

# **PUBLIC NOTICE - Definitive Map Modification Order application - Section 53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**

**Investigation into the status of a claimed route from Old Lane to Taylor Lane via the burial ground, Scapegoat Hill**

**And an investigation into the status of two additional routes at Scapegoat Hill, from Old Lane to High Street via steps, and Old Lane to High Street via Vermont Close**

**Nearest postcode: HD7 4NJ    Grid reference: SE 0895 1636**

Kirklees Council is investigating an application to record the above route shown by the letters A-B-C on the accompanying plan, as a public footpath.

Kirklees Council is also investigating two additional routes that branch off from the claimed route and are shown on the same plan as a route to High Street via steps (B-D) and also a route to High Street via Vermont Close (E-F).

The Council has a duty to maintain a 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 these paths. In particular, we would like to know about the following:

- Your use of the paths – for example, over what period of time did you use the paths? How often? For what purposes did you use the paths? Where were you going to?
- Use of the paths by other people
- The presence of gates, stiles, fences, or other obstructions (e.g., vegetation)
- Any signs or notices on the paths, and what they said
- If you were ever challenged when using the paths, or challenged anyone else
- If you have been given permission, or have given others permission to use the paths
- Anything else you feel may be relevant in establishing the status of the paths
- If possible, please include a map or plan showing the routes

**Please note that this Notice forms part of the investigation and that no decision on the application or the additional two routes 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 paths to the Public Rights of Way team at the address below or by email to [publicrightsofway@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:publicrightsofway@kirklees.gov.uk) by **14 December 2022**.

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