

## RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday, 18 March 2024 at 4.30 pm in the Whickham Room

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From the Chief Executive, Sheena Ramsey

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| Item | Business  |
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| 1    | <b>Apologies for Absence</b>  |
| 2    | <b>Minutes</b> (Pages 3 - 4)<br><br>The committee is asked to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on xxxxxx  |
| 3    | <b>Declarations of Interest</b><br><br>Committee members to declare an interest in any particular agenda item where applicable.   |
| 4    | <b>Rights of Way Applications</b><br><br><b>Claimed Public Right of Way: Low Spen Woods, Rowlands Gill, Gateshead</b><br>(Pages 5 - 22)   |
| 5    | <b>Progress on Rights of Way Matters</b> (Pages 23 - 30)<br><br>Report of the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance and the Strategic Director, Communities and Environment |

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## GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

### RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 17 July 2023

**PRESENT:** Councillor K Wood (Chair)  
Councillor(s): S Dickie, D Bradford, M Ord, J Simpson and A Wintcher

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor(s):

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor(s): A Geddes

#### **RW59 CONSTITUTION**

RESOLVED - That the Consitution of the Committee for the 2023/24 Municipal Year be noted.

#### **RW60 MINUTES**

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2023 be approved as a correct record.

#### **RW61 PROGRESS ON RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS**

The Committee received a report providing an update on Rights of Way Matters. The Committee were advised of updates with the regards to the following items.

- North View – the order was re-advertised and the consultation period ended on 30 June 2023. Objections have been received. The Order will be sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination.
- Cushy Cow Lane – the order was made on 8 February 2023. The objection period ended on 30 March 2023. Objections have been received. Currently officers are awaiting confirmation to see whether objections will be withdrawn. If the objections are withdrawn, the order will be confirmed, if not the Order will be sent to the Secretary of State for determination.
- Extinguishment of Bridleway WH/52 and Footpath WH194, Derwent Walk Country Park – Following approval of Committee on 21 November 2022, the Order was made on 18 January 2023. The objection period ended on 20 February 2023. Officers are awaiting confirmation as to whether objections will be withdrawn. If the objections are withdrawn, the Oder will be confirmed, it not, the Order will be sent to the Secretary of State for determination.

Councillors asked that updates are continued to be provided on the work undertaken on the Rights of Way Network. Councillors also asked for an update on the current position with regards to Lamesley 57 at Rockcliffe Way, Eighton Banks.

The Committee asked for the gratitude to be expressed on record at the work Zoe had undertaken for the Committee members, she was professional, efficient and did such a great job.

RESOLVED - That the information contained within the report be noted.

**Chair.....**

**18 March 2024****TITLE OF REPORT: Claimed Public Right of Way: Low Spen Woods, Rowlands Gill, Gateshead****REPORT OF: Strategic Director of Corporate Services and Governance and Strategic Director of Housing, Environment and Healthy Communities**

## **1. Summary**

This report to Committee relates to an application to make a definitive map modification order to add a footpath at Low Spen Woods, Rowlands Gill, Gateshead to the definitive map and statement of public rights of way.

## **2. Purpose of the report**

To provide the Rights of Way Committee with details of the claimed route and to recommend to the Committee that a precise defined route from the claim should be investigated before a recommendation is made as to whether a public footpath should be added to the definitive map and statement.

## **3. Background**

3.1 The Council received an application dated 20 December 2020 to add a footpath onto the definitive map and statement of public rights of way.

3.2 A plan showing the route of the alleged footpath claimed is at Appendix 2 to the report. It forms a circular route over the Woods.

3.3 The Applicant describes the route in the application form as, *“Paths leading to field (known locally as Rabbit Field) east of Hookergate School and paths in field and woods”*.

3.4 The application is made on the basis of user evidence. The application relies on the claimed path having been allegedly dedicated as a public footpath due to long use. Such dedication can arise pursuant to section 31 of the Highways Act 1980 or at common law.

## **4. The claimed route**

4.1 The route which is subject to the claim is indicated on the plan at Appendix 2. The plan shows various routes across open land.

4.2 The claimed route has five entrances and exits to and from the woodland and field.

4.3 The claimed route is accessed via Dene View and Barkwood Road.

4.4 Once in the woodland, the field is accessed by either walking through the stream or by using the footbridge.

## **5. Land ownership**

5.1 Land Registry documents show there are several different Landowners for the claimed route.

5.2 The Applicant served Notice of the application for a definitive map modification order on each individual Landowner.

5.3 On 27 April 2023, the Council received notification of an objection from Forestry England in their capacity as one of the Landowners.

