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Date: 08/11/2022  
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Dear Felicity

**PLANNING APPLICATION NO. – WP/20/00692/DCC  
PORTLAND PORT, CASTLETOWN, PORTLAND DT5 1PP  
FOOTPATH 72, PORTLAND**

Thank you for your letter dated 07/09/2020.

The proposed works are in the vicinity of the above public right of way, as recorded on the County Definitive Map and Statement of rights of way (please see the attached plan). However, I am unaware of any unrecorded paths that may be affected.

The proposal for the main buildings within the port itself as set out in the above planning application would have some visual impact on the Southwest Coastal Path which is a National Trail. The proposal is to link up two cul-de-sac public footpath paths, numbers s3/72 and s3/81 shown on the attached plan.

I would like the link to be dedicated as a Definitive Public Footpath linking up s3/72 and s3/81. This may lead to a rerouting of the Southwest Coastal path along the line of this route to provide a route which is closer to the coastline.

Please note the granting of planning consent does not mean that the path will be diverted or extinguished and that a separate process is required to divert or extinguish the path. If the proposals mean a temporary closure of the route it is important this is discussed with the Senior Ranger before any works commence. It is for the applicants to assure themselves that any other necessary consents have also been obtained.

It should be noted that the use of this footpath by vehicular traffic without lawful authority is an offence contrary to the Road Traffic Act 1988. Any damage to the surface of the path attributable to the development must be repaired to Dorset Council's specification, in accordance with Section 59 of the Highways Act 1980.

The free passage of the public on all rights of way must not be obstructed at any time. If the public are unlikely to be able to exercise their public rights on the above path, then a Temporary Path Closure Order must be obtained. This can be applied for through this office, but the application must be completed and returned at least **thirteen weeks** before the intended closure date. It should be noted that there is a fee applicable to this application.

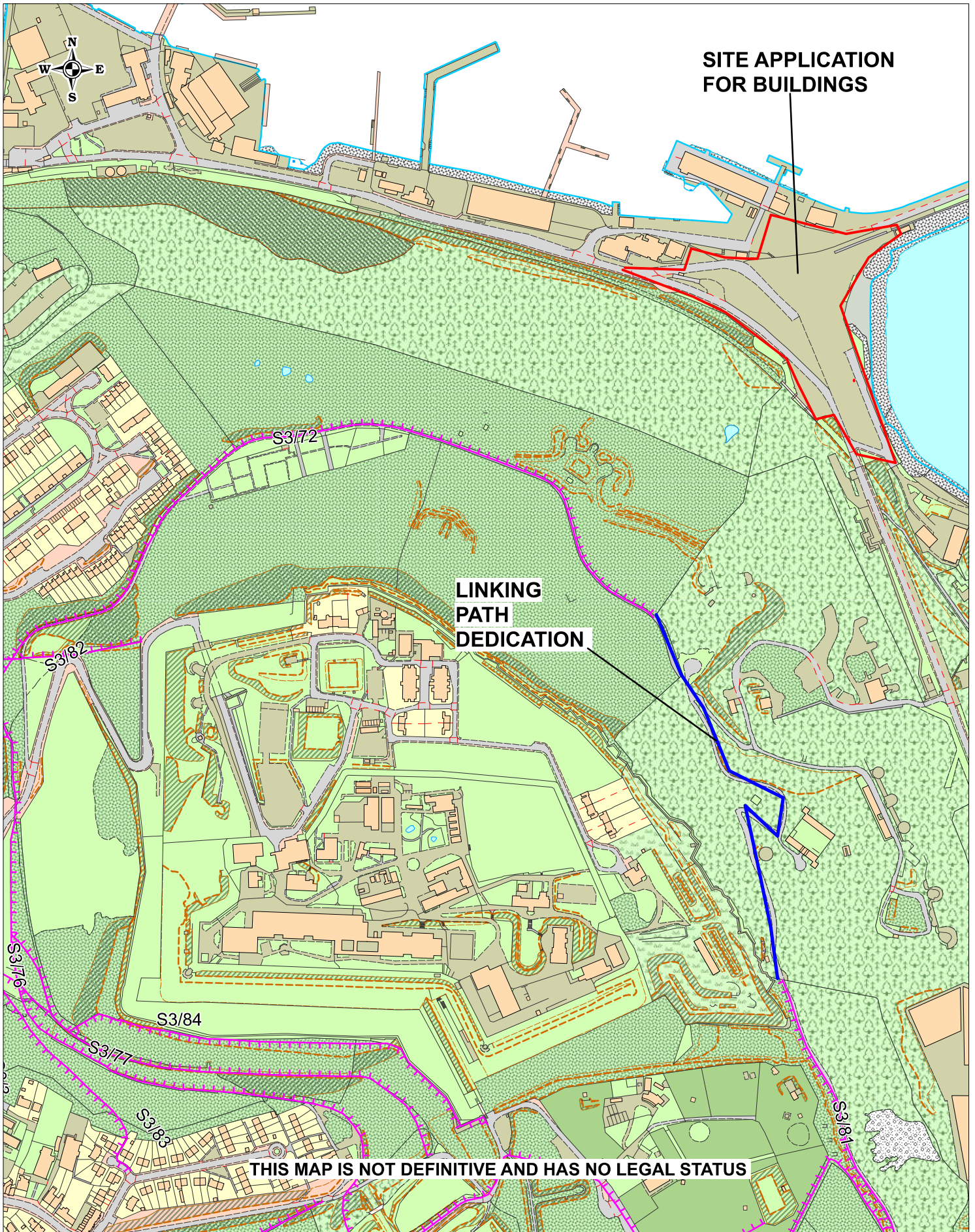
Please note that these comments are only in relation to the public rights of way within the vicinity of the site, and Dorset Council reserve the right to comment further on the application with regards to other aspects of the application.

Thank you for consulting me on this application.

Yours sincerely

*David Ackerley*

**David Ackerley**  
Senior Ranger – West of Dorset



**SITE APPLICATION FOR BUILDINGS**

**LINKING PATH DEDICATION**

**THIS MAP IS NOT DEFINITIVE AND HAS NO LEGAL STATUS**

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