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Bacton Parish Council

Dear Bacton Parish Council

**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 - SECTION 53
CLAIMED PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AT BACTON**

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 requires the County Council to keep the Definitive Map and Statement under review and to investigate and determine formal applications made. This application is for public footpaths as by the blue dotted lines on the attached plan.

The only criterion which the County Council may take into account under the 1981 Act is evidence. No consideration may be given to other factors such as the effect on the environment, the suitability of the route for any particular purpose, or the wishes of landowners or users. I am therefore inviting you to submit any evidence at your disposal, so that it may be included in the Committee report. I would like to stress that public rights cannot be negated by non-use.

If you wish to provide any evidence of use, please let me know, and I will supply the appropriate forms.

I should appreciate a response within 28 days, but if this causes you any difficulty, please let me know. Please respond to me preferably via my email address, if not to the postal address at the foot of this letter.

Unless there is something specific which I need to ask you, it is unlikely that I shall contact you again before sending you a copy of the draft report. I should therefore be grateful if you would treat this letter as your only invitation to submit evidence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. C. Last".

David Last
Definitive Map Officer
Suffolk County Council

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