5.4 Forestry England objected to the Applicant's Notice and the proposal stating the plan was not clear and did not adequately indicate the proposed footpath. In addition, it was stated that they could not determine whether the claimed route was on land owned by Forestry England.

## **6. The statutory requirements to add a public footpath to the definitive map of public rights of way**

6.1 The process of adding a public right of way to the definitive map and statement of public rights of way is set out in the Highways Act 1980, and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. The Highways Act deals with the type and character of the evidence put forward to 'claim' the right of way in question, whilst the Wildlife and Countryside Act sets out the way in which this evidence becomes part of, in turn, an 'application', and then – if the Committee so decides – an 'order'.

6.2 Section 31(1) of the Highways Act 1980 provides: "Where a way over any land, other than a way of such a character that use of it by the public could not give rise at common law to any presumption of dedication, has been actually enjoyed by the public as of right and without interruption for a full period of 20 years, the way is deemed to have been dedicated as a highway unless there is sufficient evidence that there was no intention during that period to dedicate it."

6.3 The application is made under section 53(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Section 53(2)(a) requires the Council to keep its definitive map and statement under continuous review and to make modifications as soon as reasonably practicable after the occurrence of any of the events specified in section 53(3). The relevant event is contained in s.53(3)(c)(i), namely, "The discovery by the authority of evidence which (when considered with all other relevant evidence available to them) shows that a

right of way which is not shown in the map and statement subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist over the land to which the map relates, being a public path, restricted byway or a byway open to all traffic”.

## **7. User evidence**

7.1 The user evidence forms which have plans attached to them show the same claimed route as the plan attached at Appendix 2 to the report.

7.2 User evidence forms should have a plan attached with the extent of the route used clearly indicated.

7.3 The precise route walked is not defined by users and there are references to “circular walks” and “walking all routes” on the plan.

7.4 The user evidence therefore does not relate, refer or clearly show a defined route of a footpath.

7.5 The evidence in the 17 user evidence forms has been formulated into a table, which is attached at Appendix 3 to the report.

## **8. Use of defined route over land**

8.1 There is a general principle that the public cannot claim a right to wander over land.

8.2 Both under section 31 of the Highways Act 1980 and at common law, any long use resulting in dedication can only occur over a defined route on the ground. That is a fundamental characteristic of any highway which must follow a known and defined line in contrast, for example, to recreational use of a village green.

8.3 In the case of R (on the application of Pereira) v Environment and Traffic Adjudicators [2020] EWHC 811 (Admin), having reviewed the legal authorities, Fordham J. stated:

*“It is, in my judgement, an error of law to allow fluctuation in the course of passage across land to constitute the maintenance of ‘a course of passage’, so as to support a conclusion of uninterrupted enjoyment by the public of ‘a way’ over land. What is needed is greater precision, the identification of what the uninterrupted ‘way’ is, and an analysis of whether the location in question falls within that uninterrupted ‘way’.”*

8.4 Therefore, a precise defined route must be identified in order to comprise a “way” and it is that specific route which must be assessed to establish whether a public right of way subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist.

## **9. Proposed defined route**

9.1 The user evidence suggests that public rights may exist over the land in question.

9.2 A site visit and consideration of the claimed footpath has reduced the circular claimed route to a defined route.

9.3 The proposed defined route of the footpath is from the entrance to the woodland at the existing access alongside 66 Barkwood Road, continuing along the existing path towards the footbridge, over the burn in a northerly direction towards definitive Bridleway Blaydon 120/2. From here, there is an option to walk in a north westerly direction along the edge of the field to access Bridleway Blaydon 120/2 or alternatively, in a northerly direction to also access Bridleway Blaydon 120/2.

9.4 A plan of the proposed defined route is shown with a red line and attached at Appendix 4 to the report.

9.5 An extract from the definitive map is attached at Appendix 5 to the report indicating the location of the other definitive public rights of way in the area.

## **10. Conclusion**

A claim for a definitive map modification order must follow a particular line and public use must be over a defined route. Members of the public walking across open land and taking a number of different routes does not establish a public right of way.

