on the map produced by Suffolk County Council. A green dotted line has been superimposed on the definitive map below showing a possible diversion of the path. The exact route of a proposed diversion is open for discussion. Coddenham Parish Council is willing to sponsor a diversion application but would expect all land owners affected to contribute financially to the cost of the statutory process to make a legal diversion.

In order for the council to gauge the interest of landowners, it would be appreciated if you could respond to the following questions:

- Would you support a diversion application?
- Would you be willing to contribute to the costs of the legal process? It is difficult to determine exactly how much this would be but it is possibly in the region of £5000 in total.

It would be helpful to the parish council if you could identify the parcels of land that you own and indicate any other landowners that you think might be affected by this proposal.

Some back ground information is included.

Once responses from land owners have been received, the parish council will consider its next step at a public council meeting. All land owners affected will be notified in advance of the meeting at which the matter will be discussed.

In the interests of transparency, it is declared that Donald Burton, a Coddenham parish councillor, is the owner of a field at Pippis Ford.

Yours faithfully

Maggie Burt








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FOR LEGAL PURPOSES PLEASE REFER TO THE DEFINITIVE MAP.




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	Public Footpath
	Bridleway
	Restricted Byway
	Byway
	Definitive Map Parish Boundary

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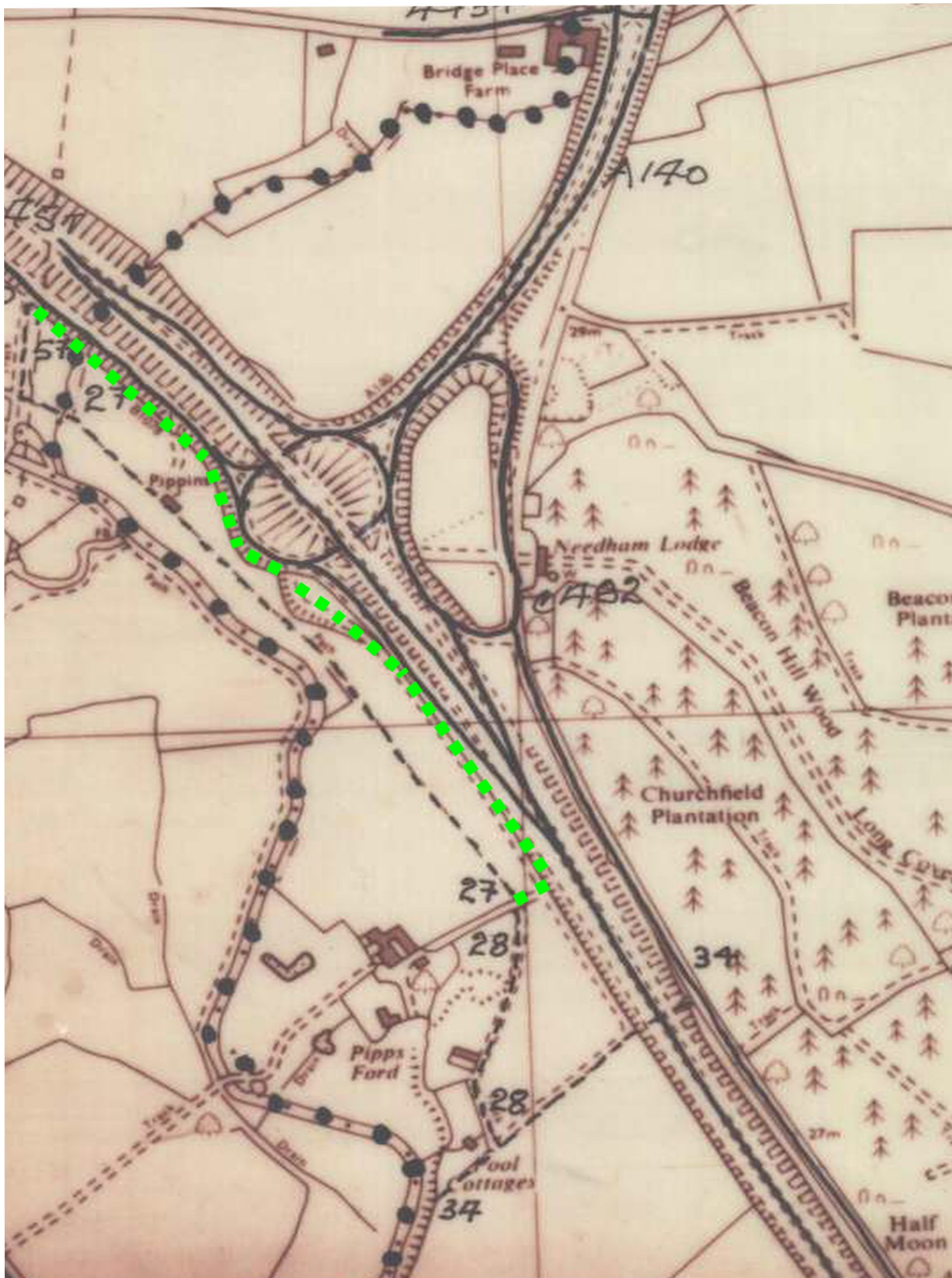
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Extract from the Definitive Map

Present route shown by black dashed lines. Possible diverted route shown by green dashed line.

Parish boundary shown by black dots



Background Information

The route of a public right of way remains for all time as that shown on the definitive map unless legally diverted or extinguished.

The fact that a right of way route has not been walked for many years by anyone does not extinguish the right of way.

The existing route of the right of way is currently blocked by a number of fences without gates or styles and by a missing bridge over the water course which emanates from a culvert under the A14 and Kettle Lane and joins the river Gipping. This water course also forms the boundary between Coddham and Creting St Mary Parishes.

Suffolk County Council is responsible for the missing bridge but we believe that it currently has no plans to install a new bridge.

Land owners are responsible for building gates or styles to permit users of the right of way to pass through the fences that have been erected across the route.

Any application to divert a public right of way goes through a statutory process and all interested parties are invited to contribute to the discussion and can raise objections to proposed new route. Objections can result in a public enquiry being held in front of a planning inspector.

The alternative route proposed for possible consideration moves the right of way to follow existing private tracks and the verge of the A140 roundabout and Kettle Lane. The start and end points of the proposed new route remain unchanged from the current route.

The owners of the land over which the new route of the right of way would pass have to agree to the diversion.

The owners of the land over which proposed diversion route will pass are:

- Suffolk County Council (Kettle Lane Verge and A140 Beacon Hill roundabout verge)
- National Highways (part of private access road from A140 roundabout to approximately the entrance to new construction training centre)
- Unknown ownership (access road from new construction training centre to junction with Pipp's Ford turning and the access road to Pipp's Ford)

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