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October 1, 2023

Community and Environmental Services
Norfolk County Council
County Hall, Martineau Lane
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Your Ref:
My Ref: **EH 094**

Dear Sir/Madam

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
Application for a Definitive Map Modification Order**

Registration of the full transit of the trail along the Snettisham (internal) Sea Wall from the north end of the Wolferton Bank to Beach Road, Snettisham Beach. Historically, the sea wall embankments offered the sole available transit north and south through the extensive coastal marshes. ^{AS A BRIDLE WAY} The 1953 North Sea flooding at Snettisham was followed by a full-scale re-evaluation of coastal defences. Many of the embankments were re-engineered as stronger, wider and taller structures and concrete enfacement was added to the marine side of many embankments. The Sea Walls have since been denied to the public, even on foot. The trail on the top of the Sea Wall is essentially self-contained, remote, and is external to the RSPB Reserve. The coastal paths in the Reserve and next to the shore are unsuited to additional traffic, but a long distance bridleway could readily be accommodated on the unused Sea Wall embankment - across the old marshland at height, with the added attraction of a new ornithological vantage point. Ordinances could protect from dogs and nuisances. This is how they were traditionally used.

Please find enclosed the certificate that I have complied with the requirements of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 14 to the Act in respect of my modification order application, and copies of the notices served. I would be grateful if you would confirm by letter that the application is fully compliant with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 14 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

I will not sanction release of submitted documentation to a third party before registration on the County DMMO website is completed - in accordance with statutory obligations.



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I, Dr David Ormerod of Mill House, 7 Mill Lane, Swaffham, Norfolk PE37 7EU hereby apply for an order under section 53(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by registering an historical public ^{route} way that had traditionally exploited the Sea Wall embankments to cross former extensive Sandringham (Wolferton) and Snettisham marshes, passing northwards from the end of the old Sandringham FP1 to Snettisham Beach. The trail was first recorded along the Snettisham Bank in the northern half of the route in an undated 18th-century Map of Heacham and Snettisham. Most of the transit was illustrated as a county road on Faden's Map of Norfolk, 1797, but only on the northern half on the O.S. 1st-series 1-inch map of 1824. The O.S. recorded the entire route on all maps of 1-inch scale or greater from 1884 until after WWII. The coastal littoral was mined for sand, gravel, and carstone close up against this trail from the 1920s to 1962. The embankment construction appeared to be somewhat piecemeal until the southern embankment was consolidated and improved around the turn of the 20th century. Following the re-engineering of the Sea Banks after the 1953 North Sea Snettisham Flood of 1953, and again in 1978, the (internal) Snettisham Sea Wall has been isolated from the general public.

The embankment offers a self-contained, long-distance route through some of the most unique countryside, and, in particular, is external to the RSPB Bird Reserve. For most of its length, the embankment is hidden behind trees. Any additional risks to the RSPB Reserve, particularly associated with dogs, could be prevented by ordinances

