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Pre-Order Consultations: Highways Act 1980 Section 118, Proposed Public Path Extinguishment Order. Footpath LR19 in the Parish of Ledbury, Herefordshire

Dear Mrs Mitchell,

Network Rail has submitted a proposal to Herefordshire Council to extinguish footpath LR13 in the Parish of Ledbury. The site is located at OS Grid Reference SO689393. I have enclosed a plan showing the path to be extinguished, between the points A and B.

Over recent years Network Rail's structural examiners have recorded that the bridge has seen no use, for a substantial period of time, and could be viewed as redundant. Additionally this has been corroborated with accounts from lineside neighbours. This 'on the ground' evidence is supported by the amount of overgrown vegetation between the A438 and the railway, which makes accessing the footpath difficult. Enclosed are photographs of the site taken in April of this year, clearly illustrating this point.

I would be grateful if you would let me have your views on the proposal, using the plan to illustrate them if you wish. Please reply by 13th July 2016 with any comments that you may have.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

James Audley

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