## **11. Recommendation**

Approval is sought from the Public Rights of Way Committee for the following:

- 1) To investigate and carry out informal consultation regarding the proposed defined route of the footpath as indicated on the plan at Appendix 4.
- 2) To report back to Committee with a recommendation as to whether there is sufficient evidence to make a definitive map modification order to add a footpath at Low Spennings Woods onto the definitive map and statement of public rights of way.

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**1 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

**2 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

None

**3 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

None

**4 ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS**

None

**5 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

None

**6 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

**7 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

The applicable rights to be considered are the right to protection of property, right to a fair trial and right to respect for private life. However the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the Highways Act 1980 provides a legal basis for interference with these rights and the risk of these rights being infringed is addressed via the fact that any orders made are subject to an objection period and the statutory legal process.

**8 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

Chopwell and Rowlands Gill

**9 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

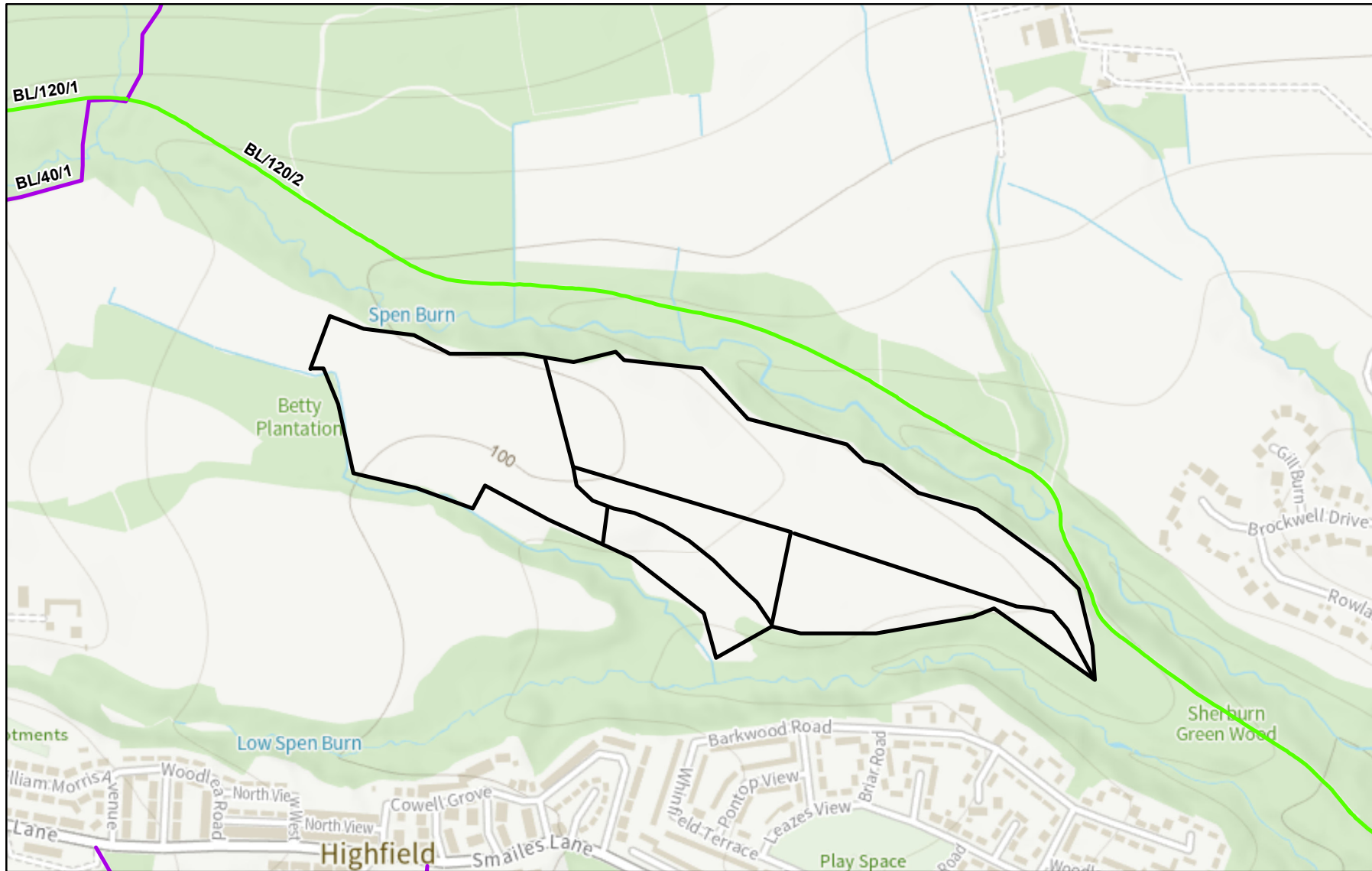
- Appendix 2 – Plan of alleged footpath
- Appendix 3 – User evidence table
- Appendix 4 – Plan of proposed defined route
- Appendix 5 – Extract from definitive map

