

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name ROBERT JOHNSON

Address 145, THE MARSHES LANE
MERE BROW

TARLETON

PRESTON LANCs

Postcode PR4 6JS

Year of Birth 1956

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

NO

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. How do you think the application route should be recorded?

☒ As a footpath (public rights on foot only)

☐ As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)

☐ As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)

☐ As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

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- e.g. "along the right hand side of the field about 1 metre from the hedge except about 100m in there was a metal water trough in the hedge and it was muddy so I walked further into the field to skirt round it; perhaps 10m from the hedge for about 25m along.)

THE ROUTE BEGINS FROM FOOTPATH 22 WITH DITCH AND
 HOLMES WOOD TO YOUR LEFT, FARM ON RIGHT. TRAVELING ~~WITH~~
 ALONG SIDE OF DITCH YOU ARRIVE AT FOOTPATH 26 ON YOUR
 RIGHT, ACCESS TO NUCKS WOOD. CONTINUING YOU PASS FOOTPATH ONLY
 SIGN ON RIGHT (PAINTED OVER) THEN EVENTUALLY ARRIVING AT WIGGINS
 LANE.

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please mark clearly on it the precise line of the route from start to finish, and mark and label any features – e.g. notices / signs, stiles, gates, fences / hedges, bridges etc. or any other information you think is relevant. Please also sign and date your map.

YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 1987 To 2024

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

NO

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot		✓				
On horseback						
By pedal cycle					✓	
By car						
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

WALKING ROUTE AND ACCESS
TO FISHERY

5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
- (b) on horseback
- (c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
- (d) with motorised vehicle
- (e) other, please specify

✓
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6. Were they using exactly the same route as you?

YES

NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

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6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

4 METRES

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8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

TARMAC ~~WHEEL ALONG~~ FP22 CHANGING TO GRAVEL TRACK FOR REMAINDER.

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9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

NO

How long were they in place?

b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

NO

c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

NO

10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

☒ No

☐ Yes

☐ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

VERY OLD SIGNS STATING FOOTPATH
ONLY ERECTED BY LCC MORE THAN
35 YEARS AGO

12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

WALKERS, HORSE RIDERS CYCLES AND
MOTORISED VEHICLES

Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

a. From whom?

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b. When?

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15. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

MR JOHN THOMPSON MAY 2023

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16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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17. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

WOODLANDS CARAVAN PARK RESIDENT 2023

18. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

Other Information

19. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc)

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes – please provide details

LCC SIGNS EACH END STATING FOOTPATH ONLY
OLD MAP WHICH SHOWS FOOTPATHS LEAVING
MERE LAKE

20. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?
[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]

[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

I BELIEVE THE LAKE HAS BEEN WALKED FOR
MORE THAN 20 YEARS AND IS THE LINK BETWEEN

FOOTPATH 26 AND 22. IT PROVIDES SAFE
ACCESS FROM VILLAGE TO HOLMESWOOD PLAY AREA
AND SHOULD BE USEABLE WITHOUT CONFLICT
FOR EVERYBODY AS PATHWAY ON THE MARSHES LAWE
IS NARROW AND NOT PRAM OR WHEELCHAIR FRIENDLY

21. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

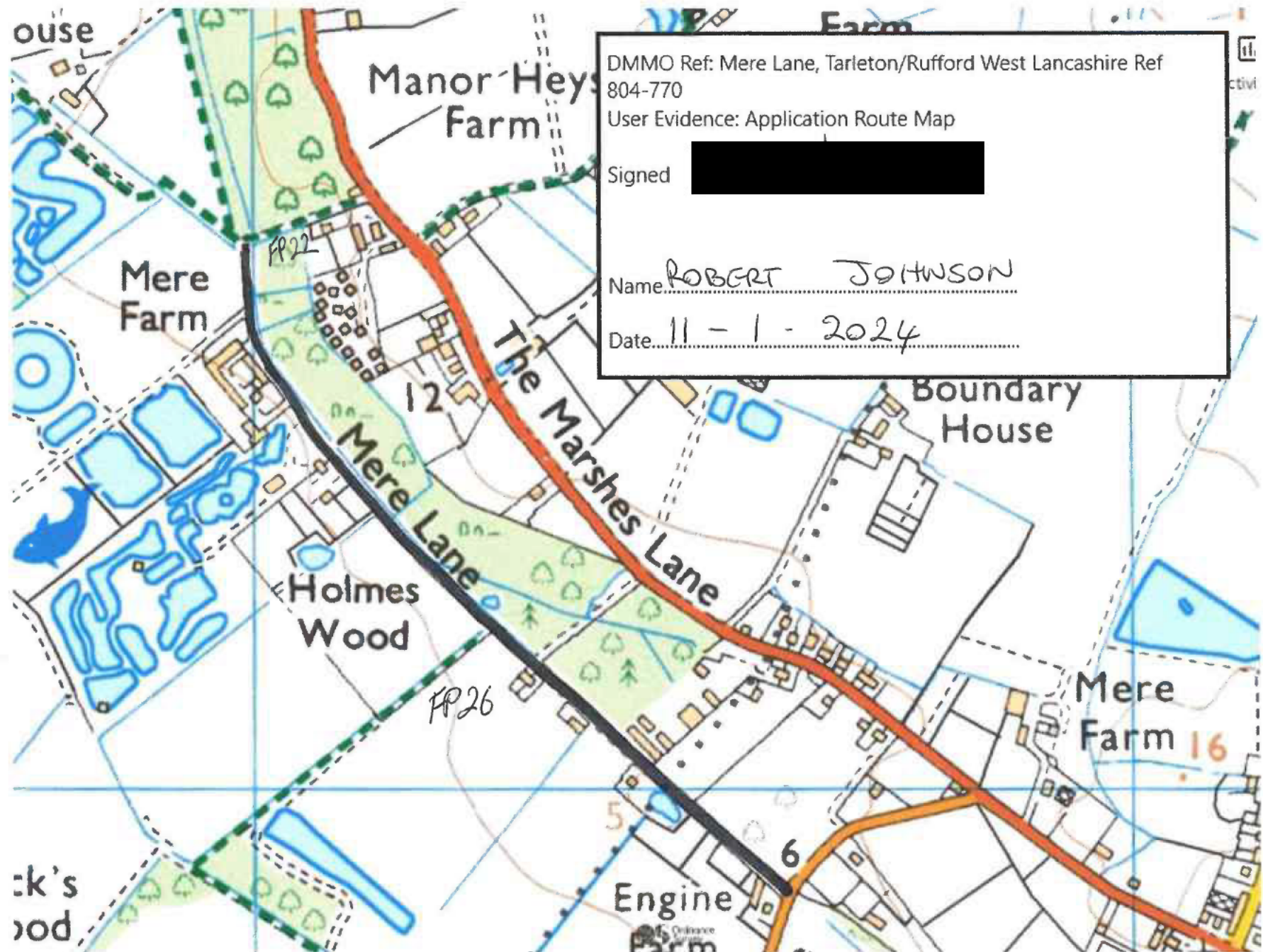
☒ Yes

☐ No

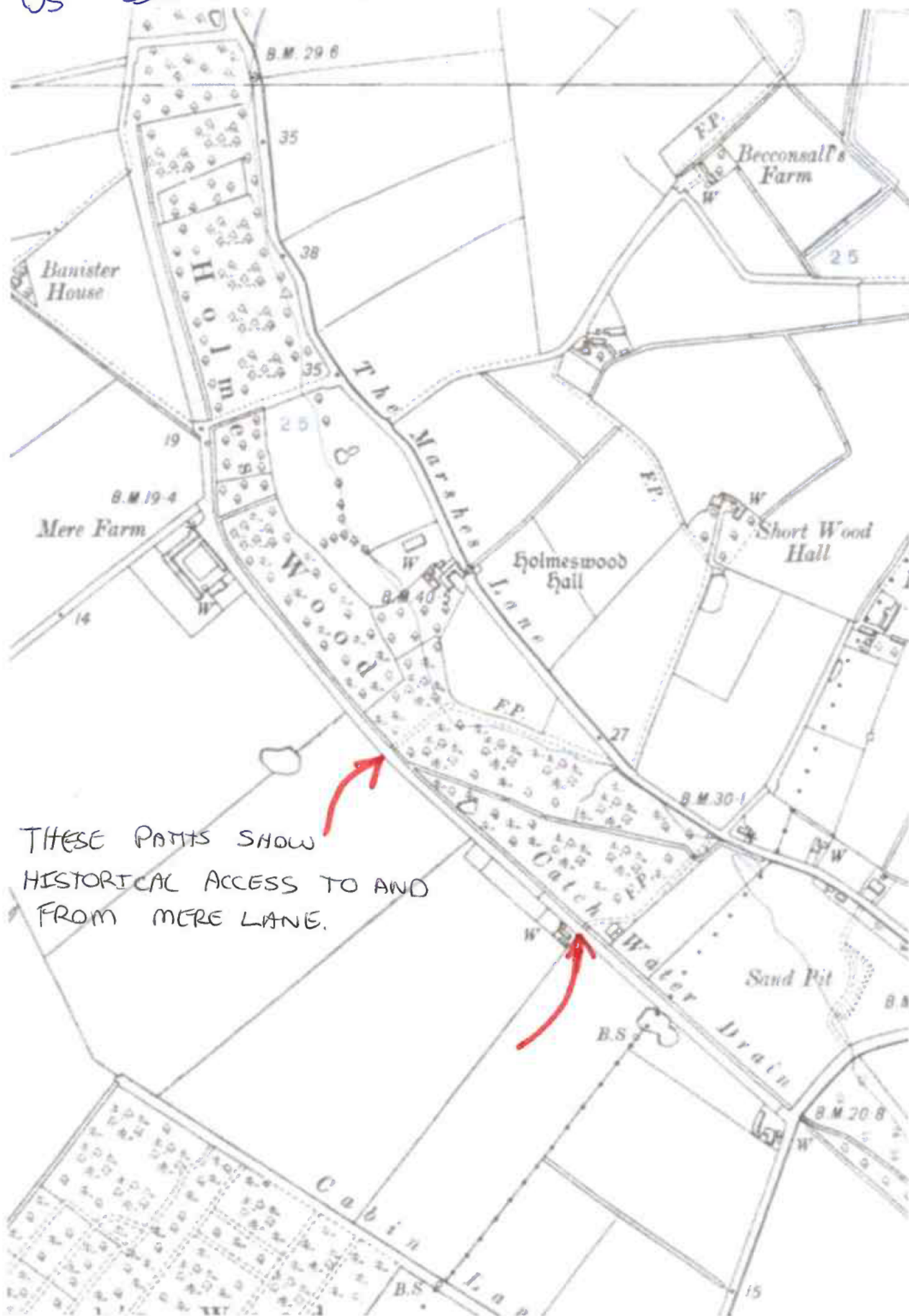
22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☒ Yes

☐ No



OS SIX INCH 1888-1913



THESE PATHS SHOW
HISTORICAL ACCESS TO AND
FROM MERE LANE.

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name LYN JOHNSON

Address 145, THE MARSHES LANE
MERE BROW
TARLETON PRESTON
LANCS Postcode PR4 6JS

Year of Birth 1954

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

NO

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. How do you think the application route should be recorded?

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STARTING FROM FOOTPATH 22 SOUTH EAST ALONG MERE
LANE. PASSING MERE FARM, TROUT FISHERY THEN SMALL HOLDING
ON RIGHT THEN ARRIVING AT ENTRANCE TO FOOTPATH 26.
CONTINUING WITH DITCH AND WOODLAND ON LEFT TO WIGGINS
LANE.

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

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YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From1987..... To2024.....

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

NO
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3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot				✓		
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car				✓		
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

WALKING CHILDREN AND VISITING FRIENDS
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5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
(b) on horseback
(c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
(d) with motorised vehicle
(e) other, please specify

✓
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✓

6. Were they using exactly the same route as you? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

WALKERS AND CARS

6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

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3 METRES

8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

TARMAC AND GRAVEL

9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

NO

How long were they in place?

b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

NO

c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

NO

10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

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☒ No

☐ Yes

☐ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

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12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

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Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

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b. When?

