

ANNEX 1

Dear Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common Parish Council,

PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION: Public Path Diversion Order

Path Number: 59Hu

Parish: Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common

I intend to apply to West Sussex County Council for an Order under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 to divert footpath 59Hu.

Full details of my proposal are set out in the attached report and plan.

As part of the decision-making process the County Council requires that I contact you and other interested parties to ascertain your views before an application is made. If, following the County Council's consideration of these views a Path Order is published, a 28-day public objection period will be included as part of the statutory order making process.

I would be happy to meet you by appointment to discuss the proposal on site if required.

Prior notice of intention to inspect proposed paths-

It is essential that you give notice of your visit please so that access arrangements can be agreed. Please contact me on **David Davies 07508917834** to arrange a convenient time.

You may comment on the proposal by completing the following form. Please return to me by **7th July 2025** at the address below. I will ensure that it is sent to the County Council as part of my application.

Yours sincerely



David Davies

Campus Manager

Consultation Comments form

Please select one of the statements below and provide comments if necessary.

		Comments
☐	No objection	
☐	Objection	

Signed.....

Print name.....

Position.....

Date.....

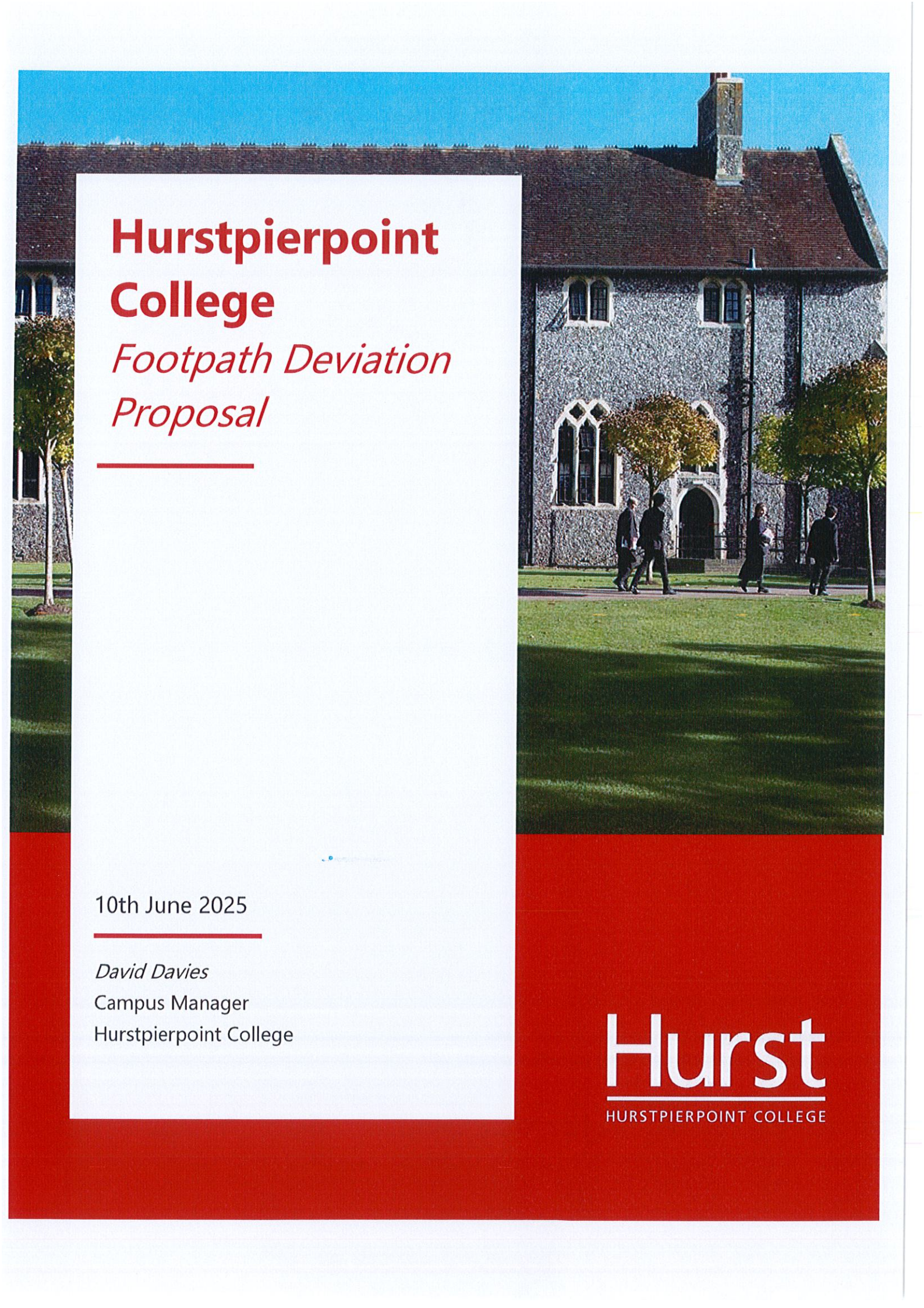
Please return by: 7th July 2025

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ANNEX 1 - CONSULTATION REPORT TEMPLATE

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Path Number	<u>59Hu</u>
Parish	
Please see the attached proposal for you to review.	
The proposal Please see the attached proposal for you to review.	
The reasons (grounds) for the diversion/extinguishment Please see the attached proposal for you to review.	

The background of the document is a photograph of Hurstpierpoint College. It shows a large, two-story building with a dark tiled roof and a prominent chimney. The building's facade is made of light-colored, textured stone or concrete. There are several windows, some with white frames and Gothic-style arches. In the foreground, there is a green lawn with shadows cast by trees and the building. A few people are walking on a path in front of the building. The sky is clear and blue.

Hurstpierpoint College

Footpath Deviation Proposal

10th June 2025

David Davies
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Hurstpierpoint College

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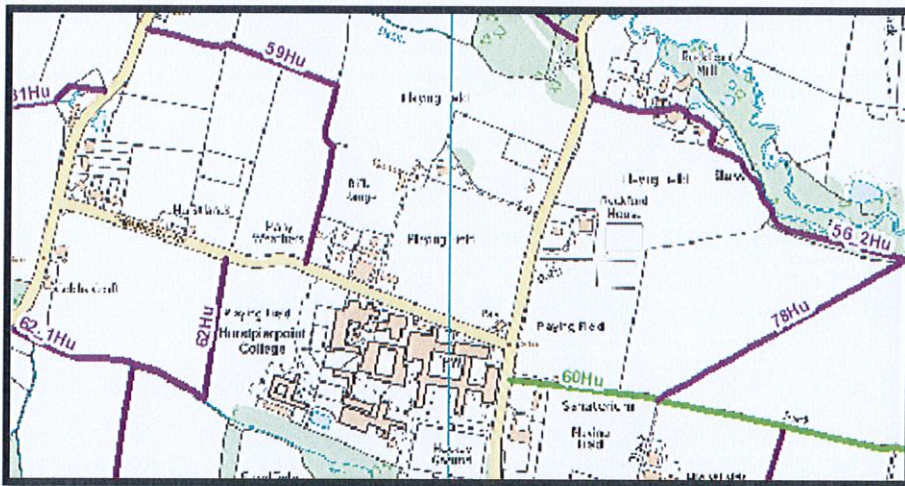
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Situation

Hurstpierpoint College (BN6 9JS) is a private school within the Woodard Cooperation. It sits roughly 2 miles from Hassocks and 4 miles from Burgess Hill. The College is set within 150 acres of land, consisting of large academic buildings, boarding houses, maintenance structures and staff accommodation. Of the 150 acres, 60 acres are grass playing fields.

