

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

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

**THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ADDITION OF FOOTPATH ALONG MERE LANE IN THE PARISHES OF RUFFORD
AND TARLETON
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2025**

This Order is made by Lancashire County Council (the "Authority") under Section 53(2)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the Act") because it appears to that Authority that The Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for the County of Lancashire require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in and 53(3)(b) of the Act namely the expiration, in relation to any way in the area to which the map relates, of any period such that the enjoyment by the public of the way during that period raises a presumption that the way has been dedicated as a public path and Section 53(3)(c)(i) of the Act namely the discovery by the Surveying 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 land in the area to which the map relates, namely a public footpath.

The Authority have consulted with every local authority whose area includes the land to which the Order relates. Lancashire County Council hereby order that:

1. For the purposes of this Order, the relevant date is 05 February 2025.
2. The Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for the County of Lancashire shall be modified as described in Part I and Part II of the Schedule and shown on the map attached to the Order.
3. This Order shall take effect on the date it is confirmed and may be cited as The Lancashire County Council Addition of Footpath along Mere Lane in the parishes of Rufford and Tarleton Definitive Map Modification Order 2025.

Dated this 05th day of February 2025.

THE COMMON SEAL of the)
Lancashire County Council)
was hereunto affixed in the presence of)



Authorised Signatory

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SCHEDULE

PART I

MODIFICATION OF THE DEFINITIVE MAP

DESCRIPTION OF PATH OR WAY TO BE ADDED

Footpath known as Mere Lane from an open junction with Wiggins Lane (point A on the Order Map) adjacent to Engine Farm.

The route runs in a north westerly direction along a roadway passing through the unmarked Rufford/Tarleton parish boundary close to the property known as Inglewood (point B) to continue in a north westerly direction past several residential properties to the junction with FP0816026 (point C). The route continues along the roadway passing several further properties including Mere Farm and Merewood House, curving to continue in a more northerly direction to a sharp right hand bend where it meets FP0816022 (point D).

The entire route is shown between points A and point D on the Order Map with a bold dashed line.

The length of the route is 0.98 km.

PART II

MODIFICATION OF DEFINITIVE STATEMENT

VARIATION OF PARTICULARS OF PATH OR WAY

The Statement to be added for Rufford Footpath 49 to read as follows:

No. of Path: "49"

Kind of Path: "Footpath"

Position: "Footpath known as Mere Lane from a point on Wiggins Lane (Grid Reference SD 4259 1688) adjacent to Engine Farm along an access road in a north westerly direction to the Rufford/Tarleton parish boundary at SD 4246 1700 from where it continues as Tarleton Footpath 29 past Mere Farm through to The Marshes Lane."

Length: "0.18 km"

Other Particulars (if any): "
Width: 3.5 metres
Limitations: None"

The Statement to be added for Tarleton Footpath 29 to read as follows:

No. of Path: "29"

Kind of Path: "Footpath"

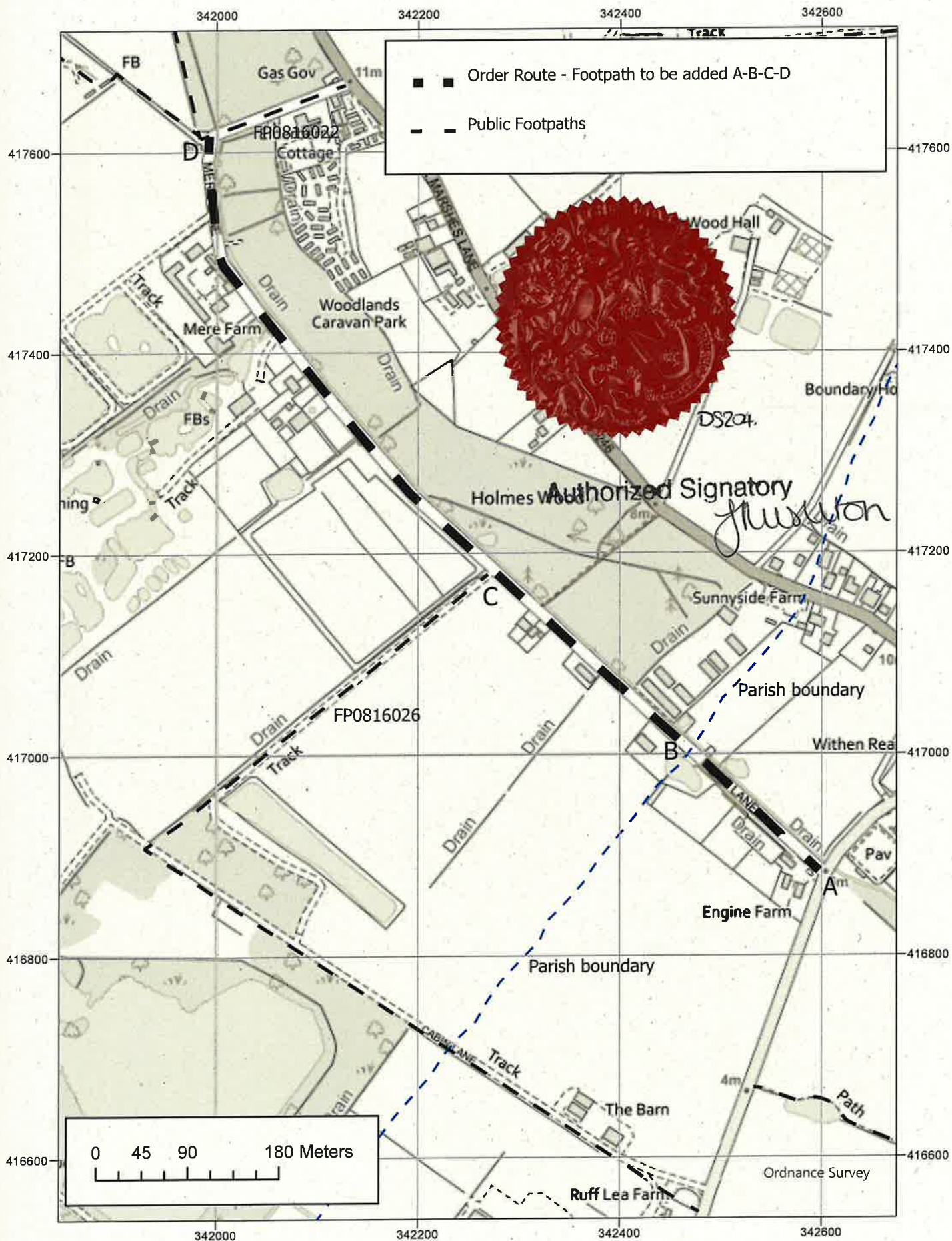
Position: "Footpath known as Mere Lane continuing from Rufford Footpath 19 on the parish boundary at SD 4246 1700 continuing along the roadway in a north westerly direction past several residential properties to the junction with FP0816026 at SD 4227 1718. The footpath continues north west along the roadway passing several further properties including Mere Farm and Merewood House, curving to continue in a more northerly direction to a sharp right hand bend where it meets FP0816022 at SD 4199 1761"

Length: "0.80 km"

Other Particulars (if any): "

Width: Varying between 3.5 and 8 metres along roadway

Limitations: None"



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