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April 30, 2019

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:

Grange Lane is an ancient, hollowed lane between grid reference TF 86880600 on Browns Road, North Pickenham and Swaffham Road, Ashill, at TF 87990412, and which formerly traversed the old Houghton-on-the-Hill Commons. It has been a public highway for many centuries. In 1960, a formal extinguishment order was granted for two public footpaths over Houghton Common, but this excluded Grange Lane. Irregardless, within a short space of time, Grange Lane was ploughed under and has remained extinguished. The first part of Grange Lane up to the old Commons is a Byway. The Commons now has a peripheral footpath, and also receives the old drove/green lane, North Pickenham BR3, past the Church. Although there is evidence of a through-road for cars and trucks on the tarred, southern part of Grange Road in the early/mid-20th century, currently this road is a footpath. It is proposed to re-establish Grange Road as a restricted byway, using the peripheral route around the Commons - requiring a legal void of the old Commons roadbed. It is suggested, to compensate, the development of a bridleway to the south along field edges could be opened up.

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

- Ordnance Survey 1:25,000 Norfolk Sheet TF80, 1955
- Definitive Map for Norfolk, Houghton-on-the-Hill
- Online N.C.C.Right of Way Gazetteer.
- Finance Act (1909-10) I.R.S. Duties on Land Values Map..
- Photograph (February 2019) from Point A of (full) Byway waymarker
- Photograph (November 2018) of Grange Lane looking back to the SE near the Browns Road exit.
- Photograph (November 2018) from midpoint of the first segment of Grange Lane looking SE towards the old Common.

- Photograph (November 2018) from Point B over the old Common along the former roadbed.
- Photograph (November 2018) of the entrance to the green lane driftway (North Pickenham BR2) onto the Common as it comes up from past St Mary's Church.
- Photograph (March 2019) of Point C at the southern outlet from the Common. Note the drove-sized proportions of this section.
- Photograph (March 2019) looking back northwards up Grange Road (south) from a point two-thirds the way between Points C and D.
- Photograph of the waymarker on Grange Lane (south) at the intersection with Ashill FP1 and FP5.
- Photograph (April 2019) of Point D from Swaffham Road, Ashill.
- Faden's Map of Norfolk 1797. Ordnance Survey First Edition 1-inch map Sheet 66, 1824.
- Ordnance Survey Commercial Map 1839.
- Houghton-on-the-Hill tithe map, 1839.
- Ashill Tithe map, 1841.
- Pickenham Hall Estate Sale Map, 1844.
- Ordnance Survey Boundary Sketch Map, Houghton-on-the-Hill, 1882.
- Ordnance Survey Second Series 25-inch Norfolk Sheets 59.16 and 71.4, 1905.
- Ordnance Survey 6-inch georeferenced County series map, 1905, superimposed upon a modern satellite map.
- Finance Act (1909-10) I>R>S> Duties on Land Values map, Houghton-on-the-Hill.
- Meadow Farm (North Pickenham) Smallholding Department Registration License, 1936.
- Ministry of Food National Farm Survey, 1943
- Ordnance Survey 7th series 1-inch map, Sheet 125 (Fakenham), 1959.
- Documentation of Repeated Ploughing of Houghton Hill Common, 1920-50s.
- North Pickenham and Ashill Public Path Diversion Order, 1960.
- Ordnance Survey 1:2,500 map, 1977.
- Aerial Photograph of Grange Road, 1988.
- Savill's Uphall Grange Farm Sales Map, 2018-9.
- Georeferenced map of INSPIRE Land Registry cadastral index polygons, Houghton-on-the-Hill, 2019.
- Anna's Blog (Anna Powell-Smith): Farm Payments for Environmental Stewardship): <https://anna.ps/blog/mapping-farm-payments>
- Suggested strategic solution.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. David Ormerod'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'L' and 'O'.

L David Ormerod MB,BS, MBA, MSc, FRCP, FRCS, DTM&H

Applicant's Reference: **EH 019**

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

The Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way, for the County of Norfolk

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I, Dr David Ormerod of Mill House, 7 Mill Lane, Swaffham PE37 7EU hereby certify that the requirements of paragraph 2 of Schedule 14 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 have been complied with.

