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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 by re-establishing Love Lane as a public bridleway and upgrading Green Lane from a public footpath to a bridleway, both in Shipdham parish

Green Lane can be shown for at least 300 years to have been a continuation of Thorpe Row, a significant rural public highway and community to the north west of Shipdham village. Both Green Lane and part of Love Lane, a connecting road, were privatized in the Shipdham Enclosure Award of 1809. The other section of Love Lane was extinguished. Green Lane and the first sector of Love Lane were fairly rapidly re-dedicated as public highways, but it took over half a century to re-establish the entire span of Love Lane as a public bridleway. The two highways have not fared well in the second half of the 20th century. The western segment was ploughed under in the 1980s/90s and its eastern half remained as an unused lane at the margin of an arable field. The eastern 10% of Green Lane has been allowed to be obstructed by its overgrown hedgerows so that, for this span, the PROW was reduced to a footpath, a bridge over a brook disappeared that connected with the bottom of Love Lane. There appear to be no modification orders for either rural highway.

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

- Ordnance Survey composite 2nd Series 25-inch map of E&W, Norfolk Sheets 60NE; 60NW; & 61NW, 1905 · Norfolk Definitive Map x2.
- Norfolk County Council Rights of Way website Map, 2023, Application Route
- Finance Act (1909-10) IRS DLV Map, Norfolk Sheet 61.6
- Photograph from the corner of Thorpe Row looking eastward down Green Lane
- Photograph of the Shipdham FP4 fingerpost lying in the Green Lane verge.
- Photograph of Green Lane looking to the east past Red House Farm, a private residence.
- Photograph of the increasing vegetative obstruction down Green Lane after passing Red House Farm.
- Photograph of the final vegetative obstruction of Green Lane
- Photograph of the prolific overgrowth obscuring the former bridge site over a local brook,

- Photograph of the bridge foundations remaining within the bushy overgrowth.
- Photograph of the footpath arising from the bridge site in a curving route due east, approaching its exit route through the southern bounds of Smith's Farm. The footpath has been ploughed under and is no longer functional. This path has been included within Green Lane, but on poor evidence. There appears to be no long-standing connection.
- Photograph of the entry to the Smith's Farm compound over a broken stile. The lower member has disappeared.
- Photograph of the exit route of the footpath cutting obliquely across behind the tree and away from the former farmhouse.
- Photograph of the exit route for Love Lane, via a green lane running along the north boundary fence (asterisk).
- Photograph of the green lane (Love Lane) within the large Smiths Farm compound.
- Photograph of an old gate within the boundary hedgerow at the end of the green lane.
- Photograph through the hedgerow of the former route of Love Lane. The roadbed is in a set-aside from the field.
- Photograph along the former cross-field path of Love Lane which terminated close to the electricity pylon in the distance.
- Photograph of Shipdham FP3 passing to the ESE.
- Google Earth Pro satellite view of the application roads x2.
- Faden's Map of Norfolk, 1797.
- Plan of Shipdham in the County of Norfolk, 1807 – a pre-enclosure map.
- Map of Shipdham Parish, 1807 – a provisional map in the enclosure process.
- Shipdham Parish Enclosure Map, 1804/6 x2.
- Shipdham Parish Enclosure Award, 1804/6 x5.
- Plan of an Estate Belonging to Mr. F. Riches Lying in the Parish of Shipdham, 1829.
- Edward B. Metcalfe's O.S. pen & ink Map of East Dereham, 1817.
- Ordnance Survey 1st Series 1-inch Map of E&W, Sheet 66, 1824.
- Bryant's Map of Norfolk, 1826.
- Ecclesiastical Parish Map of Shipdham, 1826.
- Christopher and John Greenwood Map of the County of Norfolk, 1834.
- James Pigot Travel Map of Norfolk, 1840.
- Tithe Apportionment Map of Shipdham Parish, 1846.
- Ordnance Survey 6-inch Map of E&W, Norfolk Sheet 61NW, 1884.
- Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of E&W, Norfolk Sheet 61NW, 1907.
- Plan of an Estate in Shipdham, 1891.
- Bartholomew half-inch map of E&W, Sheet 15, Norfolk, 1903.

- Ordnance Survey composite 2nd Series 25-inch map of E&W, Norfolk Sheets 60.8; 60.12; 61.5; & 61.11, 1904.
- Finance Act (1909-10) I.R.S. Duties on Land Values Maps, Norfolk Sheet 60.8.
- Plan of an Estate at Scarning and Shipdham, 1922.
- Ministry of Food National Farm Survey Map, 1943. x2.
- Ordnance Survey New Popular Edition 1-inch map of E&W, Sheet 125, Fakenham, 1944.
- Ordnance Survey 1:25,00 composite Map of UK, Norfolk Sheet TF 90-B and TF-91B 1955.
- Ordnance Survey 7th Series 1-inch Map of UK, Sheet 125-B, Fakenham, 1969.
- Sales Deed for Thorpe Row Farm, Shipdham, 1981
- R.A.F. Aerial photograph of Shipdham, 1946.