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☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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17. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

NO

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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☒ No

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Other Information

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WHEN THE CHILDREN WERE SMALL I WALKED
TO PLAYGROUND AND NOW I USE IT

TO VISIT FRIENDS, IT IS A SAFER
ALTERNATIVE TO THE MARSHES LAKE WHICH
IS BOISEY AND PATHWAY IS NARROW

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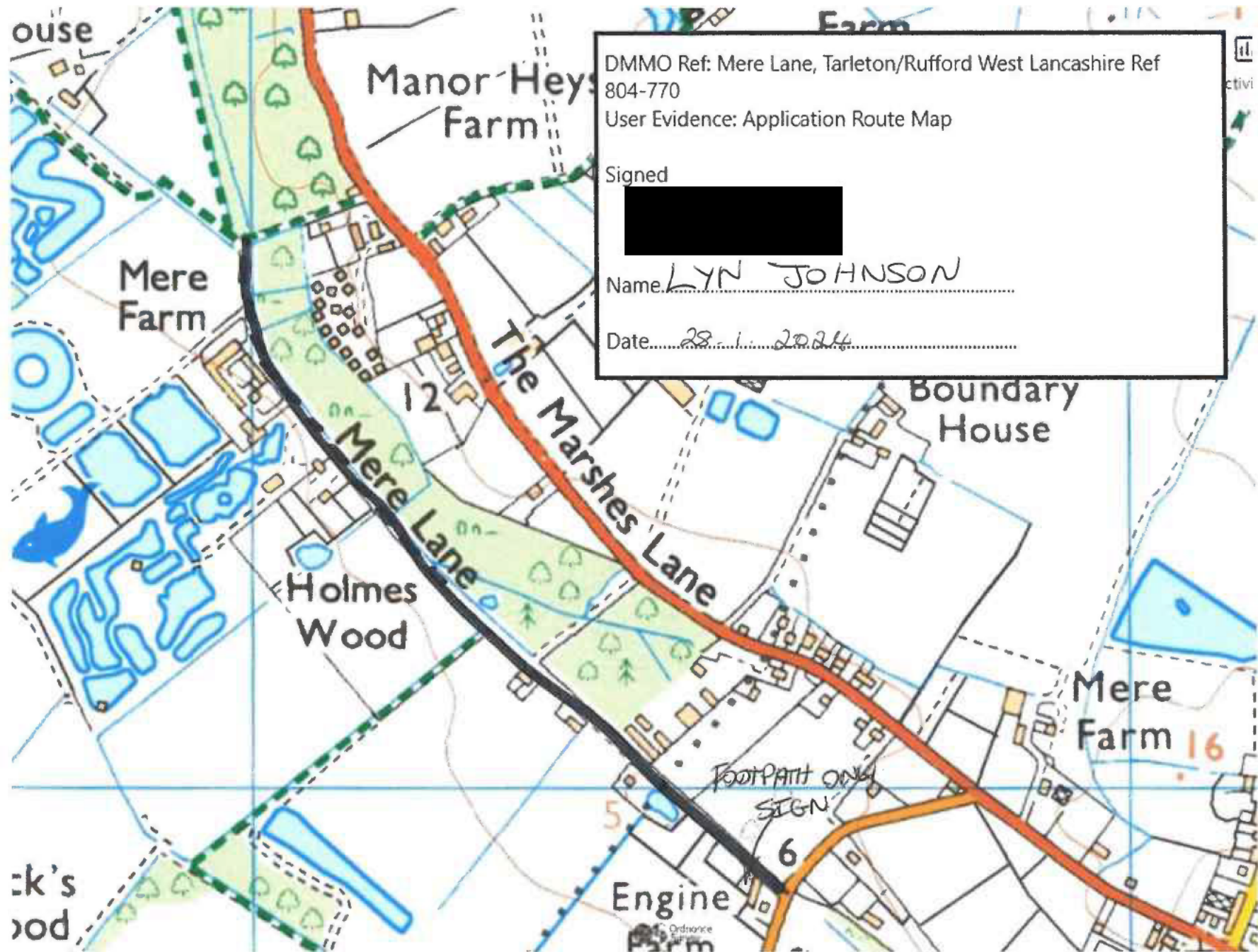
☒ Yes

☐ No

22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☒ Yes

☐ No



DMMO Ref: Mere Lane, Tarleton/Rufford West Lancashire Ref
804-770

User Evidence: Application Route Map

Signed

[Redacted Signature]

Name LYN JOHNSON

Date 28.1.2024

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name

GRAHAM CAUNCE

Address

2 SANDY LANE, HOLMESWOOD, NR K. JRD,
ORMSKIRK, LANC'S.

Postcode

L40 1UE

Year of Birth

1965

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

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Starting from the junction at Wiggors Ln.
past the gamekeepers cottage on the left
down the gravel lane passing a public footpath
to Nucks wood. then continuing to junction of
footpath No 22.

