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By Email Only

Annabel Mayson**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 – SECTION 53****Lancashire County Council****Addition of Footpath along Mere Lane in the parishes of Rufford and Tarleton**

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to refer to your letter of 10 March 2025 requesting dispensation concerning the service of notice on owners and occupiers in respect of the above Order.

It is noted that, despite your extensive enquiries, you have not been able to ascertain the ownership of the land in question. In these circumstances and in accordance with paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the Secretary of State hereby directs that it is not necessary for your Council to serve notice on the owners and occupiers of the land over which the Order route runs as required by paragraph 3(2)(b)(i). Your Council's attention is drawn to the requirements in paragraph 3(4) regarding the manner in which the notice should be addressed and displayed.

Should the above Order be submitted to the Secretary of State for determination in the future would you please ensure that a copy of this letter is enclosed with the necessary documentation.

Yours faithfully

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