

**THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(MOUNT PLEASANT LANE, CARNFORTH AND BOLTON-LE-SANDS)**  
**DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2018**

**Comments on Duly Made Objection**

Objections were initially received from Atkins Global (Vodafone) and Virgin Media. These objections have since been withdrawn.

One further objection, contained within the List of Documents, was received to the Order. The objection is summarised below (in bold italics) together with the OMA's response (normal text).

Objection from Mr Brian Abraham CEng MICE, 21 Camborne Avenue, Crag Bank, Carnforth LA5 9TS

***The designation of a bridleway will result in damage that use of this footpath by horses will do to the surface.***

Whilst the safety and convenience of the public using the route on foot is clearly important the purpose of the Order is to record what public rights exist. Any surface deterioration which may arise as a consequence of changing patterns of use would need to be addressed by appropriate management and maintenance. Under the terms of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, any damage that use of the Order route by horses may do to the surface cannot be considered a reason not to confirm the Order.

**Conclusion**

The Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) that seeks to record the route as a public bridleway was made because the OMA considered that there was evidence, which on balance, suggested that a right of way which is currently shown in the Definitive Map and Statement (DMS) as a footpath should be shown as a highway of a different description, namely a bridleway.

The OMA submits that the objection received do not in any way undermine the evidence that the Order route is, on balance, already a public bridleway in law, and respectfully requests that the Secretary of State confirms the Order subject to the modification with a minor modification to show point L on Order plan 2.

