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Date: 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Sirs,

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**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 – PART III  
THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT OF  
PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY PUBLIC FOOTPATH FROM BANKS ROAD TO STATION  
ROAD, NORTH MEOLS, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH (DEFINITIVE MAP  
MODIFICATION) ORDER 2014**

The above Order was made by Lancashire County Council (the "County Council") on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Objections to the Order have been received and the County Council has not been able to secure the withdrawal of the objections. I am therefore referring the Order to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for formal determination. To that end I enclose a completed Checklist for Order Making Authorities together with an indexed bundle of the required documents. The two copies of the Order have been sent to the above address by recorded mail.

It is confirmed that there are no statutory undertakers affected by the Order.

In this particular case, the County Council supports the confirmation of the Order (regardless of the process adopted by the Secretary of State in determining the outcome) and is content for the Secretary of State to make a decision by way of written representations.

If it is decided that a hearing or public inquiry is required, there are several dates over the next eleven months where the officers involved in the matter are not available and so we should be most grateful if these were avoided when listing a date for the hearing/public inquiry. The dates to be avoided (if possible) are as follows:

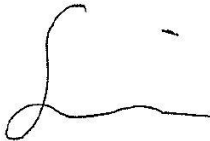
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021
- 20<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2021
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022
- 28<sup>th</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022
- 20<sup>th</sup> July – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022

We estimate that at least three days would be required for a hearing/public inquiry into this matter.

The County Council will submit a full Statement of Case in due course along with a list of documents and evidence on which our Statement of Grounds is based.

I look forward to hearing from you as to how the Order is to be determined.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Moore', with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Simon Moore  
Paralegal Officer

**Please quote our full reference number on all correspondence**