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### CLAIMED ROUTE



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| User   | Do you use the route | How often  | Why use it                            | How do you use it | Any obstructions | Did you ask permission | Are there any notices on route? Have you been stopped from using it? | Private Access right across land | Any other information   |
|--------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|
| User 1 | Yes                  | 1980-2022<br>Weekly.<br><br>This equates to 42 years of use during the relevant period.  | Circular walks from home.             | Foot              | None stated.     | No                     | No   | No                               | Paths have been established by walkers in the last 40yrs and used by local people on a regular basis. |
| User 2 | Yes                  | 2005-2020<br>Monthly.<br><br>This equates to 15 years of use during the relevant period. | Rowlands Gill-Barlow.                 | Foot              | None Stated.     | No                     | No   | No                               | Marked A-B on plan  |
| User 3 | Yes                  | 2005-2020<br>Monthly.<br><br>This equates to 15 years of use during the relevant period. | Rowlands Gill-Barlow.<br>Dog walking. | Foot              | None stated.     | No                     | No   | No                               | Marked A-B on plan  |

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| User 4 | Yes | 2019-2021<br>Daily.<br><br>This equates to 3 years of use during the relevant period.  | Barkwood Road -Spenn Burn area.<br>Dog walking.                                | Foot | Small stream | No | No | No | Route marked on plan.  |
| User 5 | Yes | 2017-2020<br>Weekly.<br><br>This equates to 3 years of use during the relevant period. | Land behind Old Hookergate School.<br>Access path on Dene View.<br>Dog walking | Foot | None stated  | No | No | No | The paths are used regularly by dog walkers, horse riders and walkers. |
| User 6 | Yes | 1980-2020<br>Weekly.<br><br>This equates to 40 year of use during the relevant period. | Dog walking  | Foot | None stated  | No | No | No | Route marked on plan.  |

