## STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY

## WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

## KNOWSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER (No. 1) 2024 PUBLIC BRIDLEWAYS No. CR/13 and CR/14 (CRONTON)

Under section 53(5) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the 1981 Act"), anyone may make an application to the Council, as Surveying Authority for the Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley, for a modification to be made to the Definitive Map and/or Statement. Such an application might consist of a request to record a new Public Right of Way, to delete an existing Public Right of Way, to upgrade or downgrade the status of a route already shown on the map, or to amend any particulars contained within the statement accompanying the Definitive Map.

The 1981 Act states that the Council may make a Definitive Map Modification Order ("DMMO") to upgrade an existing route if the evidence demonstrates that route 'ought' to be shown at a higher status.

In this case, the Council has received an application to upgrade the entire length of Public Footpath CR/13 and part CR/14 to Bridleway status. The Council has made this DMMO on the basis of user evidence, which indicates that the route has been as a bridleway as of right for more than 20 years prior to December 2017. A copy of the report, which sets out in further detail the reasons for making a DMMO to upgrade Public Footpaths CR/13 and part CR/14 to Bridleway status is available from the Public Rights of Way Officer on request.

The Order will come into force only after it has been confirmed; making and advertising the Order simply provides an opportunity for objections or representations to be made. Persons considering objecting or making representations relating to the Order are invited to discuss their concerns with Anthony Morley (anthony.morley@knowsley.gov.uk or via telephone 07385 347627)

Any representations or objections relating to the Order must be sent in writing to Anthony Morley preferably by email to anthony.morley@knowsley.gov.uk or alternatively by post to:

Public Rights of Way Service
Highways & Capital Delivery
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Municipal Buildings
Huyton
L36 9UX

The representations should state the grounds on which they are made and must be received **no later than 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024** 

Please note that the right of an objection is a statutory right, but it should be exercised in a reasonable manner. The costs involved in dealing with objections to Orders may be awarded against objectors in cases of unreasonable or spurious objections.

If any objections are made and not withdrawn, the Council will refer the Order and objections to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination. An Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate will then either take written representations or hear the objections at a Public Inquiry or Hearing. The Inspector can confirm the Order, confirm it with modifications, or refuse to confirm it. If no objections are received the County Council will confirm the Order itself, but it has no power to modify Orders.

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