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**THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
BRIDLEWAY FROM BACK LANE TO MELLING MOOR, MELLING-WITH-
WRAYTON
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2025**

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RE: Melling-with-Wrayton Order

Hi Sam

Further to your recent email.

I can confirm safe receipt of the same.

Regards

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Subject: Melling-with-Wrayton Order

Hi Ansar,

Please find attached our objection to the unconfirmed Definitive Map Modification Order in Melling-with-Wrayton.

Please can you confirm acceptance of this objection?

Many thanks,
Sam

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**BRIDLEWAY FROM BACK LANE TO MELLING MOOR, MELLING-WITH-WRAYTON DEFINITIVE
MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2025 (REF: LSG4/894.12111/AS002)**

Dear Ansar,

We - the Green Lane Association - hereby object to the confirmation of the order to record a bridleway in the parish of Melling-with-Wrayton, on the basis that higher rights along the order route have been improperly assessed by the surveying authority. We contend that byway rights of some description (depending on the impact of NERC on vehicular rights) exist along the full route.

In the investigating officer's report the tithe maps are described as showing the route - at least in part - as a road of equal status to adjoining carriage roads. The tithe map and apportionment are fundamental documents which provide strong evidence known to be recorded on good public authority - there is no suggestion whatsoever that these documents convey bridleway rights along any part of the route, yet they have been weighted as if they do in the final decision.

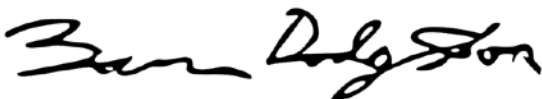
The Bartholomew's Map Series has also been interpreted in a similarly flawed way, thus reducing its value. The investigating officer's comments state that inclusion on these maps was an indication that the route was available 'at least on horseback' - but these maps were not produced for use with horses, but rather for cyclists and tourists. Again these maps were known to be of good quality and reflected the rights the public held along routes well. To suggest that the inclusion of a route on this

map was an indicator of bridle rights is a total historical fiction; there are well-founded legal precedents that inclusion of a route as a road on these maps is was in fact an indication of byway status. These maps were designed for and sold to cyclists, who would not have been able to use bridleways at this point in time. We feel this evidence has been significantly misinterpreted by the OMA in reaching their decision.

In their closing comments the investigating officer admits that both the tithe and finance act maps are likely suggestive of public vehicular rights, but goes on to diminish their evidence by suggesting that other maps provide little support for this. We feel this is a logical fallacy which cannot be used to test the rights along this route - very little of the other evidence directly contradicts the possibility of higher rights along the order route; it is neither positive or negative towards that possibility. As such, it cannot be used to diminish the significant value of the documents which do support the conclusion that higher rights exist.

On these grounds and others, we submit that the order should not be confirmed without further investigation. We wish to be included as an objector in any forthcoming inquiry proceedings.

Many thanks,
Sam



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