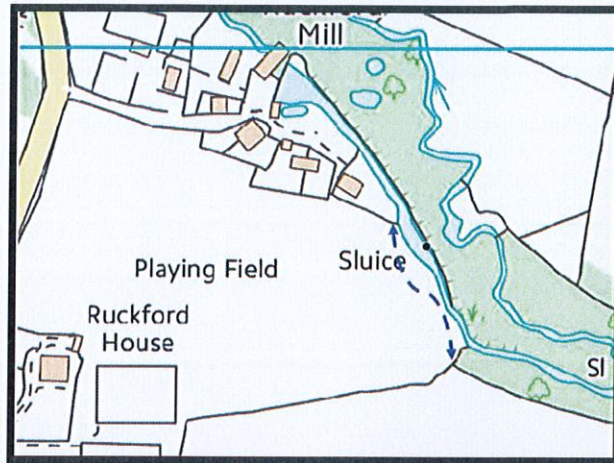
The College currently has 3 footpaths and 1 bridle path crossing its premises, according to the WSCC definitive map. (*Footpath 59Hu, 56_1Hu, 56_2Hu and Bridle Path 60Hu*).



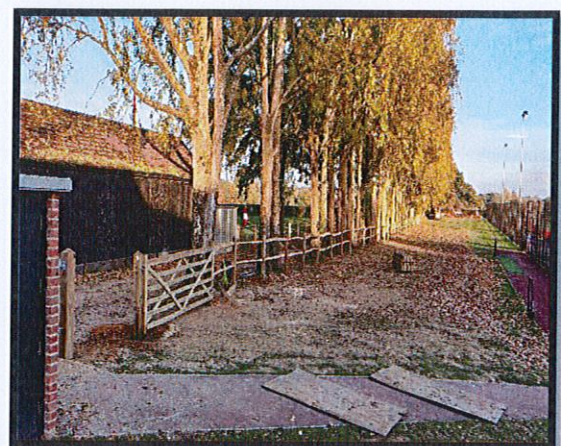
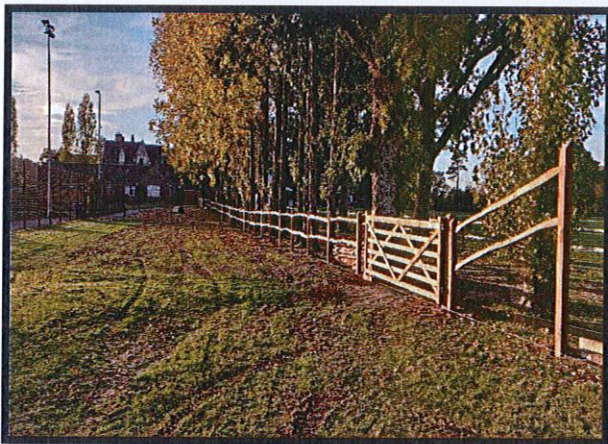
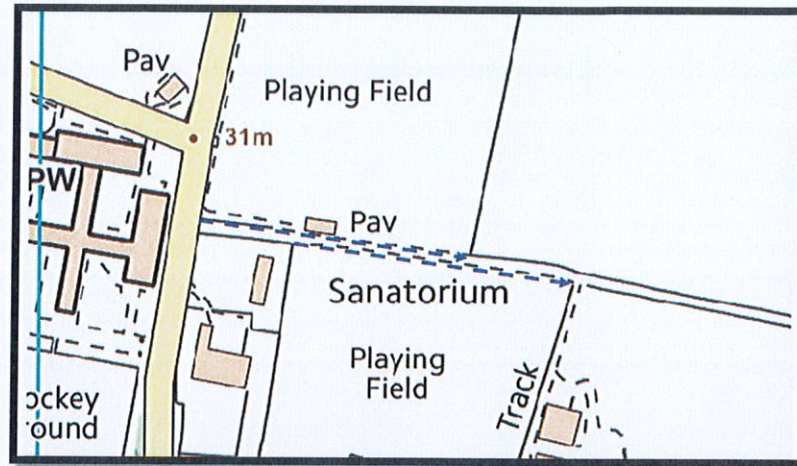
The College has had many incursions on its land as a result of the public not following the marked and signposted footpaths/bridle path. Some of these have been theft/vandalism and/or criminal damage. The College reports all incidents to the police and crime reference numbers can be sent to WSCC if required. All CCTV footage and photos of any incidents are kept for the police, if the reports go further.