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

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YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 1982 To 2023

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

NO.

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3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot					☒	
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

Walking.....
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5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
(b) on horseback
(c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
(d) with motorised vehicle
(e) other, please specify

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6. Were they using exactly the same route as you?

☒ YES

☐ NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

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6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

3/4 m wide.

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8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

GRAVEL + TARMAC.

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9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

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How long were they in place?

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b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

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c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

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10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

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11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

☐ No

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

A sign saying NO THROUGH RD. + Footpath only sign.

12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

People walking.

Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

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☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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☒ No

☐ Yes

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☐ No

☒ Yes

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2023

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Always thought it was a public footpath and I think it should be made into a public footpath for¹⁰ the community.

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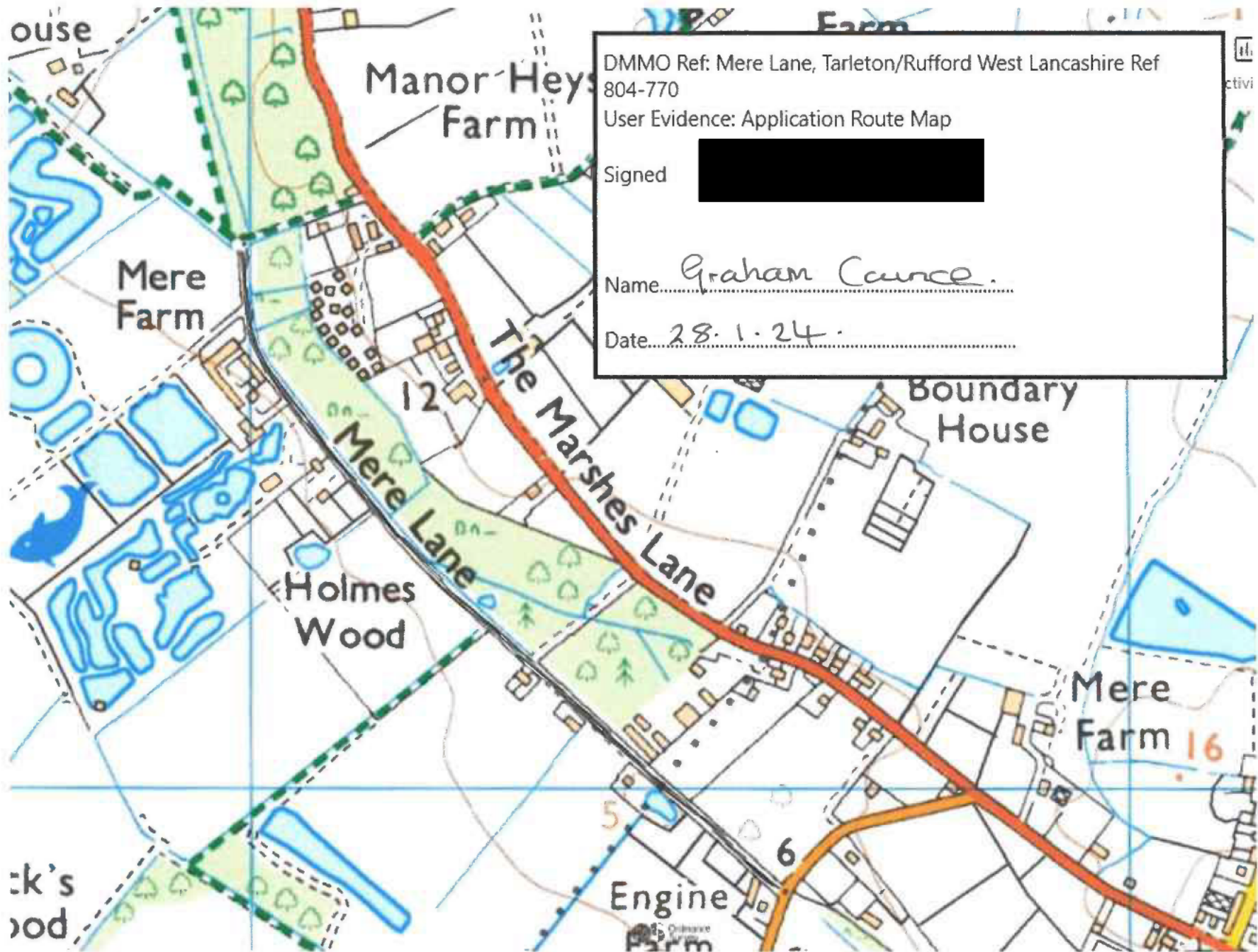
☒ Yes