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Applicant's Reference: **EH 093**

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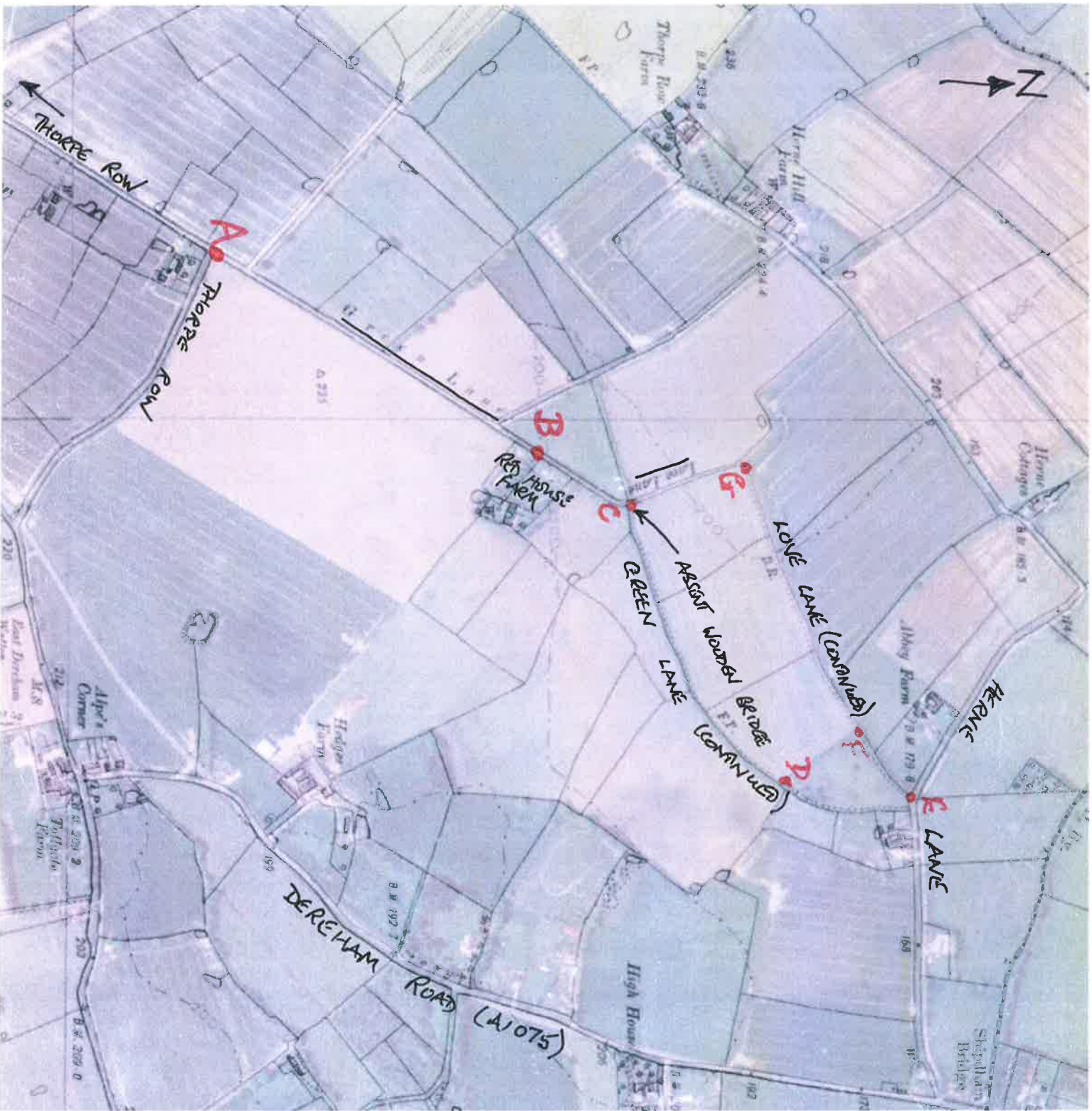


Figure 1. ORDNANCE SURVEY COMPOSITE 25-INCH MAP OF E-W, NORFOLK STREETS 60NE, 60NW, & 61NW 1905.
 A-B-C-D-E COMPRISES GREEN LANE.
 F-G-C COMPRISES LOVE LANE.