

To: South Cambridgeshire County Council Planning Committee  
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## Report on Public Footpath No. 7 Oakington

### 1 Purpose

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- 1.1 **To seek approval** to confirm the South Cambridgeshire District Council (Footpath Number 7 (part) at Oakington) Extinguishment Order 2005.

### 2 Background

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- 2.1 This report relates to Public Footpath No.7 Oakington which runs from Coles Lane, Oakington to the parish boundary. Historically this path ran to Longstanton but it is currently dead-end, having been stopped up by the Ministry of Defence in the 1950s. The land over which this path runs was developed with housing during the mid 2000s and is now known as Days Meadow, Oakington. There are a number of houses that have been built over the line of the footpath.
- 2.2 As a result of the then proposed development of Days Meadow an application was made to South Cambridgeshire District Council in 2004 to extinguish Public Footpath No.7, Oakington under section 257 Town and Country Planning Act 1990<sup>1</sup> and to create a new public footpath link from the end of Days Meadow to the parish boundary under section 25 of the Highways Act 1980. It was the intention of all parties that the road would be adopted as public highway to replace the majority of Public Footpath No.7 Oakington and that the new public footpath to be created would maintain a link to the parish boundary. Ensuring that there was still a link to the parish boundary will enable a connection to the new town of Northstowe at a future date. Appendix 1 contains a map showing the current line of Public Footpath No.7 Oakington, the housing development of Days Meadow and the newly created 20m public footpath link from the end of the highway to the parish boundary.
- 2.3 On 1st July 2005 South Cambridgeshire District Council made an Order under the Town and Country Planning Act to extinguish part of Public Footpath No.7 Oakington. The notice advertising the Order was published in the Cambridge Evening News by South Cambridgeshire District Council on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2005. No objections were received to the Order.
- 2.4 To complete the process of extinguishing Public Footpath No.7 Oakington the Extinguishment Order needs to be confirmed by South Cambridgeshire District Council. This action was put on hold awaiting the making of the Creation Agreement in relation to the 20m section of public footpath from the

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<sup>1</sup> Since 2005 Cambridgeshire County Council has processed such orders on behalf of the District Council under an agency agreement.

end of Days Meadow to the parish boundary, to ensure that both events occurred simultaneously.

- 2.4 Progress with the making of the Creation Agreement between the developers and the County Council stalled due to organisational changes at the developer's end. However, the road and its pavement have now been adopted by the County Council as public highway and the new public footpath has been created through the relevant Creation Agreement to our satisfaction.
- 2.5 It is now requested that South Cambridgeshire District Council confirm the Extinguishment Order, so that it and the Agreement can be advertised jointly and the case be closed.