

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Investigation into the width of part of public footpath Holmfirth 60 at Wolfstones Heights Farm, Upperthong

Kirklees Council has received an application to vary the particulars shown in the Statement accompanying the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way.

Public footpath Holmfirth 60 is currently recorded as approx. 1.2 metres (4ft) wide along its whole length. The application is to increase the recorded width of part of this path. This is shown as by letters A-B-C-D-E on the plan.

Do you have any evidence about the width of this path?

We are aware that the available width of part of the path between points A and B has recently been narrowed to approximately 1.2 metres – we need to establish the width of the path that was available or actually used prior to that change.

We would welcome any evidence regarding the width of this path, whether or not it supports the application.

1. If you have used this path we would like to know:
 - a) Over what time period(s) you used it.
 - b) The width of the path that you used.
 - c) How wide was the path you used - in feet or metres?
 - d) Did you use the whole width available on the ground – or did you only use a narrower width, e.g. along one side?
 - e) Did the width of the path change over time?
 - f) Were there any gates or stiles in place during the time in which you used the path? Where were they?
2. Are you aware of any documentary evidence (including photos) that would assist in determining the width of the public right of way? (We already have copies of Ordnance Survey maps).
3. Do you have any other comments regarding the width of path Holmfirth 60?

We would also welcome receipt of any evidence that suggests the public right of way is confined to a width of approximately 1.2m or any other width.

We are investigating whether or not a public right of way that already exists is wider than 1.2m (4ft) and the exact position of the public right of way on the ground. We are not proposing to create a new public right of way. We are unable to consider matters such as safety, security, or the merits of any proposal to divert the path.

If you have any evidence to add, or any comment, please send it to Phil Champion at the address below, or by email phil.champion@kirklees.gov.uk by 22 December 2020.

Please note that this Notice forms part of the investigation of the application to modify the Definitive Map and Statement and that no decision on the application has yet been made by the Council.

In due course the matter will be considered by Kirklees Council's Huddersfield area Planning Sub-committee who will make a decision whether or not to make an Order to modify the Definitive Map and Statement. Any evidence you provide will be taken into consideration.

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

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