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Dear Sirs

**Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
Application for extensions to various temporary traffic regulation orders**

Please find enclosed an application to extend a number of long term closures together with plans of the paths.

We also enclose copies of the original orders.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Application for extensions to temporary traffic regulation orders made pursuant to section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

V124

- Length of extension required: 24 months
- Reasons for request of extension:

The top section of V124 was affected by a landslip in 2001 which affected an extensive length of the A3055 Undercliff Drive between Niton and St Lawrence. It was to be reinstated as part of the Undercliff Drive major road reinstatement scheme for which compulsory purchase was required. This scheme was eventually abandoned and it is intended the path will now be reinstated as a separate Rights of Way project if budget can be made available, ground conditions allow and land negotiations are successful.

An extension is required in order to keep the path legally closed until such a time that budget/works may be possible to allow the path to be re-opened.

- Anticipated length of works: unknown at this time
- Plan of route: See attached plan 1

C34

- Length of extension required: 24 months
- Reasons for request of extension:

C34 at Whale Chine runs from the main road, along the coastal path and then down a set of wooden steps and along the chine to the beach. The path route has become unsafe for public use due to loss of ground supporting elements of the path, loss of timber step structures and ongoing rapid cliff erosion and slippages.

Opus International Consultants (UK) Ltd produced a feasibility report for the reinstatement of the path and longer term future of Whale Chine. The report states that due to geological conditions and access difficulties for constructions, the most basic scheme to reinstate a path suitable for public use is likely to cost not less than £100,000, that the lifetime of works is very unpredictable, possibly less than one year, and that progression of erosion of the chine profile makes a further major slip at the mouth of the chine inevitable in the longer term. There is therefore no reasonable prospect at the present time of reinstating a safe path for public use.

An extension is required in order to keep the path legally closed until such a time that budget/works may be possible to allow the path to be re-opened.

NT48 is closed due to land instability and erosion of the coastal slope making the lower section of the path unsafe for public use. The upper section of the path can be used but only provides a dead end access to the top of the coastal slope.

There is no immediate prospect of re-opening NT48, but the Council is reluctant to take steps to permanently extinguish any path in case there is a chance, however remote, that reinstatement may become possible. NT48 does not present the same level of risk as NT47 as the path is on the coastal slope and not along the edge of a cliff. The coastal slope continues to be monitored for ground stability and the possibility of making a safe path route available.

An extension is required in order to keep the path legally closed until such a time that budget/works may be possible to allow part or all of the path to be re-opened.

- Anticipated length of works: Unknown at this time
- Plan of route: See attached plan 5

NT49

- Length of extension required: 24 months
- Reasons for request of extension:

NT49 is closed due to land instability and erosion of the coastal slope making the path unsafe for use by the public. There is no immediate prospect of re-opening NT49, but the Council is reluctant to take steps to permanently extinguish any path in case there is a chance, however remote, that reinstatement may become possible. NT49 does not present the same level of risk as NT47 as the path is on the coastal slope and not on a cliff.

An extension is required in order to keep the path legally closed until such a time that budget/works may be possible to allow part or all of the path to be re-opened.

- Anticipated length of works: Unknown at this time
- Plan of route: See attached plan 6

NT50

- Length of extension required: 24 months
- Reasons for request of extension:

Two separate sections of NT50 are unsafe for use by the public due to land instability.

NT30

- Length of extension required: Approx. 2 years – to 21st November 2013
- Reasons for request of extension:

Part of NT30 is closed due to a leaning retaining wall adjacent to the path line. The wall has been inspected by Isle of Wight Council engineers and it is considered a risk to path users. Due to the nature of the path having walls/banks on either side, the section had to be closed in the interest of public safety. The path provides a valuable link route to the local community and to the nearby primary school.

The Isle of Wight Council Legal Section pursued this matter with the adjacent landowner, which led to the Council serving legal notice to have the wall repaired. However, after further investigation we are advised that the adjacent landowner is not responsible, and it may be necessary for the Council to action and fund repair works to allow the path to be re-opened. At this time of financial uncertainty the Council is unable to put any budget into this path. Repair works could be in excess of £15-20,000.

This path is a valued local route and there is pressure from the community and the parish council to keep it. With this in mind it should remain closed until budget is available to repair the dangerous wall. The community and parish council would almost certainly object to any proposals to extinguish the path.

- Anticipated length of works: Unknown at this time.
- Plan of route: See attached plan 9













