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Date: 19 April 2024

Dear Mr Cornelius

Thank you for your request for information handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 relating to public rights of way. Please see the response provided below:

On 4th April 2022, a request was made for your public rights of way data on the web page:

<https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/public-rights-of-way-data-4>

You supplied that data on 19th April 2022. On 25 April 2023 (ref 36761205), you supplied an update to me. Thank you for doing this. I include your data on the website: <http://www.rowmaps.com>. That website has the data for the 127 local authorities that have all released their data with an Open licence. I guess there may have been several changes to your public rights of way in the last year. I would be grateful if you would provide me with an up-to-date copy of your data. I would prefer the data to be supplied as an ESRI shapefile or as MapInfo files. Please can you bundle up the data files in a zip file and send the zip file as an attachment. I'm only able to use the data if it's released with an Open licence. Most local authorities now release their data with the Open Government Licence v3.0: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/>

Last April you released your data with the OGL v3.0. Thank you for doing this. Please can release any new data to me with the OGL v3.0 and indicate that you are doing this in your reply.

Please find the requested data, attached, as an ESRI shapefile contained in a zip folder.

The data is licensed under Open Government Licence v3.0 details of which can be found here: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/>.

We would ask that you also note the information/limitations below when using the data:

- This data does not constitute the Definitive Map and Statement for public rights of way. It only infers the likely alignment and status of public rights of way in Kent. It is not suitable for giving legal advice or to determine the legal extent, alignment, or status of a public right of way.*
- Confirmation of the legal alignment or existence of a public right of way can only be made by using the Definitive Map and Statement. Details of where and how you can view the Definitive Map and Statement are available here.*

- *Public rights of way are liable to change, and this dataset represents the public rights of way network at a point in time. Information can be checked against the interactive map provided here: www.kent.gov.uk/prowfaults, which is updated on a regular basis to reflect any legal changes to paths.*
- *The data is not suitable for carrying out property searches. Completion of a CON29 form is the legally recognised process for carrying out property searches and this includes questions which cannot be legally or fully answered by using this data alone.*
- *We ask that the user of the data acknowledges that this information contains OS derived data using the attribution statement: 'Contains OS data © Crown copyright and database rights 2024'.*
- *The data has been captured, in its entirety, against Ordnance Survey base mapping products which are not available under Open Data. Nonetheless the data should display correctly against the Open Data products provided by the OS but no guarantee is given in this regard.*

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If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you can appeal to the Information Commissioner, who oversees compliance with both the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Details of what you need to do, should you wish to pursue this course of action, are available from the Information Commissioner's website <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>, or you can phone the ICO Helpline on 0303 123 1113.

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Katy Parmenter
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