

Notice of Confirmation - Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

West Berkshire District Council Second Consolidated Definitive Map and Statement

West Berkshire District Council (Purley Meadows) Definitive Map Modification Order 2025 (WB079)

The above order was confirmed by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 15th January 2026.

The effect of the order is to add to the Definitive Map and Statement the following public footpaths, both 3 metres wide and in the parish of Purley-on-Thames, as shown on the order plan:

Purley-on-Thames 8A: running from point S (Grid Reference 466756 176761) at the junction of public footpaths Purley-on-Thames 4 & 8 south of Mapledurham Lock in a generally south-south-easterly direction for 467 metres to point T (Grid Reference 466938 176349) at the northern end of River Gardens, via point B (Grid Reference 466845 176618)

Purley-on-Thames 14: running from point A (Grid Reference 466642 176634) on public footpath Purley-on-Thames 4 in a generally easterly direction for 206 metres to point B (Grid Reference 466845 176618)

A copy of the order and map is attached. Contact Stuart Higgins (Definitive Map Officer) for details or copies (Tel: 01635 503251, email: stuart.higgins@westberks.gov.uk).

The order came into force on 15th January 2026, but if any person aggrieved by it wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the orders, he or she may, under paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 of the Act within 42 days of this notice, make an application to the High Court.

Dated: 5th March 2026

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Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
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This Order is made by West Berkshire District Council (“the Council”) under section 53(2)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (“the Act”) because it appears to that authority that the West Berkshire District Council Second Consolidated Definitive Map and Statement require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in section 53(3)(c)(i), namely, the discovery by the Council of evidence which (when considered with all other relevant evidence available to them) shows that rights of way which are not shown in the map and statement subsist or are reasonably alleged to subsist over land in the area to which the map relates, being right of ways such that the land over which the rights subsist is public footpath.

The Council has consulted with every local authority whose area includes the land to which the order relates. The Council hereby order that:

1. For the purposes of this Order the relevant date is 9th April 2025
2. The West Berkshire District Council Second Consolidated Definitive Map and Statement shall be modified as described in Part 1 and Part 2 of the Schedule and shown on the map attached to the Order
3. This Order shall take effect on the date it is confirmed and may be cited as the West Berkshire District Council (Purley Meadows) Definitive Map Modification Order 2025

THE COMMON SEAL of WEST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

hereunto affixed this 15th day of April 2025
is authenticated by:-



[Handwritten signature]

The foregoing order is hereby confirmed

Authorised

Nigel Farthing

An Inspector appointed by The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

15 JAN 2026

The foregoing order is hereby confirmed

SCHEDULE

PART 1

Modification of Definitive Map

Description of paths to be added

Public Footpath Purley-on-Thames 8A

A public footpath 3 metres wide in the parish of Purley-on-Thames running from point S (Grid Reference 466756 176761) at the junction of public footpaths Purley-on-Thames 4 & 8 south of Mapledurham Lock in a generally south-south-easterly direction for 467 metres to point T (Grid Reference 466938 176349) at the northern end of River Gardens, via point B (Grid Reference 466845 176618), as shown on the Order plan

Public Footpath Purley-on-Thames 14

A public footpath 3 metres wide in the parish of Purley-on-Thames running from point A (Grid Reference 466642 176634) on public footpath Purley-on-Thames 4 in a generally easterly direction for 206 metres to point B (Grid Reference 466845 176618), as shown on the Order plan

PART 2

Modification of Definitive Statement

Variation of particulars of path or way

Public Footpath Purley-on-Thames 8A:

From: Junction of FPs 4 & 8, S of Mapledurham Lock, SSE

To: FP 8 at the northern end of River Gardens

Width: 3 metres

Public Footpath Purley-on-Thames 14:

