



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(WAVERLEY)**

**PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 233 CHIDDINGFOLD – PROPOSED
DIVERSION**

17 December 2010

UPDATE

1. On 6 December 2010, planning permission was granted by Waverley Borough Council, (subject to fulfilling the legal obligations in connection with the Wealden Heath Special Protection Area) for a number of affordable homes on the area of land behind the surgery on Ridgley Road (planning application number WA/2010/1350 refers). A plan showing the site of the development is attached.
2. The objector, Mr Holmes has been informed and he has discussed the matter with Mrs Tebbot of Chiddingfold Parish Council. In his e-mail dated 13 December 2010, Mr Holmes says he is now 'much more optimistic about the matter being satisfactorily solved without the need for going to a public inquiry' and he has requested that the matter be postponed to the next meeting.
3. Whilst this new information may assist in satisfying Mr Holmes's reservations concerning the proposed diversion, it is considered that the proposed diversion already meets the tests set out under the Highways Act 1980, is expedient and will not be substantially less convenient to the public. The stiles Mr Holmes objects to are outside the scope of the order and are being dealt with as a separate matter.
4. The Committee is asked to note this additional information in considering the application, as scheduled, at its meeting on 17 December 2010.