

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980, SECTION 119

Kirklees Council (Public Bridleway Holmfirth 6 (part) at Seventy Acre Farm, Honley, Holmfirth) Public Path Diversion Order and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2025

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Under the Highways Act 1980, local authorities have the power to make Orders to create, divert or extinguish public rights of way. A notice that an Order has been made has to be advertised on the site of the way in question and in the local press. This provides an opportunity for the public to make representations or objections to the proposed change.

Kirklees Council has made an Order to divert part of public bridleway Holmfirth 6. The diversion Order has been made under [section 119 of the Highways Act 1980](#) on the grounds that it is in the interest of the landowner.

The Order will stop up part of Holmfirth 6 public bridleway and a new public bridleway will be constructed immediately adjacent and parallel. The new bridleway will be of a variable width of 4 metres to 10.5 metres wide. It will have a surface of crushed sandstone. At its junction with Meltham Road it will have a 2 metre flexipave strip and a holding area 7 metres by 6.28 metres by 4.57 metres. It will be fenced on either side with posts and rails to a height of 1.2 metres.

THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE ORDER

Kirklees Council has made the Order on the following grounds:

- Kirklees Council is satisfied that the Order complies with the following grounds and tests laid down in the Highways Act 1980.
- It appears expedient that the path should be diverted on the grounds that it is in the interest of the landowner or the public.
- The end points of the diversion are on the same highway or one connected to it and are substantially as convenient as at present.
- The necessary works to implement the proposed path will be undertaken.
- The proposed path will not be substantially less convenient and will not have an undue effect on public enjoyment of the path as a whole.
- Kirklees Council will have to consider the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

The Order will come into effect only after it has been confirmed: making and advertising the Order simply provides an opportunity for representations or objections to be made.

Representations or objections relating to the Order must be made in writing addressed to Harry Garland, Kirklees Council, Legal Services, PO Box 1720, Huddersfield HD1 9EL no later than 07 November 2025. You should quote reference HG/D112-348 and state the grounds on which your objection/representation is made.

The public notice, statement of reasons, Order are available on Kirklees Council's website at <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/countryside-parks-and-open-spaces/changes-to-definitive-map.aspx>

If you want to discuss this Order the contact is Deborah Stephenson, Kirklees Council, Public Rights of Way, PO Box 1720, Huddersfield HD1 9EL. Telephone 01484 221000 and ask for the officer by name, or email

publicrightsofway@kirklees.gov.uk

The right of objection to an Order is a statutory right, but it should be exercised in a reasonable manner.

If no representations or objections are received, or representations or objections which are made are subsequently withdrawn, the council can confirm the Order. If representations or objections are made and not withdrawn then the council may refer the Order to the Planning Inspectorate for determination. An inspector from the Planning Inspectorate would hear the objections at a public hearing or inquiry, or in writing if the objectors agree. The inspector can confirm an Order, confirm it with modifications, or refuse to confirm it.

Where a new way is being created (by a creation or diversion Order) the change will come into effect only after a specified period from the date of confirmation to allow time for work to be undertaken if it is needed to bring the new way into a state fit for public use.

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