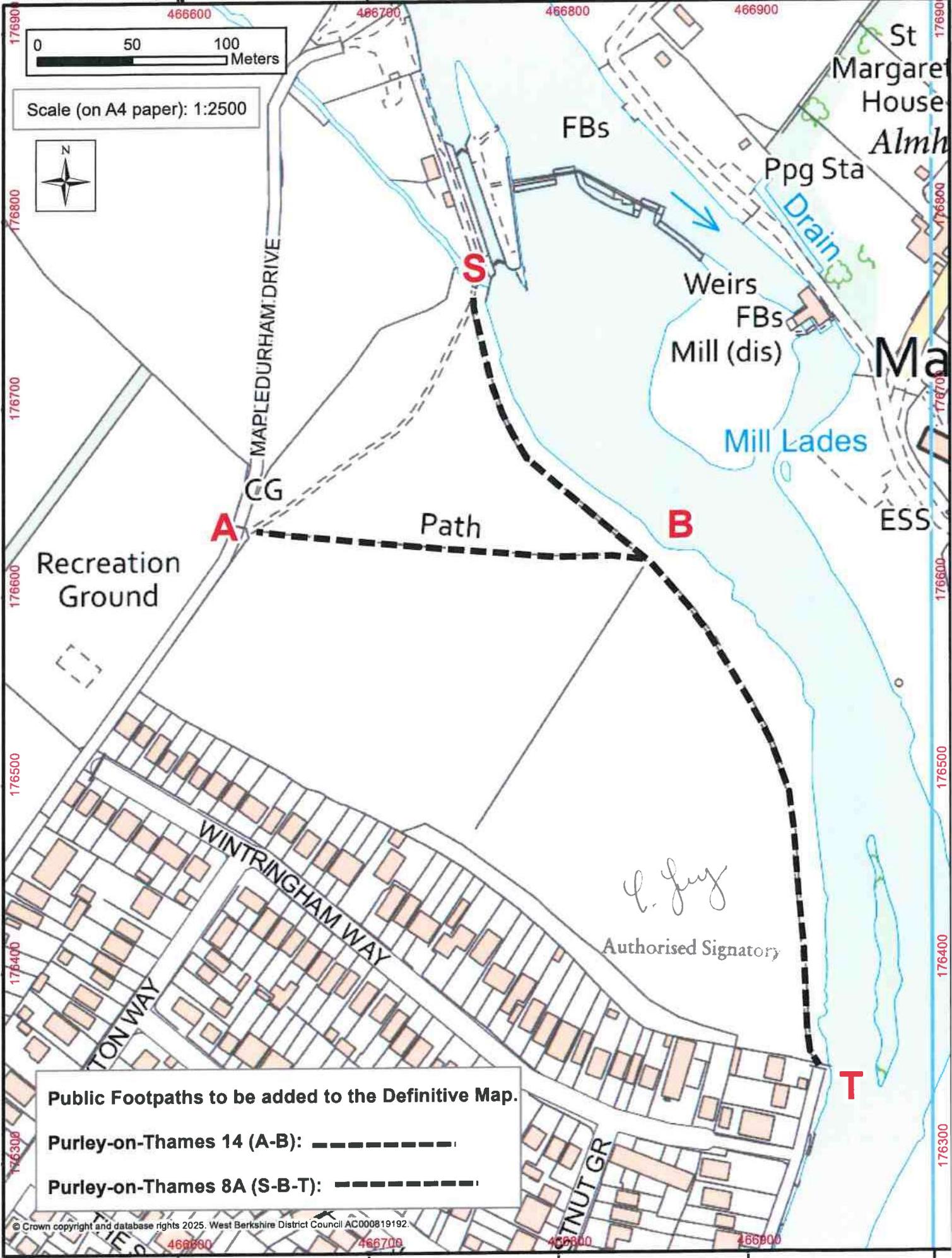
From: FP 4, E of Bucknells Meadow and N of Wintringham Way, E

To: FP 8A

Width: 3 metres

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Public Footpaths to be added to the Definitive Map.
Purley-on-Thames 14 (A-B): - - - - -
Purley-on-Thames 8A (S-B-T): - - - - -