

**Public Path Diversion Order
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 S 257**

Crawley Borough Council Bridleway No: 1550 Public Path Diversion Order

Report for consultation

1. Background

Crawley Borough Council intend on making an order for the diversion of part of bridleway 1550. Planning consent ([CR/2019/0589/FUL](#)) has been granted for the construction of a bus gate to enable buses to pass between the residential neighbourhoods of Bewbush and Kilnwood Vale. The proposed alignment of the bus gate requires the diversion of the BW1550.

2. Proposal

A copy of the District Councils [draft order and plan](#) (PDF, 616KB) is attached. It is proposed that BW1550 is diverted to allow for construction of the bus gate. Approaching from the south, BW1550 will be realigned to head east on the approach to the new bus gate. Unfortunately, due to physical site constraints, it has not been possible to achieve the standard 3 metre width for the BW on the southern side of the bus gate. Whilst 3 metres is our standard minimum width for a bridleway, physical site constraints at this point mean that it has not been possible to achieve this. Mitigation of this reduce width to impact the lawful path user as little as possible has been considered and the developers have agreed to supply, install and maintain additional suitable signage. The bridleway then continues north across the newly constructed bus gate before heading west to join with the existing length of path.

As Order Making Authority, Crawley Borough Council must be satisfied that the legal tests associated with the diversion of a path under Section 257 TCPA and all other associated considerations such equality, human rights, crime and disorder have been met.

3. Overall Conclusion

There is a clear need to divert the BW to allow for construction of the bus gate. Whilst disappointing that it has not been possible to achieve the standard minimum 3 metre width for the bridleway, mitigation of this has been addressed and agreed with the developer. It is recommended that West Sussex County Council do not formally object to the order.

It is worth noting that path users will have the opportunity to make any such representations on the order during the public consultation period and it will be for Crawley Borough Council to consider these representations.

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