☐ No

22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☒ Yes

☐ No



PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name

Mr H FRASER

Address

GREENACRE, HOLMESWOOD ROAD
RUFFORD, NR ORMSKIRK

LANCASHIRE

Postcode

L40 1TX

Year of Birth

1955

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

LIVED IN MORTON, From 1984 to 2016.

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OVER THE YEARS I HAVE USED THIS ROUTE FROM BOTH DIRECTIONS, STARTING FROM THE PUBLIC FOOTPATH (22) THEN TRAVEL THE FULL LENGTH OF MORECANE TO THE JUNCTION OF WIGGIN'S LANE.

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YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 1966 (Holmeswood School) To Present.

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

1984 TO 2016 DIDN'T NEED TO USE IT AS I LIVED IN TARTLTON.

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot				✓		
On horseback						
By pedal cycle				✓		
By car						
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

PLEASURE, USUALLY WALKING OR CYCLING
BACK FROM MERE BROW,

5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
(b) on horseback
(c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
(d) with motorised vehicle
(e) other, please specify

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6. Were they using exactly the same route as you?

YES

NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

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6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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I would say about 10 Foot
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8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

mostly GRAVEL
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9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

..... NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

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How long were they in place?

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..... N/A

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b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

..... N/A

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c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

..... N/A

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10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

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11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

☐ No

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

... LCC FOOTPATH ONLY SIGN ...
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12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

... MAINLY PEOPLE, DOG WALKERS ...
... AND OCCASIONALLY RAMBLERS IN ...
... GROUPS OF 2 OR 4 ...

Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

a. From whom?

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b. When?

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15. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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17. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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18. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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Other Information

19. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes – please provide details

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20. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?
[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]
[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

HAVING LIVED IN HOLMBUSHOOD AREA SINCE 1956 THIS ROUTE HAS BEEN
USED BY LOCAL PEOPLE AS AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO THE