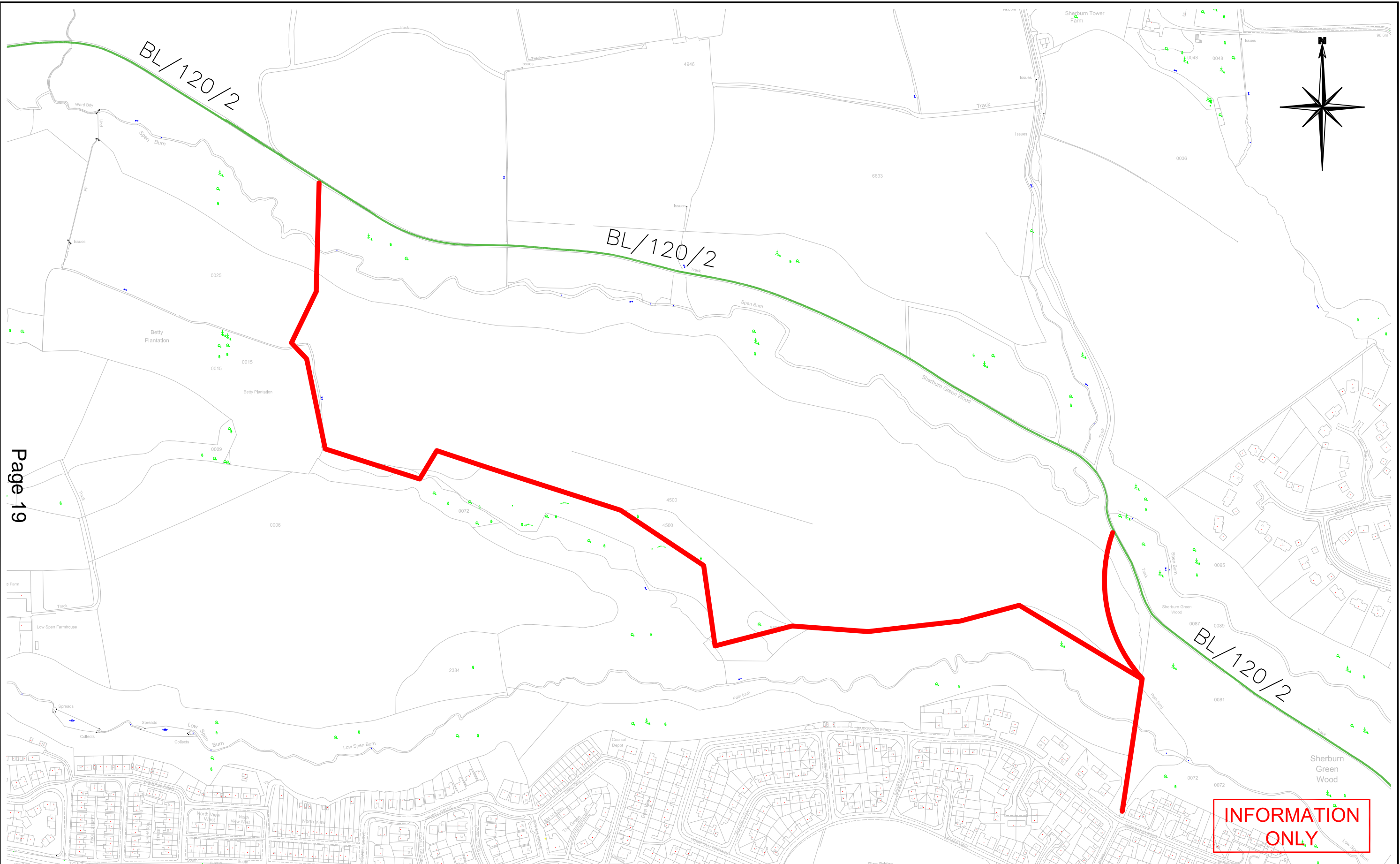
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| <b>User 7</b> | Yes | 1997-2020<br>A few times a month.<br><br>This equates to 23 years of use during the relevant period.    | Access from Dene View. East View to Hookergate School. Dog walking | Foot | None Stated                               | No | No | No | Route marked on plan. |
| <b>User 8</b> | Yes | 1980-2021<br>Less than once monthly.<br><br>This equates to 41 years of use during the relevant period. | Highfield-High Spen<br>Dog walking                                 | Foot | Stiles they have marked on attached plan. | No | No | No | Route marked on plan. |
| <b>User 9</b> | Yes | 1990-2021<br>Weekly.<br><br>This equates to 41 years of use during the relevant period.                 | Not stated.  | Foot | Stiles                                    | No | No | No | Route marked on plan. |

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| User 10 | Yes | 2018-2020<br>Daily.<br><br>This equates to 2 years of use during the relevant period.          | Westerly entrance - NZ15085924<br>To Easterly entrance NZ15915924<br>Dog walking | Foot | None stated        | No | No | No | Links into Bridleway 120 to Blaydon. |
| User 11 | Yes | 2015-2020<br>Weekly/monthly.<br><br>This equates to 5 years of use during the relevant period. | Rowlands Gill to Chopwell.<br>From Sherburn Gn Wood                              | Foot | None stated        | No | No | No |                                      |
| User 12 | No  | 2018-2020<br>Weekly.<br><br>This equates to 2 years of use during the relevant period          | Sherburn around the field then back to Sherburn                                  | Foot | Fence trodden down | No | No | No | .                                    |



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| <b>User 13</b> | Yes | 1998-2018<br>Weekly<br><br>This equates to 20 years during the relevant period. | Walked all routes on plan                  | Foot | No                        | No | No                   | No | Recently moved away. |
| <b>User 14</b> | Yes | 2001-2021<br><br>This equates to 20 years during the relevant period.           | Circular route on map back to Cowell Grove | Foot | No                        | No | No                   | No |                      |
| <b>User 15</b> | Yes | 2005<br><br>Weekly  | Ponthaugh to Barlow                        | Foot | Stile difficult to access | No | Yes at farm entrance | No |                      |

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|----------------|-----|---|--------------|------|----|----|----|----|--|
| <b>User 16</b> | yes | 2001- 2020<br><br>This equates to 19 years during the relevant period |              | Foot | No | No | No | No |  |
| <b>User 17</b> | Yes | 1996-2020   | Dog walking. | Foot | No | No | No | No |  |

