

PUBLIC NOTICE

Consultation - Definitive Map Modification Order Application (Ref 340) Section 53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Location: Former Scholes quarry (Chapelgate to public footpath Holmfirth 157 at Oak Scar Lane via former quarry, wood, and football ground)

Nearest postcode: HD9 1SX

Grid reference: SE 1565 0723

Kirklees Council has received an application (Ref. 340) under section 53 of the Wildlife Countryside Act 1981, to modify the Definitive Map and Statement to add the above route shown by the letters A-B-C-D-E-F on the accompanying plan, as a public footpath. The Public Rights of Way (PROW) service at the Council is investigating the available evidence including the evidence submitted with the application.

The Council has a duty to maintain the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way. It must keep the 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.

Have your say – We welcome your comments or evidence about this route to establish its status. If you have used or have knowledge of the route, you can submit any comments or evidence to the Public Rights of Way service at the postal or email address, or telephone number provided below. Alternatively you can complete a Public Rights of Way User Evidence Statement on request.

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

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

Please note that the Council has to consider whether or not public rights already exist over this route. Please note that matters such as suitability or desirability, safety or maintenance, privacy or security cannot be taken into consideration. Any comments or evidence you provide may eventually be viewed in the public domain and may be used in evidence at a public inquiry.

Consultation period ends: 22 March 2024

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

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