

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Investigation into the status of a route known as Moor Lane, leading between Farnley Road and Manor Road, Farnley Tyas

Nearest postcode: HD4 6UN
Grid references: SE 1665 1244 to SE 1718 1279

Kirklees Council is investigating applications submitted in 1996 & 2007 to record the above route, as shown leading between the letters A-B on the attached plan, as a public bridleway, which is defined as the public right of way on foot, horseback, or leading a horse. Cyclists also have a public right to use a public bridleway under section 30 of the Countryside Act, 1968.

The Council has a duty to maintain the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way. It 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 or evidence. In particular, the investigation is focused on the history of the application route between 1976-1996, which is the current relevant period under section 31 of the Highways Act 1980. Please note that the Council has to consider whether or not a public right of way already exists, not whether or not it should be created, or matters such as security and privacy.

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

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

Please note that this notice forms part of the investigation and that no decision on the application has yet been made by the Council. Any evidence you provide or comments you make may eventually become public and may be used in evidence at a public inquiry.

Please submit any evidence or comments about these routes to Public Rights of Way at the address below or by email to publicrightsofway@kirklees.gov.uk and by **11 September 2023**.

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