

NOTICE OF ORDER WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ADDITION OF FOOTPATH NC-574 IN THE PARISH OF NORTH CLAINES MODIFICATION ORDER 202

Notice is hereby given that the above referenced Order has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination. An Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State to determine the Order.

The **start date** for the above Order is **31 March 2026**.

Consideration of the Order will take the form of a public local inquiry.

The Inquiry will be held at **The Woodland Room, The Countryside Centre, Worcester Woods Country Park, Wildwood Drive, Worcester, WR5 2LG**. On **08 September 2026** at 10.00am.

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications, will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding to them the footpath from: the SW side of Sling Lane (County Road U41010) at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR): SO 8732 5917. The right of way is the full width between boundaries and proceeds in a SSW direction for 27m on a narrow, turf/earth path, between residential properties with a minimum width of 0.9 m, to OSGR SO 8731 5914. Here, the path continues with a width of 1m in a SSW then W direction, for 18m to meet the SE edge of the Fernhill Memorial Hall car park at, OSGR SO 8730 5913. With a width of 2m, the route crosses the open tarmac surface of the car park, in a generally W direction, for 34m to OSGR SO 8726 5914. The route then turns in a NNW direction, past Fernhill Heath Memorial Hall, for 63m to meet the SE edge of the public highway (A38, Droitwich Road) at OSGR SO 8723 5920.

Any queries relating to this Order should be referred to Ian Aston by email: rightsofway2@planninginspectorate.gov.uk quoting reference number **ROW/3366900** on all correspondence. Alternatively, queries may be sent in writing to Planning Inspectorate, c/o QUADIENT, 69 Buckingham Avenue, Slough, SL1 4PN. Telephone: 0303 444 5670.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so during normal office hours at; Worcestershire County Council, Wildwood, Wildwood Drive, Worcester, WR5 2QT. Contact: Rowena Lloyd Email; Rlloyd1@worcestershire.gov.uk tel. 01905 846288.

Timetable for sending in statements of case and proofs of evidence

Within 8 weeks of the start date by [26 May 2026]

The Order Making Authority must ensure their statement of case is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send a copy (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices) to everyone who has made an objection or representation and the applicant and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order.

Within 14 weeks of the start date by [07 July 2026]

Everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone who wishes to give evidence at the Inquiry must ensure their statement of case¹ is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send full copies to the Authority. Copies will also be sent to the applicant, every person who has made an objection or representation and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices).

Within the same period the applicant (if applicable) must ensure their statement of case is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send a full copy to the Authority. Copies will also be sent to everyone who has made an objection or representation and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices).

4 weeks before the date of the inquiry by [11 August 2026]

The Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation, the applicant (if applicable) and anyone who wishes to give evidence at the Inquiry must ensure their proof of evidence (together with any summary) is

received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send copies of:

- i) the Authority's proof of evidence to everyone who has made an objection or representation, the applicant and anyone who has submitted a statement of case (including copies of any supporting documents – although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence);
- ii) the applicant's proof of evidence to the Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else who has submitted a statement of case (including copies of any supporting documents – although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence); and

iii) all other proofs of evidence to the Authority, the applicant, everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else who has submitted a statement of case (including copies of any supporting documents – although none should not be submitted with a proof of evidence).

All parties must keep to the timetable set out above and ensure that statements of case and proofs of evidence are received by the Secretary of State on time. Late documents will be returned.

NOTE: If you use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to create or alter any part of your documents, information or data, you should tell us that you have done this when you provide the material to us. [See the detailed guidance for further information.](#)

We cannot accept any inflammatory, discriminatory or abusive comments. Any documents containing such comments will be returned.

Notice of order for inquiry

¹ If you wish to make a legal submission, this should be submitted at the same time as your statement of case. Otherwise legal submissions will have to be submitted in writing on the day of the inquiry

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**DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE
COUNTY OF WORCESTERSHIRE**

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ADDITION OF FOOTPATH NC-574 IN THE PARISH OF NORTH CLAINES

MODIFICATION ORDER 2024

This order is made by Worcestershire County Council under Section 53(2)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ('the Act') because it appears to the authority that the Definitive Map and Statement for the County of Worcestershire require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in Sections 53(3)(b) and 53(3)(c)(i) of the Act, namely, the discovery by the 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, being a right of way such that the land over which the right subsists is a public path.

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

1. For the purposes of this Order the relevant date is 22nd of April 2024.
2. The Definitive Map and Statement for the County of Worcestershire 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 Worcestershire County Council Addition of Footpath NC-574, North Claines, Modification Order 2024.

Dated 13 June 2024

The Common Seal of
Worcestershire County Council
Was hereto affixed in the presence of:-

Clare Taylor
CLARE TAYLOR
PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR



SCHEDULE

PART I

Modification of Definitive Map

Description of path or way to be Added

Footpath NC-574, North Claines

Commencing on the southwestern side of Sling Lane (County Road U41010) at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR): SO 8732 5917 (Point A on the Order Plan). The right of way is the full width between boundaries and proceeds in a south south-westerly direction for 27 metres on a narrow, turf/earth path, between residential properties with a minimum width of 0.9 metres, to OSGR SO 8731 5914 (point B on the order plan). Here, the path continues with a width of 1 metre in a south south-westerly, then westerly direction, for 18 metres to meet the south-eastern edge of the Fernhill Memorial Hall car park at, OSGR SO 8730 5913 (point C on the order plan). With a width of 2 metres, the route crosses the open tarmac surface of the car park, in a generally westerly direction, for 34 metres to OSGR SO 8726 5914 (point D on the order plan). The route then turns in a north north-westerly direction, past Fernhill Heath War Memorial Hall, for 63 metres to meet the south-eastern edge of the public highway (A38, Droitwich Road) at OSGR SO 8723 5920 (point E on the order plan).

