

# Babergh and Mid Suffolk Public Rights of Way Services

Antonia King  
Clerk to Dalham and Dunstall Green Parish

BY EMAIL ONLY

15 July 2025

Our Ref: T222

Dear Ms King

## **Proposed Diversion of Dalham Public Footpath 6(part) – Highways Act 1980 Section 119**

Mid Suffolk District Council has been appointed by West Suffolk Council to administer, on its behalf, an application to divert part of Dalham Public Footpath 6. This is part of an outsourcing arrangement whereby Mid Suffolk District Council provides specialist assistance to West Suffolk Council to make best use of available resources across the County. However, the decision to make any public path order as a result of this application rests solely with West Suffolk Council, as does responsibility for the overall administration of the application.

The application has been submitted under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 in the interests of the owners of the land crossed by the footpath. The diversion proposal is shown on the attached 1:2500 scale consultation map.

The applicants' statement of reasons for submitting the diversion proposal is summarised below:

*The diversion of the footpath is in the interest of the applicants as owners and occupiers of the land, as the proposed footpath will afford more security and privacy to their family home. The existing footpath runs close to the rear of the house, and very close to the southern wall of the property itself. The applicants have on several occasions noticed members of the public who are using the existing footpath looking into their family home and home office, and their gardens to the front and rear and this is done in particular over the 2 gateways which form part of the boundary, and also bits where there are no hedge. In the winter where there are no leaves on the trees or hedges people have been staring at the applicants' house and sometimes stopping. This has been happening at all points. Further, members of the public have been walking behind the applicants' property along*



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*the environmental field margins and not following the public path route. Members of the public could also easily enter the property from the existing footpath.*

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*The existing footpath is used all year round by dog walkers, and they are then at the field gate straying in to the field margins behind the applicants' property as these are kept short for the farming purposes.*

*The Proposed Footpath alters the route of the termination point of Footpath FP6 by moving this approximately 100m further to the south so it then joins on to Dunston Green Road, further down the same road, which is the same public highway where the Existing Footpath terminates. The diversion brings the termination of Footpath FP6 so it is to the north of the western end of Footpath FP8, where an access through the existing hedge will be provided, and a section of hedge removed following the grant of planning permission. It is not intended that there will be a gate at this location.*

The existing footpath has a legally recorded width of 4 feet. The proposed footpath will be 2 metres wide.

The proposed route can be inspected without prior notice to the landowners.

I would be grateful if you could let me have your comments on the proposal by returning the attached form to [sharon.berry@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.berry@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk), by 12 August 2025 at the latest. Please note that your comments cannot be treated as confidential and may be inspected by interested parties. For further information please refer to West Suffolk Council's Rights of Way Privacy Notice which can be viewed online at <https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/privacy/>.

If you require any further information from me in order to comment please do not hesitate to contact me by email or on the telephone number below.

Yours faithfully

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