

## Mike Ogden

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Dear Mike

At its meeting on 18 June, under delegated powers, the town council's planning committee resolved to object to the proposed changes to the public rights of way network in the vicinity of Teesdale School and recommended that Durham County Council hold a public meeting, in Barnard Castle, to consult with local residents on any proposed changes.

In particular, members are concerned that extinguishing the existing footpath would impact negatively on local residents using the path to walk to work (Glaxo) and to access Teesdale Leisure Centre.

Kind regards

**Jane Woodward**

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**Subject:** Proposed changes to public rights of way - Teesdale School and former railway line, Barnard Castle

Dear Michael,

I am considering a proposal under sections 119 and 26 of the Highways Act 1980 to change the public rights of way network in the vicinity of Teesdale School, and would welcome your comments prior to any formal decisions.

There are two main reasons for the proposals:-

1. To create a legally defined Public Bridleway along the section of the former railway line between Crossing Cottages (Dent Gate Lane) and Barnard Castle, connecting to Teesdale Sports Centre and Strathmore Road, over land mainly in the ownership of Durham County Council (where the County Council have recently carried out improvements) and Teesdale School (Academy), but also including some land in private ownership.
2. The wish by Teesdale School to improve pupil safety and site security by moving Public Footpath No. 10 away from its current location adjacent to the main school buildings.

Discussions between the County Council and Teesdale School have come up with a set of proposals which will provide a Public Bridleway as outlined in 1. above and also retain a Public Footpath connection to the A688, via the access road to the Hub. A short Public Footpath connection between the new Bridleway and Public Footpath No. 14 Streatlam and Stainton will also be provided.

The proposals are shown on the attached plan, and taken together are considered to offer a reasonable compromise between public access and the legitimate concerns of the School. I would be pleased to receive any comments or objections you may wish to offer, within 30 days of the date of this email. If there are no objections, the application may be determined by the Corporate Director of Resources, in consultation with the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services, and if there are objections, it will be determined by the Highways Committee. If you need more time to consider the matter please let me know.

Please note that if you do make representations, then by virtue of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the County Council may make them available for public inspection. Additionally they may also be disclosable under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Regards

Mike

**Mike Ogden**

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