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Date: 14 November 2018

Dear «sig1»

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BASSETLAW AREA –BYWAYS AT HAYTON, LANEHAM, RAMPTON AND STOKEHAM) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2018 (1225) – PROPOSED BYWAY CLOSURES BETWEEN 1ST NOVEMBER AND 30TH APRIL. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Nottinghamshire has an extensive network of around 2700km of public rights of way; which includes footpaths, bridleways and byways. This extensive network is both a significant part of our heritage and a major recreational resource; used by both residents and visitors to Nottinghamshire. The County Council is committed to the active management of this network to maintain and protect existing routes. Over recent years certain routes have experienced rapid deterioration as a result of heavy usage. Their consistent exposure to this kind of wear makes it very difficult to maintain them to a standard that enables all of the users of these public rights of way to access them.

Investigations indicate that this damage occurs most frequently and most severely on by-ways which are open to and legally used by motorised traffic during winter months. To reduce the deterioration of these routes and potential risks to those using these byways, it is proposed to restrict access to some byways for part of each year. The restriction would apply to motorised traffic (motorised vehicle with 3 or more wheels) and to horse drawn vehicles only; pedestrians, cyclists, solo motorcyclists and horse riders would be able to use the route through-out the year. This restriction is considered necessary to effectively manage the network and to safeguard future access.

Via East Midlands Ltd, working behalf of the County Council, is proposing to close the following selected byways to motorised vehicles with 3 or more wheels and horse drawn vehicles (Byways Open to All Traffic) annually between 1st November and 30th April

- (i) Stokeham Byway No. 4 (Wranglands Lane) and Laneham Byway No.18 (Salins Lane) (Stokeham, Laneham and Rampton)
- (ii) Hayton No.15 (Scotter Lane, Meadow Lane and Church Lane)(Hayton)

The affected byways are shown on the attached plans, location map and legal notice. During the closure period the byways will be closed by means of a locked gate. Keys would be available to landowners requiring access off the byway.

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Before proceeding further with the proposed byway seasonal closures, I wish to consider the views of residents and organisations who may be interested in this matter. Suggestions will be incorporated in the proposal wherever appropriate and economically feasible. If your comments are in the form of an objection to the proposals and if they cannot be resolved, they will be reported through the County Council's procedures at the appropriate time. Any observations on these proposals should reach me by **17th December 2018**.

If you have any questions on the proposals then please contact either Jeff Burton.

Yours «sig2»



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