

**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**

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
KAREN TAYLOR**

1. My name is Karen Taylor and I live at 13 Glebe Lane, Banks. I have never been employed by any of the owners of the land crossed by the path that runs from Banks Road to Station Road (which I refer to as the "Sluice Path").
2. In 2012 I completed a user evidence form confirming my usage on foot of the Sluice Path. This statement provides further detail about that usage.
3. I grew up in Banks, living first in Glebe Lane (but not at my current address) and then moving with my family to 49 Ralph's Wife's Lane. I started walking along the Sluice Path in around 1980/81, after we had moved house. I was aged 17/18 then and used the Sluice Path to walk the family dog. I used to walk along Ralph's Wife's Lane and turn left onto the Sluice Path (at point A on the Order Plan). I tended to only walk part way down the Sluice Path as I used to turn around and walk home the way I had come rather than walking a circular route. I used this route on average once a fortnight, depending on the weather and time of year. It was less often when I was away at university during term time.
4. I used to see other people walking along the Sluice Path, but not in the same number that walked across the enclosed marsh tracks. I don't remember if I saw horse riders along the Sluice Path.

5. There were never any signs up along the Sluice Path indicating that it was private land. I was never challenged when walking along the Path and I never asked permission to use it. I had no reason to ask permission as I could see on the ground that the Path was well used by other people.
6. There were no stiles, fences or gates across the Sluice Path; it was an open route during the time I was using it.
7. In 1987 I left Banks and moved down south. However, I visited my parents regularly and may have used the Sluice Path during one or more of those visits as I would go out for a walk with my mother and the family dog.
8. I returned to Banks in 2000 and moved to my current address in Glebe Lane. However, I have not used the Sluice Path since then.
9. In summary, I used the partial length of the Sluice Path on foot for approximately seven years between 1980 and 1987.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed: K. Jaylin

Date: 21/4/2020