

**SUBMISSION TO REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

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**Agenda Item: 9**

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**SUBMISSION BY STRATEGIC DIRECTOR - DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
LEGAL SERVICES**

**PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 1 IN THE PARISH OF WHITTINGTON**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To consider an application received from TPS Consult Ltd on behalf of Defence Estates for a proposed diversion of Public Footpath No. 1 in the Parish of Whittington.

**2. Summary**

- 2.1 The proposed diversion of Public Footpaths No. 1 in the Parish of Whittington is being sought by TPA Consult Ltd. The diversion is necessary to divert the original footpath so that it does not cross the approved development.

**3. Detail of Report**

- 3.1 An application has been submitted under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to divert footpath no. 1 at Whittington, Staffordshire.
- 3.2 Attached at **APPENDIX A** is a plan showing the Public Footpaths with a bold black line from point A (on the plan) to point B (on the plan). The proposed route of the footpath is shown by bold red dashes from point C (on the plan) to point B (on the plan). The diversion has been requested in order to allow a planned redevelopment of the barracks as part of the Midland Medical Accommodation Project to accommodate the Royal Centre for Defence Medicine (RCDM), the Defence Medical Education and Training Agency (DMETA), the Defence Medical Services Training Centre (DMSTC) and 33 Field Hospital to one location in the Midlands.
- 3.3 The planning conditions relating to the approved development require the construction of a roundabout on the A51 and diversion of Chester Road to provide access from the roundabout to the new entrance adjacent to the Keep. The area between the new access road and the existing barracks boundary will be enclosed within the site security fence. The Public Footpath No.1 that runs along the existing Chester Road within the barracks is to be diverted to run alongside the roadway of the approved development in order to maintain the integrity of the site and to provide a secure environment for military training.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 Administrative and advertisement costs will be incurred in the making of the Public Footpath Order, however, these will be covered by the application fee for diversion of the public footpath.

#### **5. Environmental Issues**

- 5.1 None

#### **6. Strategic Plan Implications**

- 6.1 None

#### **7. Recommendation**

- 3.4 That a Public Footpath Diversion Order be made under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to divert footpath no. 1 at Whittington, Staffordshire be known as The Lichfield District Council (Footpath No. 1 in the Parish of Whittington Public Footpath Diversion Order 2011).
- 7.1 That the Strategic Director – Democratic, Development and Legal Services be authorised to take all necessary action.