PART II

Modification of Definitive Statement

Variation of particulars of footpath

Footpath NC-574, Powick

Parish of: North Claines

District of: Wychavon

No: NC-574

Map Ref: 85-3

Classification: Footpath

Length: 142 metres

LOCATION

Commencing on the southwestern side of Sling Lane (County Road U41010) at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR): SO 8732 5917. The right of way is the full width between boundaries and proceeds in a south south-westerly direction for 27 metres on a narrow, turf/earth path, between residential properties with a minimum width of 0.9 metres, to OSGR SO 8731 5914. Here, the path continues with a width of 1 metre in a south south-westerly, then westerly direction, for 18 metres to meet the south-eastern edge of the Fernhill Memorial Hall car park at, OSGR SO 8730 5913. With a width of 2 metres, the route crosses the open tarmac surface of the car park, in a generally westerly direction, for 34 metres to OSGR SO 8726 5914. The route then turns in a north north-westerly direction, past Fernhill Heath War Memorial Hall, for 63 metres to meet the south-eastern edge of the public highway (A38, Droitwich Road) at OSGR SO 8723 5920.

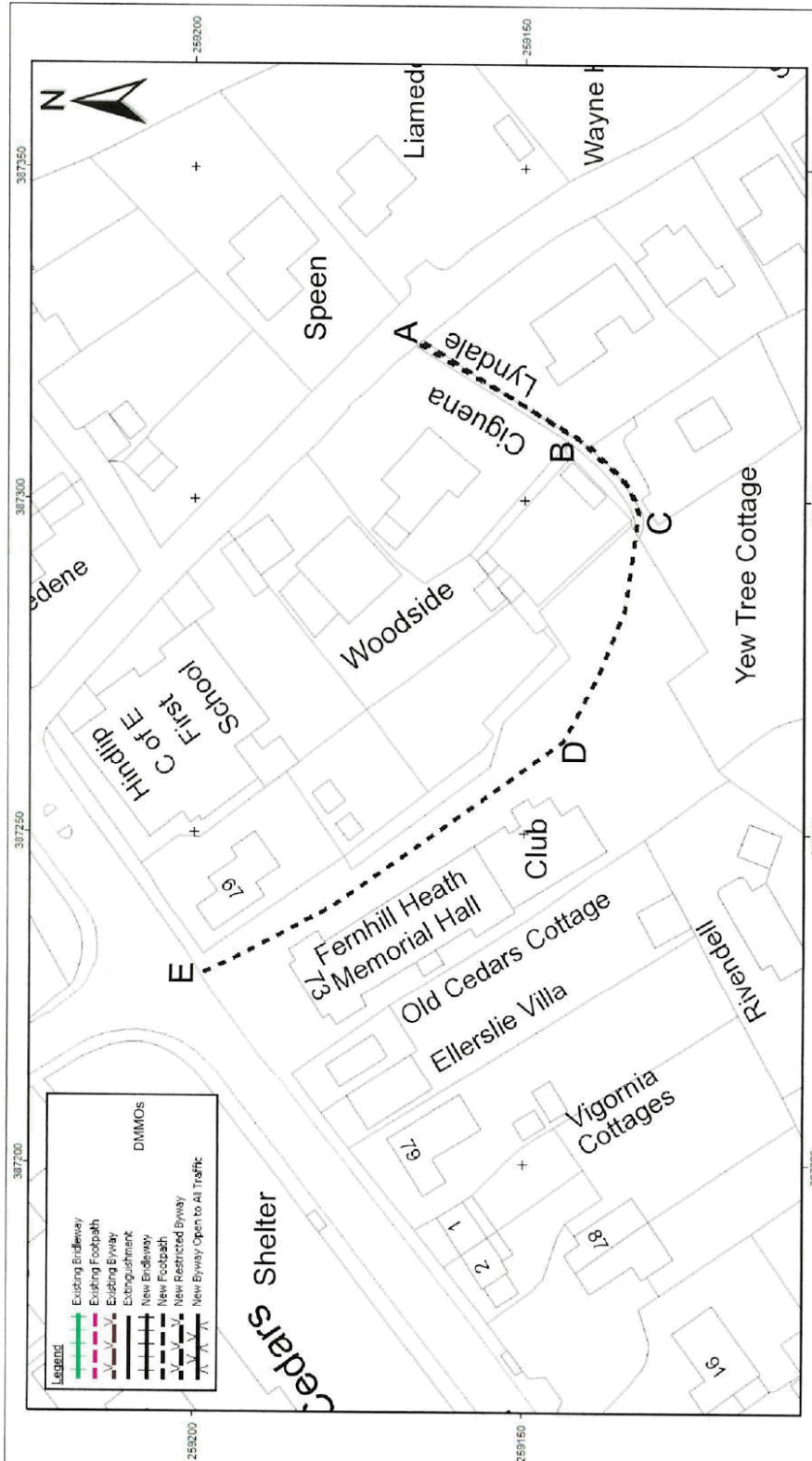
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DESCRIPTION

Narrow section between fences over packed earth/turf to wider section same surface. On to tarmac car park and along Fernhill Heath War Memorial Hall access way to the A38.

Limitations and Conditions

Nil



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