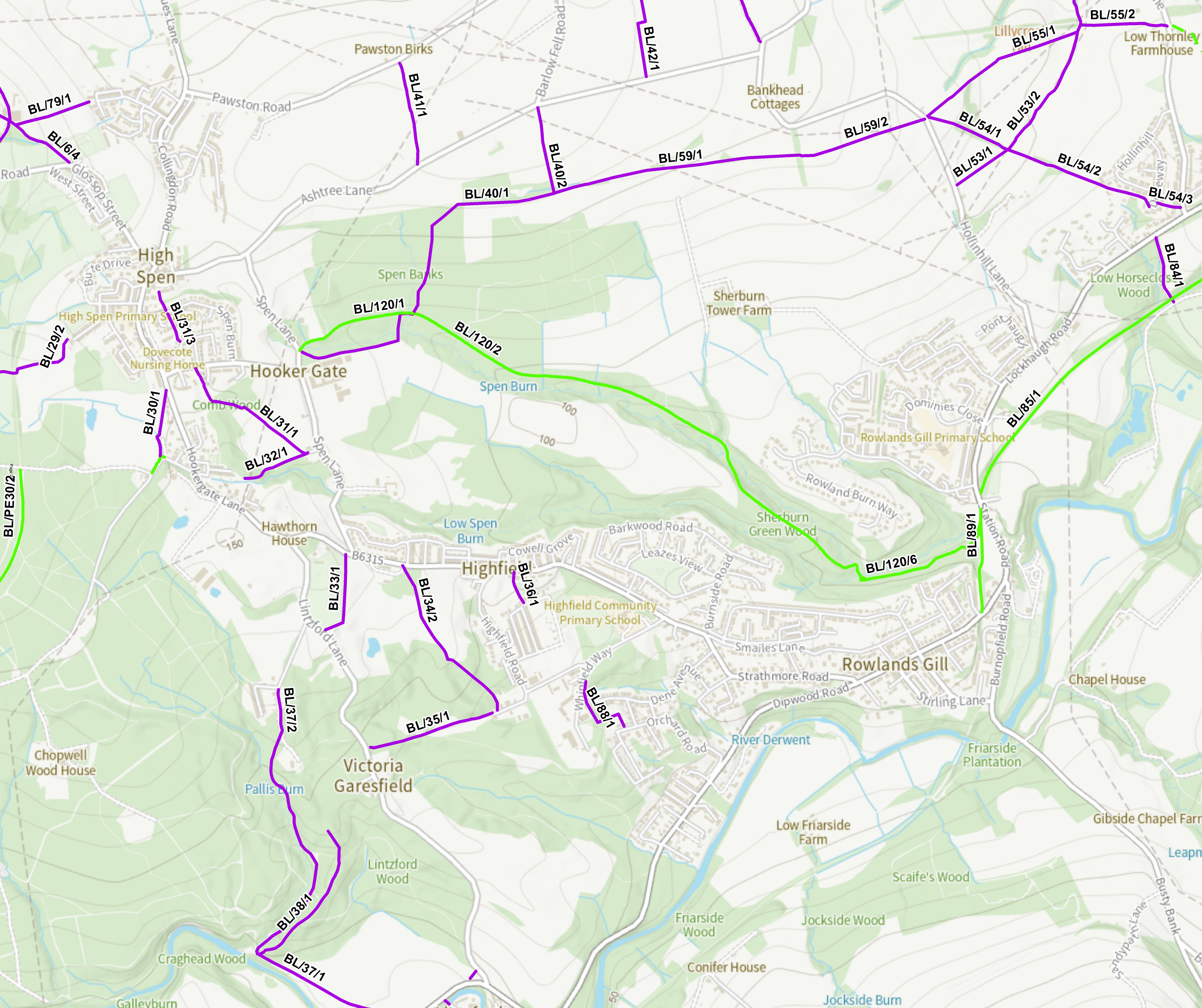


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|   | <p>SCHEME NAME:<br/><b>Spenn Burn</b></p>   |   | <p>CHECKED BY:-<br/><b>C.Johnson</b></p> | <p>SCALES:-<br/><b>N.T.S</b></p>    |           |
|   | <p>APPROVED BY:-<br/><b>N.Frier</b></p>     |   | <p>DRAWING NO:-<br/><b>N/A</b></p>       | <p>REV<br/><b>--</b></p>            |           |

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**Report to Rights of Way Committee**

18 March 2024

**TITLE OF REPORT:** Progress of Rights of Way Matters

**REPORT OF:** Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance and Strategic Director, Housing Environment and Healthy Communities

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. To update Committee on the progress of Rights of Way cases, plus the principle works carried out on the network between July 2023 and March 2024.

