

**RE: WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 – PART III  
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER  
ADDITION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH FROM COTTON TREE LANE, COLNE  
TO 13-04-FP 202**

The Public Rights of Way team at Lancashire County Council received a Definitive Map Modification Order application regarding footpath rights from Cotton Tree Lane, Colne to 13-04-FP 202.

The county council's Regulatory Committee, at their meeting on 24 January 2024, agreed that the findings of the resultant investigation should be accepted. Accordingly, I enclose the formal Notice of Decision.

The county council will make an Order to record the status of this route on the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way in due course. At that time, should you wish to do so, there is a right of objection or representation and details of the Definitive Map Modification Order will be forwarded to you at that time which will give the details of how such representations may be made prior to confirmation. The Order does not take effect until confirmed.

I think you will find the contents of this letter and this Notice to be self-explanatory but, if there is any further help or assistance you require on this particular matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Annabel Mayson  
Paralegal Officer

**Notice of Decision**

**Definitive Map Modification Order**

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**

The Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for the County of Lancashire

**Name and Address of Applicant**

Andrea Beswick  
[REDACTED]

**Particulars**

File number: 804-726 (888.2785)

Date of determination: 24 January 2024

**Modification Proposed**

Addition of footpath from Cotton Tree Lane, Colne to 13-04-PP202

**Particulars of the Decision**

In pursuance of their powers and duties under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and in accordance with Section 53(5) and Schedule 14 of the 1981 Act, Lancashire County Council have investigated the matters set out above.

Notice is hereby given that Lancashire County Council have determined to make an Order to modify The Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for the County of Lancashire in accordance with the application.

The reason for the County Council's decision is:

The Regulatory Committee, having taken all relevant evidence into account, determined on balance that footpath rights could be deemed to be dedicated under s31 Highways Act 1980, or alternatively could be inferred at common law.

Date: 18 March 2024

Signed: 

(Principal Lawyer for and on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance)

**NB: Important guidance notes are provided overleaf**

Heloise MacAndrew  
Director of Law and Governance