

PUBLIC NOTICE

Definitive Map Modification Order application Section 53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

**Informal consultation about a route between Roaf Wood and Arthur Wood near
Castle Hill, Almondbury**

Nearest postcode: HD4 6TS

Grid references: SE 15031 13338 to SE 15598 13184

Kirklees Council is investigating an application to record the above route shown by the letters A-B on the accompanying plan, as a public footpath.

The Council has a statutory duty to maintain a Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way (the legal record). The Council must keep the Definitive Map and Statement under continuous review. If we discover evidence that there is an additional public right of way, that is not currently recorded, then an Order to modify the Definitive Map and Statement would be made under the provisions of section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

We welcome your comments about this path. Please note that the Council's role is to determine whether a public right of way already exists, rather than whether or not it should be created, or matters such as suitability, security, or privacy.

In particular, we would like to know about the following:

- Your use of the path – for example, over what period of time did you use the path? How often? For what purposes did you use the path? Where were you going to?
- Use of the path by other people
- The presence of gates, stiles, fences, or other obstructions
- Any signs or notices on the path, and what they said
- If you were ever challenged when using the path, or challenged anyone else
- If you have been given permission, or have given others permission to use the path
- Anything else you feel may be relevant in establishing the status of the path

If possible, please include a map or plan showing the route.

Please note that this notice forms part of the investigation and no decision on the application has yet been made by the Council.

Any comments you make or evidence you provide may eventually become public and may be used in evidence at a public inquiry.

Please submit any evidence or comments about this path to the Public Rights of Way team at the address below, or by email to publicrightsofway@kirklees.gov.uk by **19 October 2026**.

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