Dated: April 30, 2019

Signature:



Applicant's Reference: EH 019

NCC Reference:

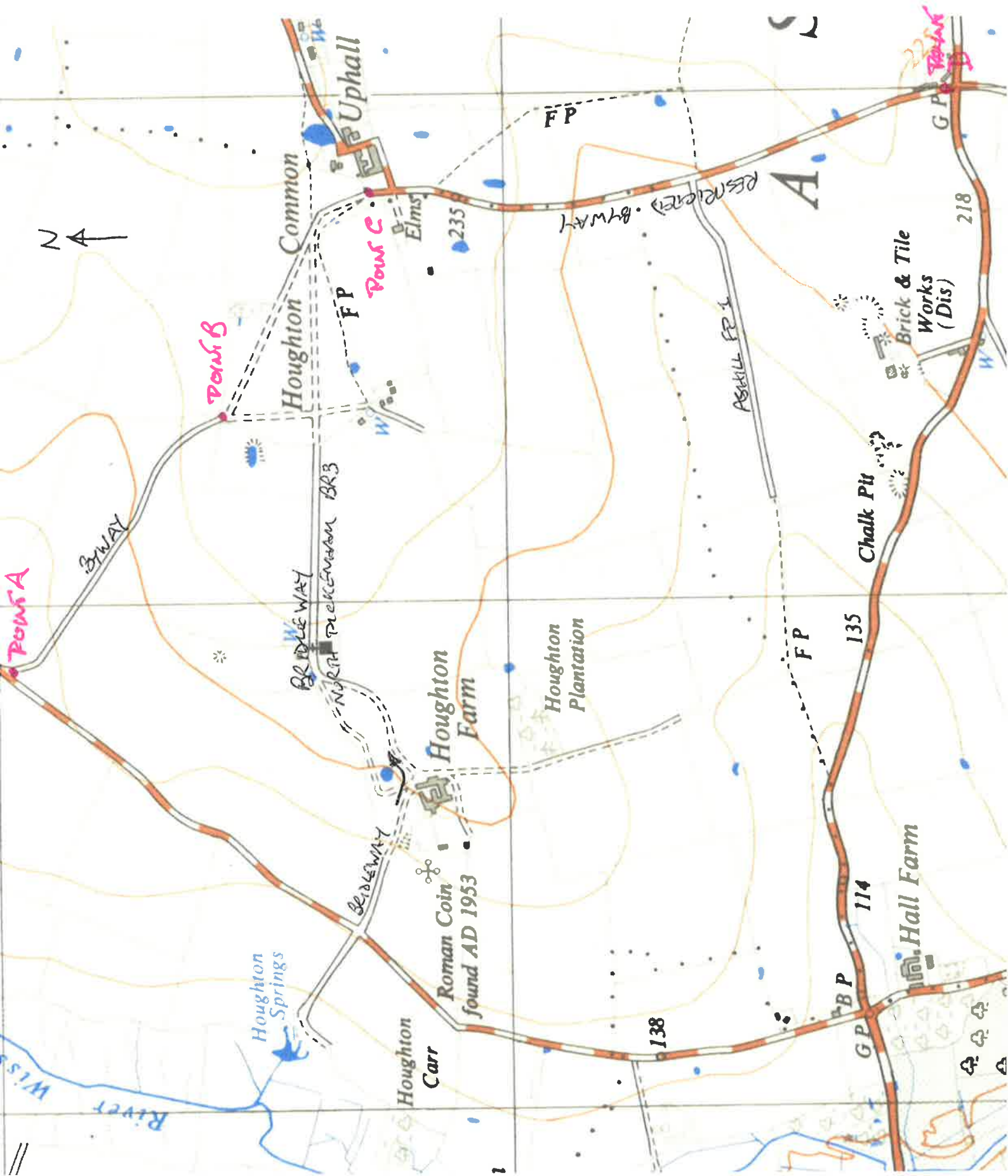
Schedule of persons on whom notice was served

