

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER PANEL**  
**12/10/2020 at 5.30 pm**



**Present:** Councillor Davis (Chair)  
Councillors Hamblett (Substitute) and Surjan

Also in Attendance:

Alan Evans

Group Solicitor

Sian Walter-Browne

Constitutional Services

1           **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gloster and Councillor Murphy. Councillor Hamblett attended as a substitute for Councillor Murphy.

2           **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3           **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4           **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5           **DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 53 - WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 CLAIM TO REGISTER A PUBLIC FOOTPATH ON LAND AT THE MEADOWS, GROTTON**

The Panel gave consideration to a report of the Deputy Chief Executive which asked them to determine an Application (the Application) submitted under Schedule 14 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (the 1981 Act), requesting that a Modification Order be made in respect of a route running over a parcel of land between The Meadows and Bridleway 194 Saddleworth (the application route).

The Panel was informed that Council had a duty to investigate and determine applications for Modification Orders submitted under the 1981 Act.

An Application had been received in respect of the application route which was supported by User Evidence Forms, completed by 25 individuals who claimed to have used the application route for periods ranging between 22 and 55 years.

The application route was not recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement for the area and was not identified on either the draft or provisional maps prepared in the early 1950's.

The Panel noted they were required to consider the evidence in support of and against the Application and determine the Application in line with the legal requirements set out in the report.

Members asked for and received clarification on the following:-

- Saddleworth Parish Council comments – the comment from a Saddleworth Parish Councillor was sent in a personal capacity and no formal comments had been submitted from the Parish Council.
- Landowner comments – the landowner had not yet submitted any formal objections.

**RESOLVED that:-**

1. A Modification Order in respect of the application route under s53 of the 1981 Act, be made.
2. The Applicant and the Landowners be notified of the Council's decision.
3. The Landowners be notified of their Right of Appeal under Schedule 15 of the 1981 Act.

The meeting started at 5.30 pm and ended at 5.45 pm