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Dear Mr Davies

Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981 Review of the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way Informal pre-order consultation

I am writing to consult you informally, at the pre-order stage, regarding one or more proposals, arising from formal applications submitted by third parties or evidence discovered by the Council, to modify the Definitive Map and Statement.

The process of determining such matters involves the County Council gathering and evaluating evidence from all interested parties (Parish Councils, owners / occupiers of the land and local representatives of the relevant national and regional path user groups) to establish whether or not public rights of way have been reasonably alleged to exist.

- I would, therefore, welcome any facts or evidence that your Council wishes the County Council to consider, in support and / or rebuttal of the proposed modification(s), identified on the attached schedule.

It is expected that these matters will begin to be considered by Northumberland County Council's Rights of Way Committee at its meetings during 2024, so it would be helpful if any information you wish to be considered could be in my hands no later than Saturday 30th September 2023. Please note, we are *not* asking the Parish Councils to take sides in these matters. The Parish Council may have conflicting pieces evidence which, on the one hand appear to support and, on the other, appear to oppose the proposal. This is absolutely fine, and not at all unusual - we want all of it. We are trying to gather as much evidence as possible to enable us to determine these matters as fairly and as accurately as possible.




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- On the accompanying schedule is a list of those 'known' owners and occupiers of land affected. If you are aware of anyone I have missed, it would be extremely helpful if you could let me know their name(s) and (if known) address(es).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further before responding. If it is easier for you, an emailed reply would be perfectly acceptable.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and 'B'.

Alex Bell
Definitive Map Officer
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Berwick Town **Footpath No 84**

This proposal is to add to the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way, a public footpath, from a point marked A, on Bridge Street, between numbers 49-51 and numbers 55-57 in a general south-westerly direction for a distance of 50 metres to a point marked B, on existing Public Footpath No 64 at the quayside.

This proposal arises from an application made by Moira Kay and is supported by user evidence from 67 members of the public, 41 of whom say they have used the route for 20 years or more.

Mr McFarlane & Mr Wallis of 8 Church Street, Berwick, The Three Quay Walls Management Company Ltd, Mr Forster of Flat 14, 3 Quay Walls, and Historic England are the only (possible) land owners / occupiers who have been consulted, by me, at this stage.

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Parish of Ingram **Footpath No 55**

This proposal is to add to the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way, a public footpath, from a point marked C, at the junction of Public Footpaths Nos 10 and 11, 410 metres south-west of Brandon Ford, in a general south-westerly direction for a distance of 4260 metres, over the summits of East Hill, West Hill and Old Fawdon Hill, to rejoin Public Footpath No 11, at a point marked D, 855 metres north-west of Great Ryle.

This proposal arises from an application made by John Graham and is supported by user evidence from 8 members of the public, 5 of whom say they have used some or all of the route for 20 years or more.

Mr P Magor at Fawdon Farm is the only (possible) land owner / occupier who has been consulted, by me, at this stage.

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Wildlife & Countryside Act, 1981

----- Alleged Public Footpath

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Former District:
Berwick

Def. Map No.:
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Parish:
Berwick

O.S. Map:
NT 95 SW

Scale:
1:1250

Date:
May 2023