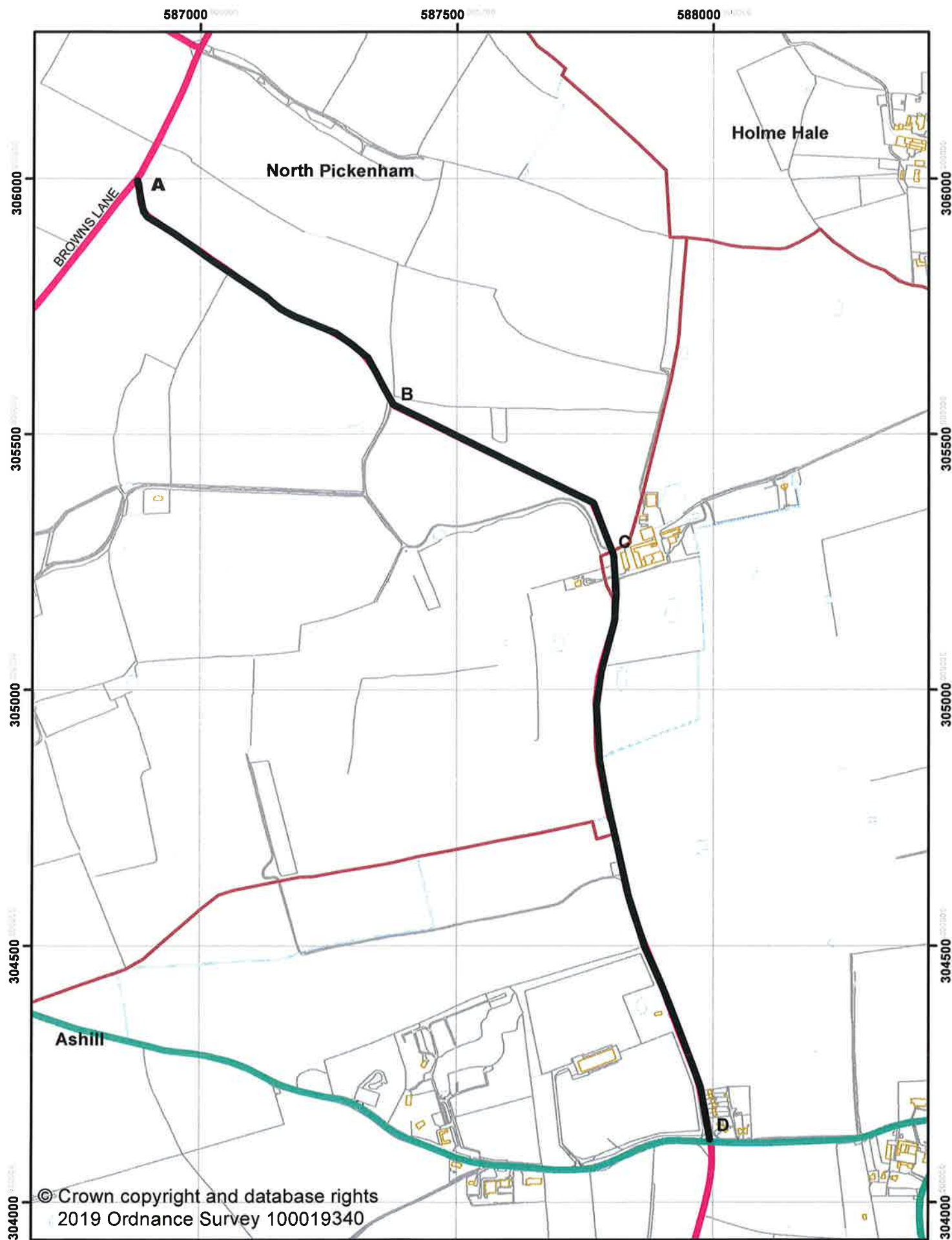
The owners and occupiers of the land adjacent to Grange Lane and Houghton-on-the-Hill Commons

1. Uphall Grange Farm, Ashill, Thetford, Norfolk IP25 7BS
2. The South Pickenham Estate Company Ltd, The Estate Office, Home Farm, South Pickenham, Swaffham, Norfolk PE37 8DZ

3. I have attached four notices in transparent plastic covers for potentially unidentified landowners or tenants at: (i) on the waymarker signpost at Point A on Browns Road; (ii) to the signpost to St Mary's Church on North Pickenham BR4 just off the Commons; (iii) on a signpost at the Commons entrance to the green lane at the SW corner of the Commons - that is proposed as the start of a new bridleway; and (iv) on the waymarker on Grange Lane (south) to Ashill FP1.

RANGE 1. ORDNANCE SURVEY 1:25,000 MAP SHEET TF80, 1955. Houghton-on-the-Hill.
 SHOWS THE FULL LENGTH OF GRANGE LANE, FROM POINT A TO POINT D. THE RELINQUISHED
 CONSENT IN THIS DMO APPLICATION IS THE APPARENT ILL-PLANNED EXISTENCE
 OF THE SEGMENT BETWEEN POINTS B & C. AS GRANGE LANE CROSSES THE OLD
 HOUGHTON-ON-THE-HILL COMMONS.





Centre of map:
587,548.0106 305,108.0172



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**Modification application in the parishes of
 North Pickenham and Ashill, Norfolk.**

Application route —————

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 29/11/2019

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 1:9,000

