

Site address	FORMER WATERWORKS, HOLMFIELD ROAD, LONGWOOD, HUDDERSFIELD, HD3 4TY	
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Proposed Resurfacing of Public Footpath HUD/428/50 at Victoria Works (Former Waterworks), Holmfield Road, Longwood, Huddersfield, HD3 4TY

1. Proposal

This application seeks permission to resurface the existing track/drive serving Victoria Works (Former Waterworks), Holmfield Road, Longwood, Huddersfield, HD3 4TY, over which public footpath HUD/428/50 passes. The works are intended to provide a safer, more durable and serviceable surface while retaining the existing route and maintaining public access throughout the construction period.

2. Scope and Method of Works

The existing loose soil, earth and other unsuitable surface material would be carefully scraped back to a suitable load-bearing depth or, where encountered, to the original road surface. The excavated material would then be replaced with compacted limestone crusher run to form a firm and even surface. Limestone crusher run is well suited to this purpose because it compacts tightly to create a stable, durable and free-draining finish, helping to reduce rutting, potholes, loose mud and standing water. It is also straightforward to maintain and repair, providing a practical surface for pedestrians and vehicles.

The works would be confined to the existing alignment and width of the track. No alteration to the route of the public footpath is proposed.

3. Protection of the Public Right of Way

The public right of way would remain open and available for use throughout the works. To achieve this, the driveway would be resurfaced in two longitudinal sections, with only half of its width worked on at any one time. Secure temporary fencing would separate the working area from the section retained for pedestrians, ensuring a continuous and clearly defined route along the full length of the driveway.

4. Site Safety and Access Management

A trained banksman would be present while works are taking place. Plant and construction activity would stop whenever a member of the public needs to pass through or alongside the working area. Appropriate barriers and warning signage would be maintained, and the pedestrian route would be kept clear of materials, plant and debris.

5. Purpose and Intended Outcome

The proposal would improve the condition, stability and usability of the existing access surface without obstructing or diverting the public footpath. The completed works would provide a more even and durable route for users of the right of way and for access to Victoria Works.

6. Conclusion

The proposed resurfacing is a limited improvement to the existing track and would not change the established route of the public footpath. The phased working method, temporary segregation and banksman controls would maintain safe, uninterrupted public access throughout the works. The proposal is therefore submitted to the Local Planning Authority for consideration.