



Northumberland County Council

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Dear Mrs Saunders

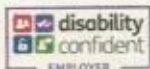
Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981 Review of the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way Informal pre-order consultation

I am writing to consult you informally, at the pre-order stage, regarding one or more proposals, arising from formal applications submitted by third parties or evidence discovered by the Council, to modify the Definitive Map and Statement.

The process of determining such matters involves the County Council gathering and evaluating evidence from all interested parties (Parish Councils, owners / occupiers of the land and local representatives of the relevant national and regional path user groups) to establish whether or not public rights of way have been reasonably alleged to exist.

- I would, therefore, welcome any facts or evidence that your Council wishes the County Council to consider, in support and / or rebuttal of the proposed modification(s), identified on the attached schedule.

It is expected that these matters will begin to be considered by Northumberland County Council's Rights of Way Committee at its meetings during 2025, so it would be helpful if any information you wish to be considered could be in my hands no later than Saturday 30th November 2024. Please note, we are *not* asking the Parish Councils to take sides in these matters. The Parish Council may have conflicting pieces evidence which, on the one hand appear to support and, on the other, appear to oppose the proposal. This is absolutely fine, and not at all unusual - we want all of it. We are trying to gather as much evidence as possible to enable us to determine these matters as fairly and as accurately as possible.



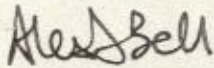
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- On the accompanying schedule is a list of those 'known' owners and occupiers of land affected. If you are aware of anyone I have missed, it would be extremely helpful if you could let me know their name(s) and (if known) address(es).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further before responding. If it is easier for you, an emailed reply would be perfectly acceptable.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'A' and 'B'.

Alex Bell
Definitive Map Officer
Infrastructure Records

Allendale and Plenmeller with Whitfield Restricted Byways Nos 165 and 22 [Plan 9]

To upgrade part of existing Public Footpath No 9 (Allendale), from a point marked A at the north end of the U8064 road at Lanehead, in a northerly direction for a distance of 780 metres, to a point marked B, then part of existing Public Footpath No 2 (Allendale) in a westerly direction for 720 metres to a point marked C, then part of existing Public Footpath No 1 (Allendale), in a general westerly direction for a distance of 170 metres to a point marked D at the Allendale – Plenmeller parish boundary. Then upgrading all of Existing Public Footpath No 22 (Plenmeller), in a general north-easterly direction for a distance of 355 metres, and crossing the River West Allen, to join the A686 road, at a point marked E, west of Burnmouth.

This proposal arises from an application made by Barbara Herd of the British Horse Society and is supported by documentary evidence (primarily the Hexhamshire & Allendale Inclosure Award 1800, Fryer's and Greenwood's County Maps of 1820 and 1828, the Boundary Remarks Book, OS maps from the 1860s, 1890s and 1920s, the Book of Reference accompanying the First Edition OS map, and an extract from the Object Name Book).

PJ & J Flanagan of Hindley Wrae, the Allendale Trustees c/o Bearl Farm, Stocksfield and JH Blackett-Ord, NE Braithwaite & HJM Blackett-Ord c/o Whitfield Hall are the only possible landowners / occupiers consulted by me at this stage.

