Batheaston
Parish
Council

10 November 2026

Proposed Change to divert a section of Public Footpath BA2/11

Dear Mr Haynes,

Thank you for consulting Batheaston Parish Council regarding the proposed diversion of Public Footpath BA2/11.

On behalf of the Parish Council I provide its formal response, as approved at its meeting of 10th November 2026.

“The Parish Council understands that the current proposal seeks simply to formalise the route that historically formed part of the footpath network and which, according to the landowner and Wessex Water, has been used by walkers for many years. The Council further understands that the route as proposed is that currently used by the great majority of walkers, being more direct and convenient than the alignment established following changes made in 2019. We note that the latter route requires traverses two stiles, rather than the single kissing gate on the former.

The Parish Council's principal interest is the provision of a safe, convenient and accessible public right of way that meets the needs of residents and visitors. On the information currently available, the proposed diversion appears to reflect the route that is most commonly used by walkers and would regularise the position on the ground while maintaining public access.

The Council therefore offers its support to the proposed diversion of Footpath BA2/11.”

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything further from the Parish Council in respect of this application, and please keep informed of progress of this application.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Maccabee
Clerk to Batheaston Parish Council