The College has put measures in place to channel the public to use the correct footpaths by installing smart and rural-looking post and rail fencing, leaving a 2m wide gap from the edge of the pitches to the hedge on the perimeter. These have been installed along *Footpaths 56_2Hu* and *59HU*, and *Bridle Path 60Hu*. Attached are map extracts of the locations and photographs of the post and rail fencing.

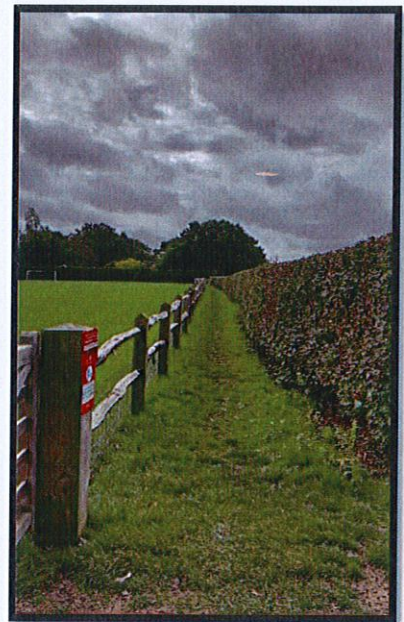
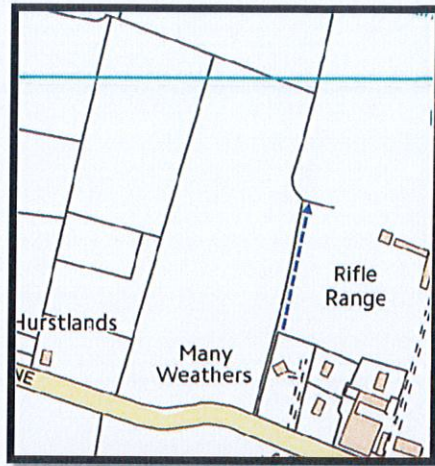
Post and Rail along *Footpath 56_2Hu*



Post and Rail along *Bridle Path 60Hu*



Post and Rail along *Footpath 59Hu*



Proposal

The College would like to propose moving a small section of *Footpath 59Hu* from the eastern side of Manyweathers field to the western side (WSCC IMAP refers to the field as 'Manyweathers', but the College calls this field Danworth Field). Attached is a sketch of the proposed footpath deviation, denoted by the red dashes and also photos of the route for the proposed footpath.

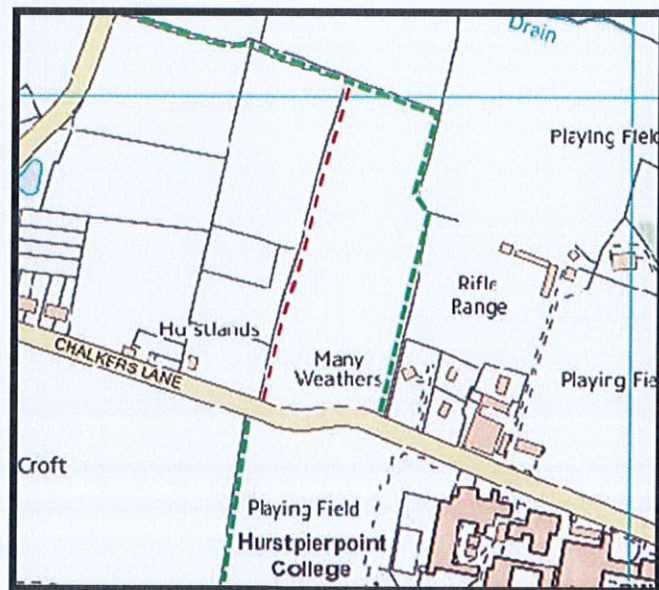
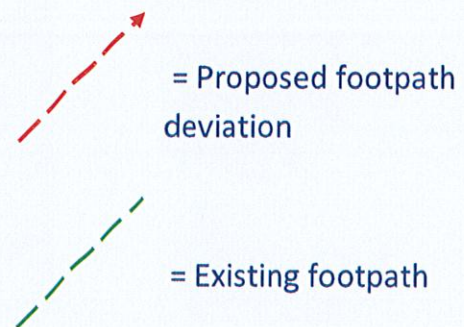