**Background**

2. The rights of way matters are set out in Appendix 2.

**Recommendations**

3. It is recommended that the Committee note the report and the updates highlighted in bold.

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**1. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**2. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**3. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**4. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**5. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**6. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**7. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**8. WARD IMPLICATIONS**

Chopwell and Rowlands Gill, Blaydon, Ryton Crookhill and Stella, Whickham North, Lamesley, Crawcrook and Greenside, Dunston Hill and Whickham South and Sunnyside, Winlaton and High Spen, Pelaw and Heworth South, Windy Nook and Whitehills, Wardley and Leam Lane.

**9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Nil



## Current Matters

| Item No | Case   | Ward   | Application/ Proposal             | Progress/Action   |
|---------|--|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1       | North View   | Winlaton & High Spen                                   | Definitive Map Modification Order | <b>DMMO has been sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination as an opposed Order.</b>  |
| 2       | Application to add a bridleway between RB 44 and Derwent Walk  | Whickham North, Blaydon                                | Definitive Map Modification Order | The Definitive Map Modification Order has been drafted and waiting for instruction to advertise it. This matter is currently being reviewed.  |
| 3       | Claim at Thomas Street Eighton Banks Right of Way 62   | Lamesley   | Definitive Map Modification Order | The Order has been made but objections have been received. The papers have been prepared and the Order will be sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination in due course. This matter is currently being reviewed.   |
| 4       | Clarty Lane – Upgrade public footpath LA/33 to bridleway   | Lamesley   | Definitive Map Modification Order | <b>Documents being prepared to submit DMMO to Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination as an opposed Order.</b>   |
| 5       | Cushy Cow Lane – Upgrade public footpath RY/27 to bridleway  | Ryton<br>Crookhill<br>Stella<br>Crawcrook<br>Greenside | Definitive Map Modification Order | <b>Documents being prepared to submit DMMO to Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination as an opposed Order.</b>   |
| 6       | Claim for a bridleway at Barlow Lane, Barlow   | Winlaton<br>High Spen<br>Crawcrook<br>Greenside        | Definitive Map Modification Order | An application was received on 26th March 2020 to record a Bridleway onto the Definitive Map and Statement at Barlow Lane, Barlow. On 19th July 2021, Committee approved the making of a DMMO to add the claimed bridleway from Barlow Lane, Greenside to Barlow Lane, Barlow. Order to be made and advertised.       |
| 7       | Blackhall Mill to Chopwell Upgrade public footpaths BL/11/1, BL/19/1, BL/19/2 and BL/19/3 to bridleway | Chopwell<br>Rowlands Gill                              | Definitive Map Modification Order | An application was received on 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 to upgrade public footpaths BL/11/1, BL/19/1, BL/19/2 and BL/19/3 to bridleway status at Blackhall Mill and Chopwell. The application is currently being investigated, evidence to be reviewed and a Report will be prepared for Committee in due course. |
| 8       | Claim for a bridleway at Horsegate, Chopwell   | Chopwell<br>Rowlands Gill                              | Definitive Map Modification Order | An application was received on 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 to record a Bridleway onto the Definitive Map and Statement at Horsegate, Chopwell. The application is currently being investigated, evidence to be reviewed and a Report will be prepared for Committee in due course.                                   |
| 9       | Mill Lane Urpeth to Riding Lane – claim to upgrade footpaths to a bridleway                            | Lamesley   | Definitive Map Modification Order | An application was received on 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 to upgrade public footpaths LA/25, LA/26/1 and LA/26/2 to bridleway status at Mill Lane Urpeth to Riding Lane. The application is currently being investigated, evidence to be reviewed and a Report will be prepared for Committee in due course.          |
| 10      | Extinguishment of  | Whickham North   | Public Path                       | Following approval of Committee on 21st November 2022, the  |

|    |   |                            |                                   |  |
|----|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
|    | Bridleway WH/62 and Footpath WH/194 – Derwent Walk Country Park | Whickham South & Sunnyside | Extinguishment Order              | Order was made on 18th January 2023. The objection period ended on 20th February 2023. Awaiting confirmation as to whether objections will be withdrawn. If the objections are withdrawn, the Order will be confirmed. If not, the Order will be sent to the Secretary of State for determination. |
| 11 | Claim for a footpath at Low Spen Woods, Rowlands Gill           | Chopwell and Rowlands Gill | Definitive Map Modification Order | <b>Being brought to this Committee meeting.</b>  |

