

# NORTHUMBERLAND

## Northumberland County Council

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**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Ms Eden

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**  
**Review of the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way**  
**Pre-order consultation: Prudhoe**

In accordance with the consultation arrangements previously made with the Town Council about the "Code of Practice on Consultation" I now write to consult you informally at the pre-order stage regarding an application under s53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981 for a Modification Order to amend the Definitive Map and Statement

By virtue of Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the County Council is required to keep the Definitive Map and Statement under continuous review and make modification orders upon the discovery of evidence which shows that the Map and Statement need modified. The process of determining such applications requires the County Council to gather and evaluate the available evidence from all interested parties (Parish/Town Councils, owners / occupiers of the land and local representatives of the relevant national and regional path user groups).

In June 2018 the County Council received an application to add to the Definitive Map and Statement a public right of way in Prudhoe Town as detailed below and indicated on the attached plan.

**Prudhoe Town Alleged Public Footpath No 99 (Points J – K)**

To add a public footpath from a point marked J on Restricted Byway No 74 north of the junction with Public footpath No 97 in a general northerly direction for a distance of 375 metres to a point marked K on Public Footpath No 21 at the junction with Public Footpath No 87.

The proposal is supported by user evidence from 6 members of the public all of whom claim to have walked the path for periods in excess of 20 years.

Homes England, 50 Victoria Street, Westminster, London are the only (possible) landowners / occupiers who have been consulted by me, at this stage.

I would therefore welcome any facts or evidence that the Town Council wish the County Council to consider in support or rebuttal of the proposed modification.



It is expected that the application will be considered by the appropriate Committee/Council at a meeting in 2020, so that any information you wish to be considered should be in my hands as soon as possible and preferably no later than Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John McErlane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

**John McErlane**  
Definitive Map Officer