

**THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT OF
PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

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ADDITION OF FOOTPATH FROM CHATBURN OLD ROAD, CHATBURN
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2022**

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
LESLEY CHATBURN**

1. My name is Lesley Chatburn and I live at 12 Crow Trees Brow, Chatburn, Lancashire BB7 4AA. I was born in 1948 and I moved to Chatburn in 2002. I completed my user evidence form in 2021.
2. In my user evidence form I described the route as starting on Crow Trees Brow because this is where I live. The route starts at the top of the footpath behind 10-18 Crow Trees Brow houses. I marked up the route that I used on an aerial photograph and understand now that the first part of the route I described is already recorded as a public footpath. I explained that the path entered the field and crossed roughly diagonally 20' left of the bushes on the edge of the small quarry that was located within the going to the furthest bush at the southern end (marked as Bush Z on the aerial photograph attached to my user evidence form). It then continued straight to a gate that I marked at point 1 on the aerial photograph. I used this route because it provided me with a short circular walk from my house.
3. Having spoken to the Officer from Lancashire County Council and looked at photographs of a wooden five barred gate and the metal kissing gate (at point B on the Order map) I confirmed that the route that I used went through the five barred gate which I recall being tied up with string and that I only used the Order route via the metal kissing gate at point B when Mr Jackson started to build on the field in 2016.

4. I now realise that the path that I generally used was the route recorded as Footpath 1 and Footpath 13 which are shown on the Order Map by a thin dashed line marked as 'Public Footpaths'.
5. I completed the User Evidence Form because I was frustrated because blocking the route and putting an alternative path around the building site (which was also then blocked off) were steps to clear the remaining land for housing development without the constraint of a footpath across the middle of it.
6. I only used the Order route when the other path was blocked off in 2016 and used it infrequently because the stile erected by Mr Jackson was too difficult to use.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed: L. Chatterton

Date: 03.10.2024