

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE ORDER

Public footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways open to all traffic are recorded on definitive maps and statements. These maps and statements provide conclusive evidence of the existence of public rights. Lancashire County Council is responsible for the definitive map and statement and has a duty to modify them when evidence suggests that they are inaccurate or incomplete. This is achieved by means of modification orders made under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

The council has made a modification Order under section 53 to delete the full unrecorded width of part of a footpath recorded as FP1304124 from a point on FP1304124 10 metres south east of its junction with Skipton Old Road just inside the boundary fence of 38 Skipton Old Road running in a south easterly direction to a point within the adopted highway U40326 between the rear of 241 and 243 Keighley Road shown between points A-B on the Order Map with a broken black line. This Order has been made because the authority concluded that public rights do not exist along the Definitive Map line A-B, so propose it be deleted. In other words, the Definitive Map is currently wrong and this Order seeks to correct it. It is important to note that the Order does not remove any existing public rights but seeks to correct an error with regards to what is shown.:

The evidence on which the council has made the Order includes map and documentary evidence, and aerial and ground photographs.

This evidence may be consulted free of charge by contacting Lancashire County Council, Legal Services Group, PO Box 100, County Hall, Preston, PR1 0LD or emailing ansar.sadiq@lancashire.gov.uk.

Representations and objections relating to the Order must be made in writing by 14 August 2026 to ansar.sadiq@lancashire.gov.uk or to Ansar Sadiq, Lancashire County Council, PO Box 100, County Hall, Preston, PR1 0LD (REF: LSG4/888.3769 /AS002)

To be relevant, representations or objections should relate to the existence or status of rights of way; other issues, such as privacy, security or amenity are unlikely to be relevant. If you want to discuss a representation or objection to this Order, contact Ansar Sadiq at the address above or by phone on 01772 532435 or e-mail ansar.sadiq@lancashire.gov.uk.

This Order does not come into effect until confirmed. If there are no representations and objections to the Order, or those made are withdrawn, the council can confirm the Order, and the definitive map and statement will be modified. If there are any representations and objections which are not withdrawn, the council must send the Order and representations and objections to the Planning Inspectorate who will appoint an independent inspector to consider the Order and the representations and objections. The Inspectorate will normally hold a hearing or an inquiry, but it could determine the Order through written representations. The inspector may confirm the Order, with or without modifications, or may decide that the Order should not be confirmed.