

Claim Nether Moor Farm Hfld 231

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# PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION SHEET – WCA8

## Personal Details

Name JOAN TAAFFE (NEE BRADLEY) Date of Birth [REDACTED] 56

Address 4 RAFBORN AVENUE  
SALENDINE NOOK  
HUDDERSFIELD

### Telephone Numbers

Home [REDACTED] Daytime

Occupation RECEPTIONIST

How many years have you lived at the above address 27 YEARS

Where did you live previously 76 HILL TOP RD  
SALENDINE NOOK  
HUDDERSFIELD 1978-1982 NETHER MOOR FARM  
SOUTH CROSLAND  
1956-1978

How many years have you lived in the area 53 YEARS

Year from 1956 Year to 2009

The object of this questionnaire is to reach the truth of the matter, whatever it may be, Your are therefore asked to answer the questions as fully as possible and not keep back any information, whether for or against the public claim. This is important if this information is to be of real value in establishing the status of the route. The information you give will eventually become public and may be used as evidence at a public enquiry

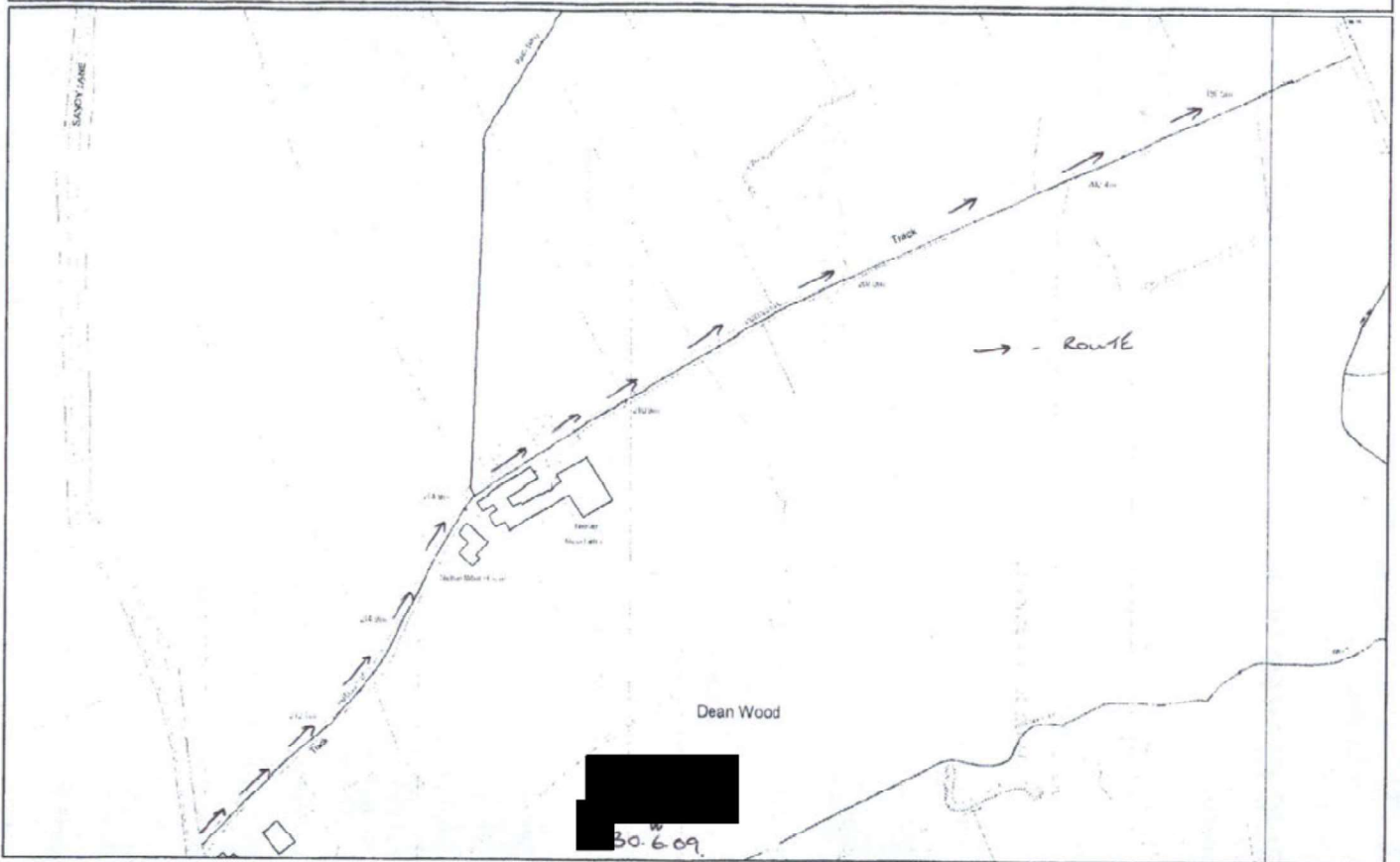
**This form should be completed by the one person who is named above – Please use black ink**

Please return the form to the person who supplied it to you.