Photo 1

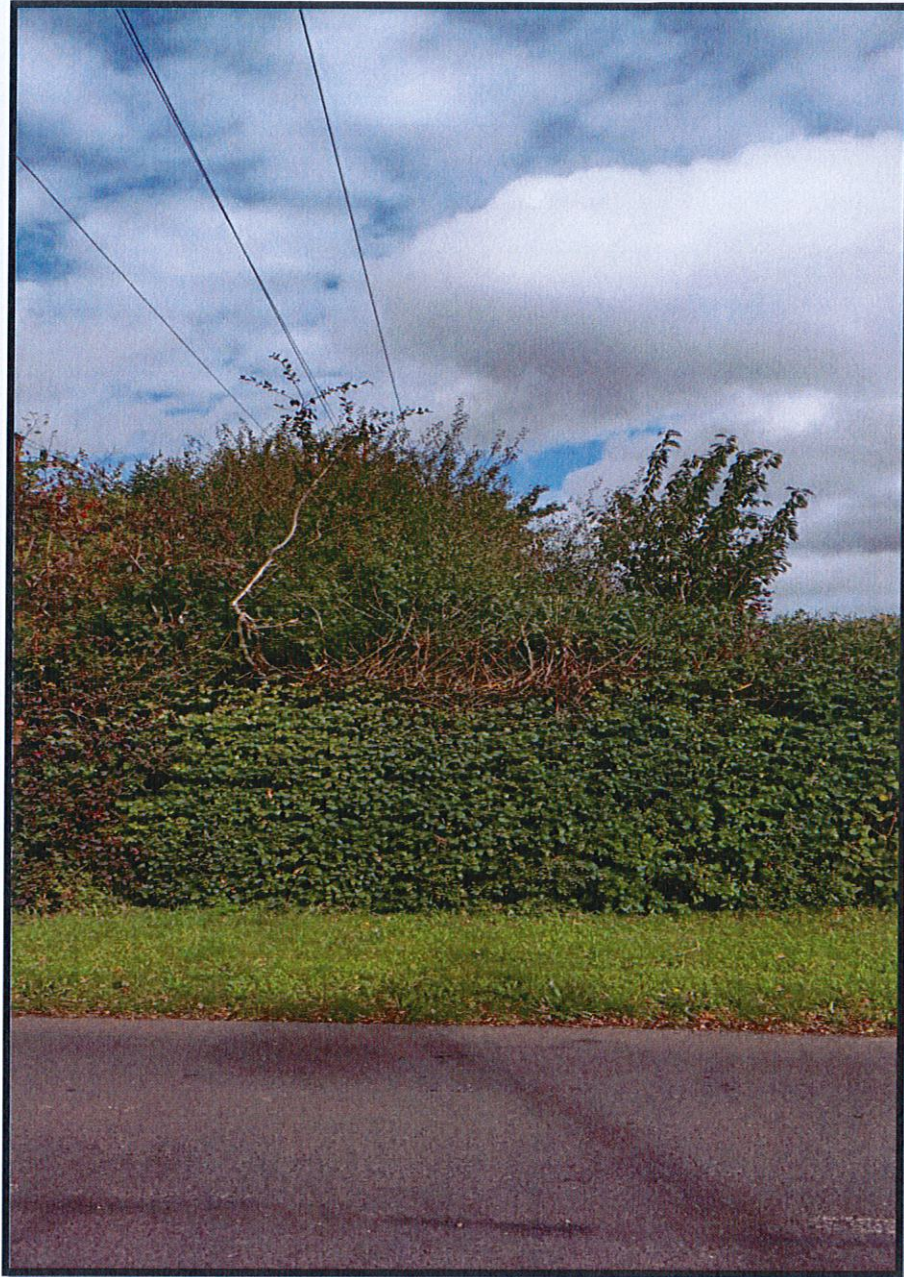


Photo 1 shows the proposed start of the deviation, looking north from the exit of Footpath 59Hu crossing Chalkers Lane. This hedge will have a large section cut out to allow the installation of a stile/kissing gate (decision to be made).