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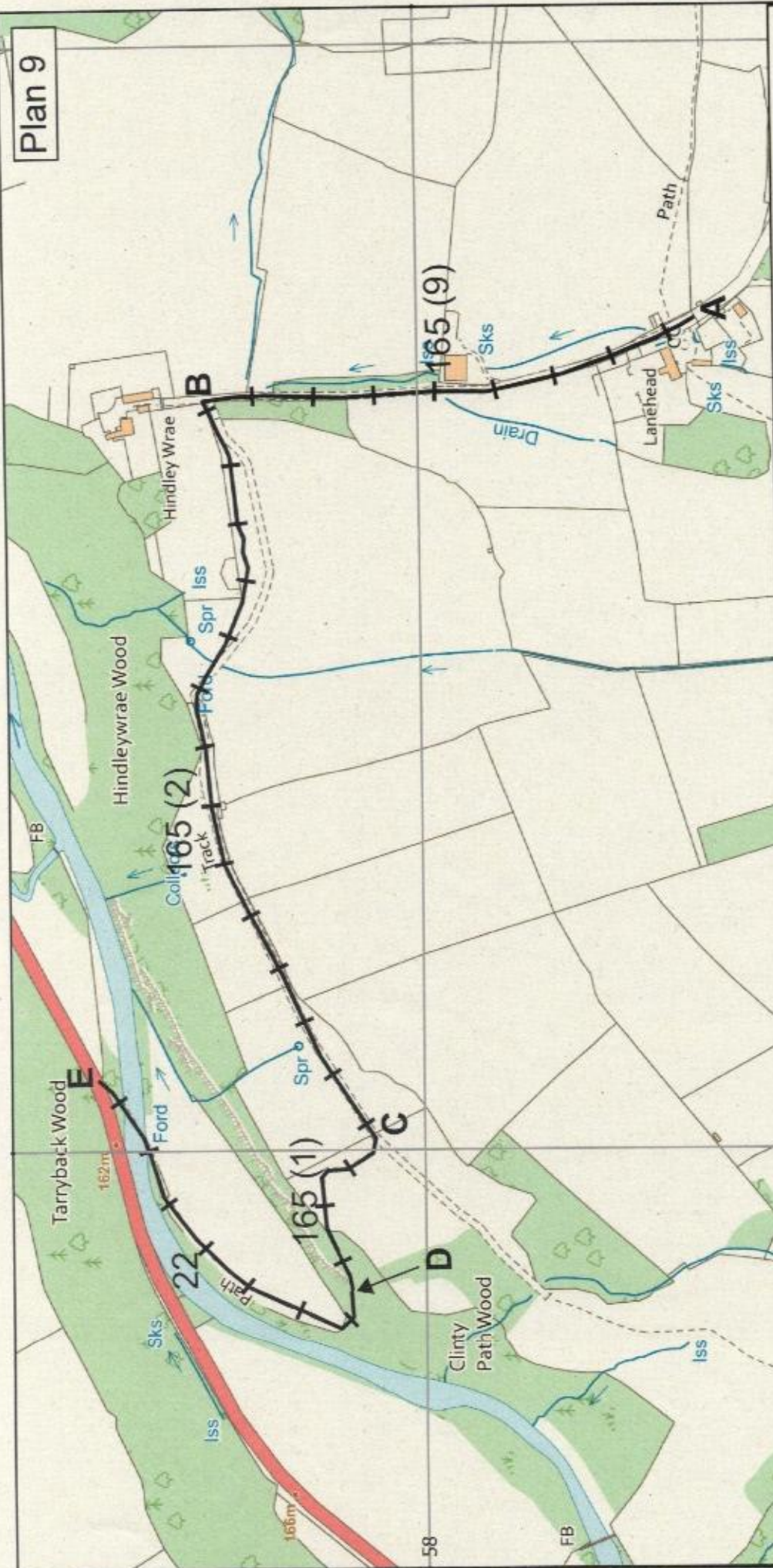
Shotley Low Quarter Bridleway No 21

[plan 16]

To upgrade existing Public Footpath No 21 to public bridleway status, from a point marked F on the C261 road at Quarry House Farm, in a general easterly direction for a distance of 1560 metres, then north-easterly and northerly direction for a distance of 1570 metres to a point marked G on the B6278 road, west of Shotley Hall.

This proposal arises from an application made by Barbara Herd of the British Horse Society and is supported by documentary evidence (primarily the Bulbeck Common Inclosure Award 1771, Fryer's County Map of 1820, Cary's Map of 1827, Bell's Map of the Great Northern Coalfields 1850, a Plan of the Vale of Derwent 1832, a Quarter Sessions highway diversion 1835, Letch Road Quarter Sessions 1866, the Tithe Award (1846), OS Maps from the 1860s, 1890s, 1920s, 1947 and 1964, Hexham Highways minutes 1937, an Adopted Highways map and site photographs).

D & LHR Neill of Bulbeck Cottage, CJ & A Martell of Shotley Hall, Sir Tom Cowie + PR Blackett + DA Gray c/o Westgate House, Darlington and PJ & K Bousfield of 1+2 Laings Loaning are the only possible landowners / occupiers consulted by me at this stage.



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—|—|—|— Alleged Public Bridleway



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Former District(s):
Tynedale

Parish(es): Allendale & Plenneller with Whitfield

Scale: 1:5,000

Def. Map No.: 216

O.S. Map: NY 75 NE

Date: June 2024