

# Appendix 3

Consultation Letter and Responses

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## **This is the letter sent to all those consulted**

### **Consultation – Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Proposed Amendment to the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way Marks Lane to Meadows Lane (Ref:24/04/2018)**

An application was submitted by Mrs B. Kilani to the County Council 24/04/2018 for a Definitive Map Modification Order to upgrade Footpath 21 West Rainton as a Bridleway (please see attached plan). There is sufficient evidence that suggest the order would likely be approved. To clarify, a Bridleway is open to pedestrians, horses and pedal cyclists.

I am currently seeking the views of local councillors, the Parish Council, relevant landowners and user organisations (BHS and Ramblers Association etc) and will be pleased to include any comments you may wish to offer regarding the proposed modification to the Highways Committee. A report will be composed that will incorporate any views, objections and additional evidence submitted by those in receipt of this consultation.

It is likely that the Highways Committee will not review the claim mentioned above until April 2024. However, it would be appreciated that you submit your views, objection or additional evidence within 30 days of receipt of this email.

Please note that if you do make representations, then by virtue of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the County Council must make these publicly available when a report on this application is considered by the Highways Committee.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the matter, please contact me or my colleague Josephine Upchurch.

Your sincerely

Dagmar Richardson

**Definitive Map Officer  
Public Rights of Way**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 February 2024 17:06  
**To:** Dagmar Richardson  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]:Re: Consultation Definitive Map Modification  
Application to upgrade footpath 21 West Rainton to a Bridleway

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Hello Dagmar

On behalf of the British Horse Society, this route would be a very useful addition to the definitive map as a Bridleway.

I understand it has been used as such for many years by local horse riders, walkers and cyclists. The horse stile is still in place at the beginning of the route where it leaves Mark's Lane.

*Regards*

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**From:** Dagmar Richardson <dagmar.richardson@durham.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 19 February 2024 14:44  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Consultation Definitive Map Modification Application to upgrade footpath 21 West Rainton to a Bridleway

Dear [REDACTED]

I am contacting you as part of the consultation process regarding an application to upgrade Public Footpath 21 West Rainton to a Bridleway please see the attached letter.

Kind Regards

Dagmar Richardson

**Definitive Map Officer**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 February 2024 12:16  
**To:** Dagmar Richardson  
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Dear Dagmar

Thank you for consulting me on this proposal.

I am not familiar with the location. However, I would expect that this footpath shown on the map to link with other bridleways and the minor road network, would also have been used as a bridleway in the past, and probably still is so used. I would therefore support the upgrade of Footpath 21 to a bridleway.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]  
Open Spaces Society

**From:** Dagmar Richardson  
**Sent:** Monday, February 19, 2024 2:56 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Consultation Definitive Map Modification Application to upgrade Footpath 21 West Rainton to a Bridleway

Dear [REDACTED]  
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Kind Regards

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**From:** Cllr David Hall  
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**To:** Dagmar Richardson  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: Consultation Definitive Map Modification  
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