Photo 2



Photo 2 shows the proposed start of the deviation, standing on Danworth Field looking south towards Chalkers Lane and Footpath 59Hu.

Photo 3



Photo 3 shows the proposed start to the deviation from inside Danworth Field looking north. The College will install a post and rail fence 2.0m from the hedge on the left-hand side of the photo which is the western edge of Danworth Field.

Photo 4



Photo 4 shows the proposed deviation, standing at the north eastern corner of Danworth Field looking south.

Photo 5

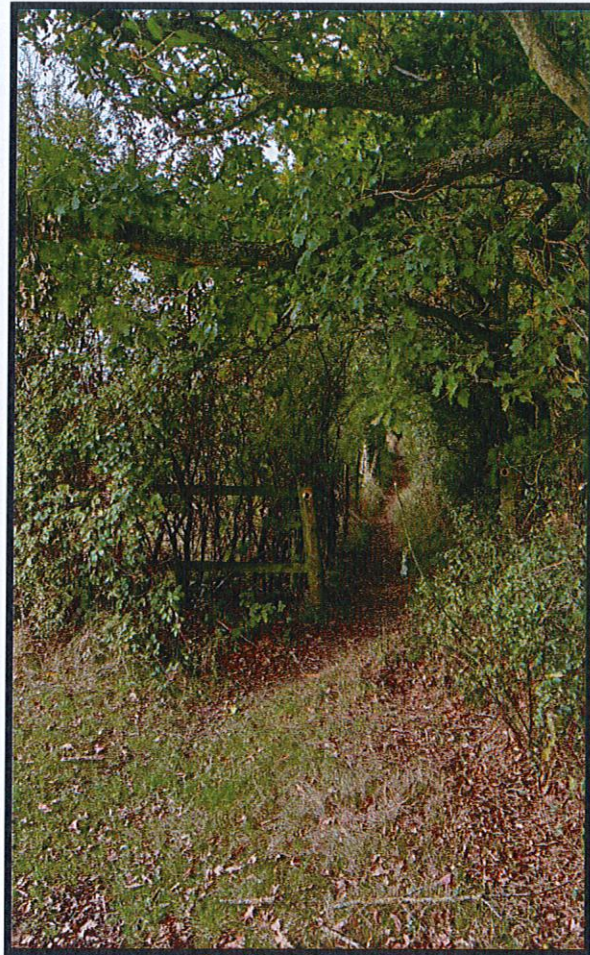


Photo 5 shows the existing exit from Danworth Field to Footpath 59Hu orientated East to West towards Danworth Lane. The post and rail will start from the hedge on the right side of this picture.

Benefits of proposed footpath deviation

- Aid in navigation for those map reading (e.g - DofE, Rambling Society, Scout groups, etc.)
- Decrease the amount of general erosion on the sides of the road which will aid in the lack of requirement for maintenance by WSCC
- Saves walking 100m along this relatively small, but busy road
- Safer crossing location than on a blind bend after a 30mph slows to a 20mph
- Greater situational awareness
- The footpath would not be crossing between two of the College pitches
- The footpath would be 70m further away from College buildings where we have had issues with trespassing and criminal activity before
- The College will fund all works required and will conduct regular maintenance of the hedge rows to ensure they do not encroach on the footpath

Final Comments

The College would like WSCC to consider this proposal as it believes the deviation would benefit not only the safety of the general public, but also the security of the College's 150 acre campus, and the safeguarding and wellbeing of the 1,300 staff and pupils.