**PRINCIPAL WORKS CARRIED OUT ON THE RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK – July 2023 and March 2024.**

|                |   |  |
|----------------|---|--|
| July 2023      | Replacement fence line Long Bank- LA/46             | Take down and install 442 metres of stock net fencing with 9 straining posts.  |
| July 2023      | Install new fence line Greenside-RY/32              | Install 58 metres of stock net fencing.  |
| July 2023      | Replacement fence line Kibblesworth Bank- LA/72a    | Take down and install 152 metres of stock net fencing.   |
| July 2023      | Replacement fence line Watergate Park fencing WH/83 | 42m take down dispose and install.   |
| July 2023      | Replacement fence line Watergate Park fencing WH/83 | 82m take down dispose and install.   |
| July 2023      | Replacement fence line Watergate Park fencing WH/83 | 42m take down dispose and install.   |
| July 2023      | Replacement fence line Watergate Park fencing WH/83 | 82m take down dispose and install.   |
| July 2023      | PROW identified defects                             | Repaired.  |
| July 2023      | Works to Pockerly LA/20                             | Strimming of vegetation and removing all fencing, barriers, gateway.   |
| August 2023    | Strimming commenced                                 | Strimming of the PROW network commenced.   |
| September 2023 | Strimming commenced                                 | Strimming of the PROW network commenced.   |
| January 2024   | Blaydon 69 Step Replacement                         | Replacement of 15 steps and 5 stobs on BL69 in Blaydon Burn.   |
| January 2024   | B98 Bridge Repair                                   | Replacement of single deck plank on footbridge on B98 in Chopwell Woods.   |
| January 2024   | Fallen tree on RY/68/1                              | Tree made safe and removed.  |
| January 2024   | Right of Way la720/8/9/10 (west of Kibblesworth)    | Lay and consolidate 40mm crusher run whinstone stone to fill in the wash out running from the bottom of the footpath to the timber grip.<br><br>To clean off and remove the silt to expose the timber grips running up the path, helping to divert the rainwater off the footpath. |

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| <b>February 2024</b> | <b>Flailing programme of Rights of Way network</b> | <b>Failing back PROW in various locations throughout Gateshead.</b>                                |
| <b>February 2024</b> | <b>Red Kite Waymarker Post</b>                     | <b>Replacement of waymarker post and signs on Red Kite trail off Thornley Lane, Rowlands Gill.</b> |
| <b>February 2024</b> | <b>Tree removal at Beggars Wood</b>                | <b>Remove fallen elder obstructing PROW at Beggars Wood.</b>                                       |

**PLANNED WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK – March 2024 and July 2024**

|                    |  |   |
|--------------------|--|---|
| <b>Lamesley 72</b> | <b>Sections at Kibblesworth and Birtley</b>          | <b>Resurfacing and drainage work.</b>                             |
| <b>Ryton 76</b>    | <b>Sections from Wylam to Ryton</b>                  | <b>Resurfacing.</b>   |
| <b>Lamesley 48</b> | <b>Black Lane from Waverley Road to Western View</b> | <b>Resurfacing.</b>   |
| <b>Whickham 63</b> | <b>Landslip at Hollinside / Derwent Walk</b>         | <b>Possible closure and rerouting of the public right of way.</b> |

**AREAS OF THE RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK WITH ASB/MOTORBIKE ISSUES**

|                        |                                  |  |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Ryton Golf Club</b> | <b>Ryton</b>                     | <b>Ongoing motorbike issues.</b>   |
| <b>Whitehills</b>      | <b>Leam Lane/Whitehill Drive</b> | <b>Motorbike misuse and fly tipping. Access restrictions have been damaged. Repairs to boundary fence and gates are ongoing.</b> |
| <b>Dene Road</b>       | <b>Rowlands Gill</b>             | <b>Ongoing motorbike issues pathway behind the industrial estate off Whinfield Way in Highfield.</b>                             |

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