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Mr and Mrs de Greeff  
Bothen Hill Farm

Via email

Dear Mr and Mrs de Greeff

#### STEPS ON FOOTPATH FROM W5/21

My colleague Graham Styles spoke to you on 26 February about a proposal to add steps to part of the permissive footpath W5/21 over land you own, running up the side of Bothen Hill.

The footpath is an important part of the network, helping to link Bothenhampton and Walditch, and offering those climbing up from Bothenhampton wonderful views from the top. The idea would be to add a number of steps at the steepest and narrowest section of the path, about three quarters of the way up the hill. This section of the path is the hardest to climb, including in the summer, when the vegetation is thick. Adding steps at this point would facilitate safer walking, and access, both up and down the hill, and would fit with what exists on other, less steep, footpaths in the area.

If you approve the suggestion, we would hope that the work could be undertaken by the Footpaths team at Dorset Council, to whom I am copying this letter.

I hope this is self-explanatory, but please let me know if you have any questions.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr A J Basker

Chairman

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