If you have any queries regarding this form please contact:

Public Rights of Way Unit  
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**PART A THE ROUTE**

Please describe the route and show it on the map opposite. The route referred to runs :

from SANDY LANE

to THEWLS LANE

In the District of: (\*Batley / Colne Valley / Denby Dale / Dewsbury / Heckmondwike / Holmfirth / Huddersfield / Kirkburton / Meltham / Mirfield / Spenborough)

circle where appropriate

Does the route have a name? YES (NO)

If yes, please give details

Which of the following do you believe the route is

Please tick one box

Footpath (for use by walker only)

Bridleway (for use by walkers, horse riders, pedal cyclist)

Byway (for use by walkers, horse riders, pedal cyclist, motor vehicles and horse drawn vehicles)

Restricted byway (for use by walkers, horse riders and by vehicles other than MECHANICALLY propelled vehicles)

Not a PUBLIC right of way of any sort

If you think that the route is NOT A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY please give your reasons below

**PART B USE OF THE ROUTE**

Which years have you known the route (eg 2006)

From 1956 To 2009

Which years have you used the route (eg 2006)

From 1956 To 2009

For what purpose?

LIVED AT WETHER MOOR FARM 1956-1978 THEREAFTER TO VISIT FAMILY

How frequently did/do you use the route? (eg daily, weekly, once a month, once a year)

DAILY, WEEKLY AND MONTHLY



Have you seen other people using the route? YES/NO

If yes, for what purpose

PEOPLE ON FOOT AND ON HORSES.

How did you travel?

On foot

On a horse

By bicycle

By motor vehicle

By horse drawn vehicle

Other (state)

### PART C NATURE OF THE ROUTE

How wide is the route used by the public?

(feet or metres)

10 FT MAXIMUM.

What is its surface?

VARIOUS SURFACES,  
HARDCORE, AND AREAS OF TARMAC.

If you answer yes to the following questions, please mark the location on the map and give details

On the route, have you ever seen any stiles? YES/NO

If yes, please give details (ie type and locations)

On the route, have you ever seen any gates? YES/NO

If yes, please give details (ie type and locations)

Were the gates ever locked? If so when?

NO

On the route, have you ever seen any obstructions, such as fences, buildings etc? YES/NO

If yes, please give details

NO

On the route, have you ever seen any notices? YES/NO

If yes, please give details

NO

On the route, have you ever seen any signposts or waymarks? YES/NO

If yes, please give details of location and wording of the notice.

Has anyone ever challenged you when using the route? YES/NO

If yes, who was it, when did it happen, how often and what did you do

Has the route always run over the same line? YES/NO

If no, please give details and dates of changes

Has the surface or any structure on the route been maintained by the local authority? YES/NO

If yes, please give details

#### PART D

Land Owner

If known please give name(s) and address(es) of the owner(s) and or occupier (s) of the land over which the line crosses

MR + MRS R. E. BRADLEY

Have you ever been give permission to use the route by the landowner? YES/NO

If yes, please give details

YES

Have you ever been employed by the owner or occupier of the land? YES/NO

If yes, please give details

NO

If you were ever employed by the owner or occupier of the land what instructions or information, if any were you given about the route?

Have you or your family ever owned or rented any land or property crossed by or adjacent to the route?

If yes, please give details

NO

Have you at any time had a legal interest in the land?

If yes, please give details

No

Are you aware of any old maps, deeds, photographs or any other documentary evidence that record or show this route and which may be of assistance in determining its status?

No

Is there any other information which you feel would be of assistance?

SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT.

Would you be prepared to attend a hearing, Public Inquiry or Court and give evidence if the need arose?

YES.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the facts that I have stated are true

Signed



Date

30-6-09

ON THE ATTACHED MAP, PLEASE MARK THE ROUTE REFERRED TO IN THIS STATEMENT

PLEASE MARK ANY NOTICES, GATES, STILES, FENCES ON THE ROUTE YOU HAVE REFERRED TO

**PLEASE SIGN AND DATE THE MAP**



4 Raiborn Avenue  
Salendine Nook  
Huddersfield  
HD3 3UJ

To whom it may concern

**Re: Nether Moor Farm**


My name is Joan Taaffe nee Bradley and I am part of the Bradley family that have lived and worked at Nether Moor Farm, South Crosland for over the last 100 years. I was born and lived at Nether Moor Farm for 22 years until I married but I have always visited the farm regularly to see my family.

My childhood memories are of growing up in a peaceful and safe environment in the country. My father often spoke of how the lane to the farm was a private track but he had no objections to horses travelling it and people walking through. If ever a car drove through, he would often stride to the end of the yard to see who it was - they were usually lost and seeking directions but they usually apologised for disturbing us.

The track was put in to serve the farmland on either side of it and that is well known by everyone in the area. It is used by vehicles working at the farm or by friends and family travelling along it from Sandy Lane to visit. Even the neighbours didn't use it as a cut through unless they first called to see my father and then asked if it was OK. Many tracks on other farms in the area are for the same purpose.

To allow vehicular access along the track now would negate the purpose of it and it would undoubtedly affect the walkers and horseriders who regularly use it. We are all supposed to be thinking on 'Greener' lines nowadays. Even Kirklees Council has a green policy encouraging people to think about recycling, walking instead of driving and thinking about protecting the environment. To actively encourage Off Road vehicles into a rural area because someone has got the track designations wrong is not the right way forward.

Many farmers have sold up and moved on, and I would not want this to happen at Nether Moor. It is a long-standing family business and many of them are disappearing on a daily basis. For this reason I think the road should return to its original status as a private track allowing walkers and riders to enjoy it as they have done for many years without the risks and hazards of encountering motorised vehicles who have little respect for the countryside.

  
Joan Taaffe  
(nee Bradley)