

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Investigation into the status of a route between Green Lane and Choppards Lane at Washpit Mills, Holmfirth

Nearest postcode: HD9 2RD

Grid references: SE 1434 0679 to SE 1418 0665

Kirklees Council is investigating an application to record the above route shown by the letters A-B on the accompanying plan, as a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT). A BOAT is "a highway over which the public have a right of way for vehicular and all other kinds of traffic, but which is used by the public mainly for the purpose for which footpaths and bridleways are so used".

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.

We welcome your comments about this path. 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?
- Whether use was with motor vehicles, or on foot, horseback or by pedal cycle etc.
- 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

If possible, please include a map or plan showing the route. 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.

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

Please submit any evidence or comments about this path to the Public Rights of Way Team at the address below, or by email to publicrightsofway@kirklees.gov.uk by **21 April 2023**.

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