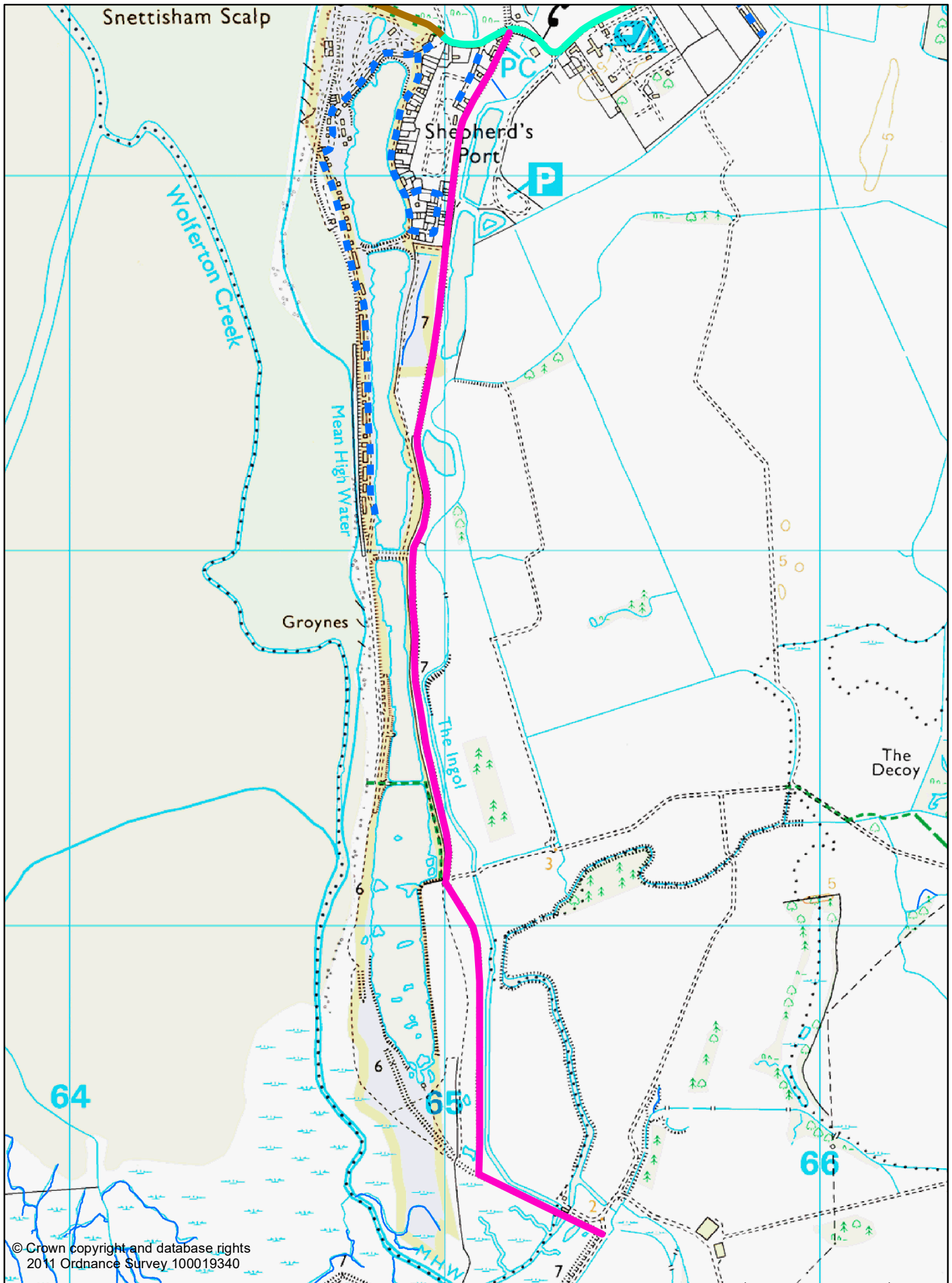
I attach copies of the following documentary evidence in support of this application:

- Google Earth Pro satellite views of the transit of the Snettisham (internal) Sea Wall its Sandringham continuity x6.
- Norfolk County Council Rights of Way website Map, 2023, Application Route
- Photograph of **Point A** of the blocked entrance to the Sea Wall embankment on Beach Road, Snettisham
- Photograph over the hedgerow at **Point A** along the top of the Sea Wall, looking towards the south.
- Photograph of the embankment passing to the north on the opposite side of Beach Road. Note the pathway and local 'dog bin.'
- Photograph from **Point B** on the RSB car park trail, looking northwards along the Snettisham (internal) Sea Wall through a narrow, unlocked gate

- Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of E&W, Norfolk Sheet 13SE and 22NE, 1885 x3.
- Ordnance Survey Revised New Series 1-inch map of E&W, Sheet 145, Kings Lynn, 1891.
- Bartholomew's half-inch map of E&W, Sheet 15, Norfolk, 1903.
- Ordnance Survey Composite 2nd Series 25-inch map of E&W, Norfolk Sheets 13.11, 1905.
- Finance Act (1909-10) I.R.S. Duties on Land Values Maps, Norfolk Sheet 13.6.
- RAF Aerial Photographs of the application route, 1946.
- Ordnance Survey Revised 6-inch Map of E&W, Norfolk Sheet 13SE, 1952.
- Ministry of Food National Farm Survey Map, Norfolk Sheets 13.11 and 22.3, 1943 x2.
- Ordnance Survey Revised 7th Edition 1-inch Map of E&W, Sheet 124, Kings Lynn, 1963.
- Ordnance Survey 1:25,000 Map of UK, Norfolk Sheet TF 63-B., 1965.
- Open Street Map of UK, Application Route, 2022.

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**Modification Application for the addition of a Public Right
of Way in the parishes of Snettisham & Sandringham**

Application Route

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