..... MAIN ROAD WHEN WALKING AND CYCLING WITH
..... NO PROBLEMS AND SHOULD CONTINUE AS A
..... BRIDLEWAY

21. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

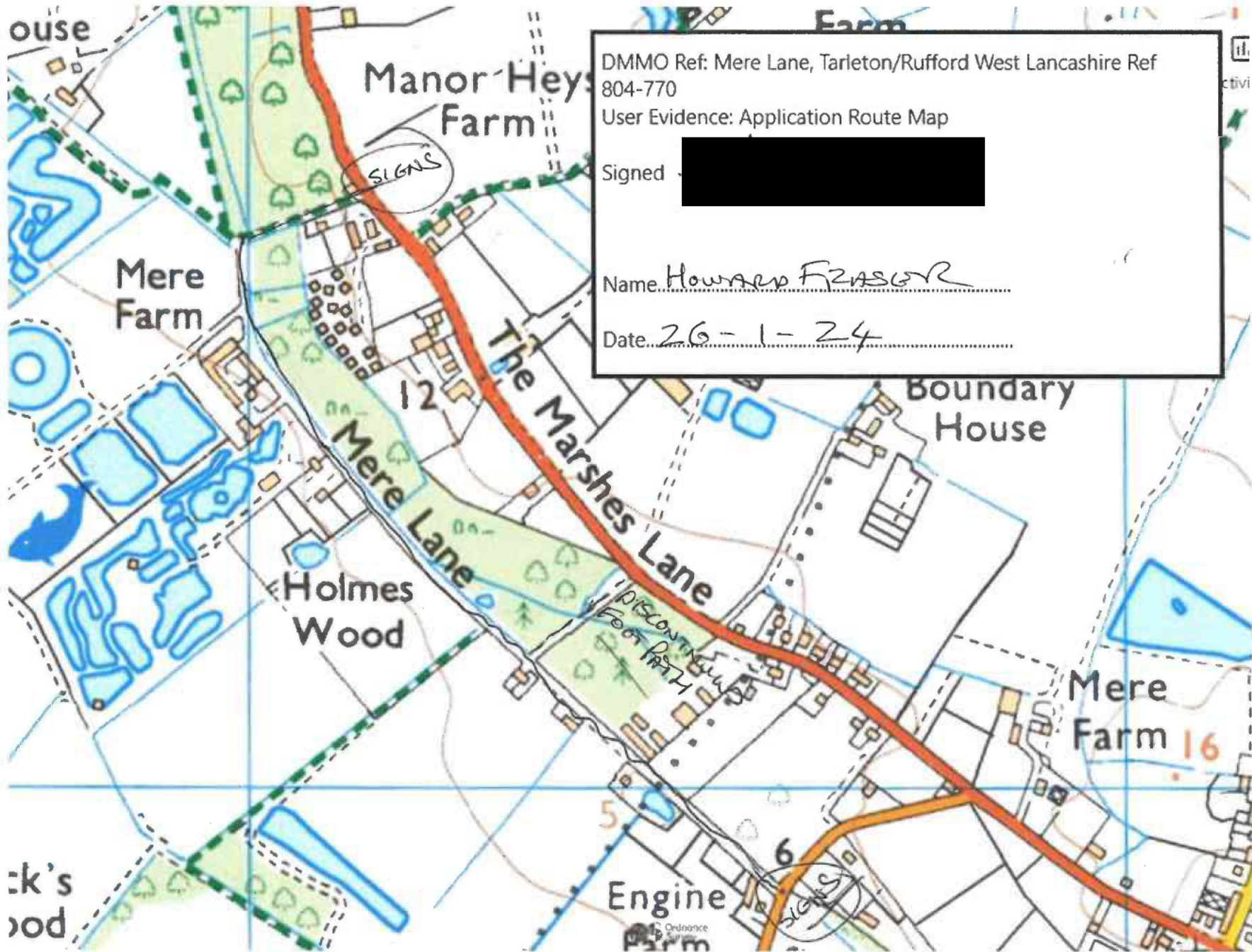
☒ Yes

☐ No

22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☒ Yes

☐ No



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804-770

User Evidence: Application Route Map

Signed

Name Howard Fraser

Date 26-1-24

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name JOY FORSHAW

Address 1 RUNNER COTTAGE, HOLMESWOOD ROAD
HOLMESWOOD
OLDSKIRK
LANCS Postcode L40 1UA

Year of Birth 1954

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

~~BURSCOUGH 1982 - 1986~~
ENGINE FARM, HOLMESWOOD 1964 - 1982

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. How do you think the application route should be recorded?

- ☒ As a footpath (public rights on foot only)
- ☐ As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)
- ☐ As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
- ☐ As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

2. Describe the application route.

(Include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can. Also include details of the route itself and the points it runs between. This should be as precise as possible.

- e.g. "passing about 2 yards to the left of the large oak tree" rather than "past the tree".

- e.g. "through the metal field gate when it was open but sometimes it was closed and tied with twine so I climbed over the stile (about 4ft high with single cross-step) on the left hand side".
- e.g. "along the right hand side of the field about 1 metre from the hedge except about 100m in there was a metal water trough in the hedge and it was muddy so I walked further into the field to skirt round it; perhaps 10m from the hedge for about 25m along.)

FROM WIGGINS LANE - ALONG NERE LANE -
TO MARSHES LANE

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please mark clearly on it the precise line of the route from start to finish, and mark and label any features – e.g. notices / signs, stiles, gates, fences / hedges, bridges etc. or any other information you think is relevant. Please also sign and date your map.

YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 1964 To 2023

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

1982 - 1986

LIVED OUT OF AREA

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot					✓	
On horseback						
By pedal cycle					✓	
By car						
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

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 PLEASURE

5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
 (b) on horseback
 (c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
 (d) with motorised vehicle
 (e) other, please specify

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✓

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6. Were they using exactly the same route as you? ☐ YES

☒ NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

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6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

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SINGE WIDTH ROAD

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8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

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TARMAK

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9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

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How long were they in place?

..... N/A

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b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

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c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

..... N/A

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10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

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11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

- ☐ No
☒ Yes
☐ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

PRIVATE ROAD

12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

- ☐ No
☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

PEDESTRIANS

Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

a. From whom?

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b. When?

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15. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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17. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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18. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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Other Information

19. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes – please provide details

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20. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?
[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]
[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

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21. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

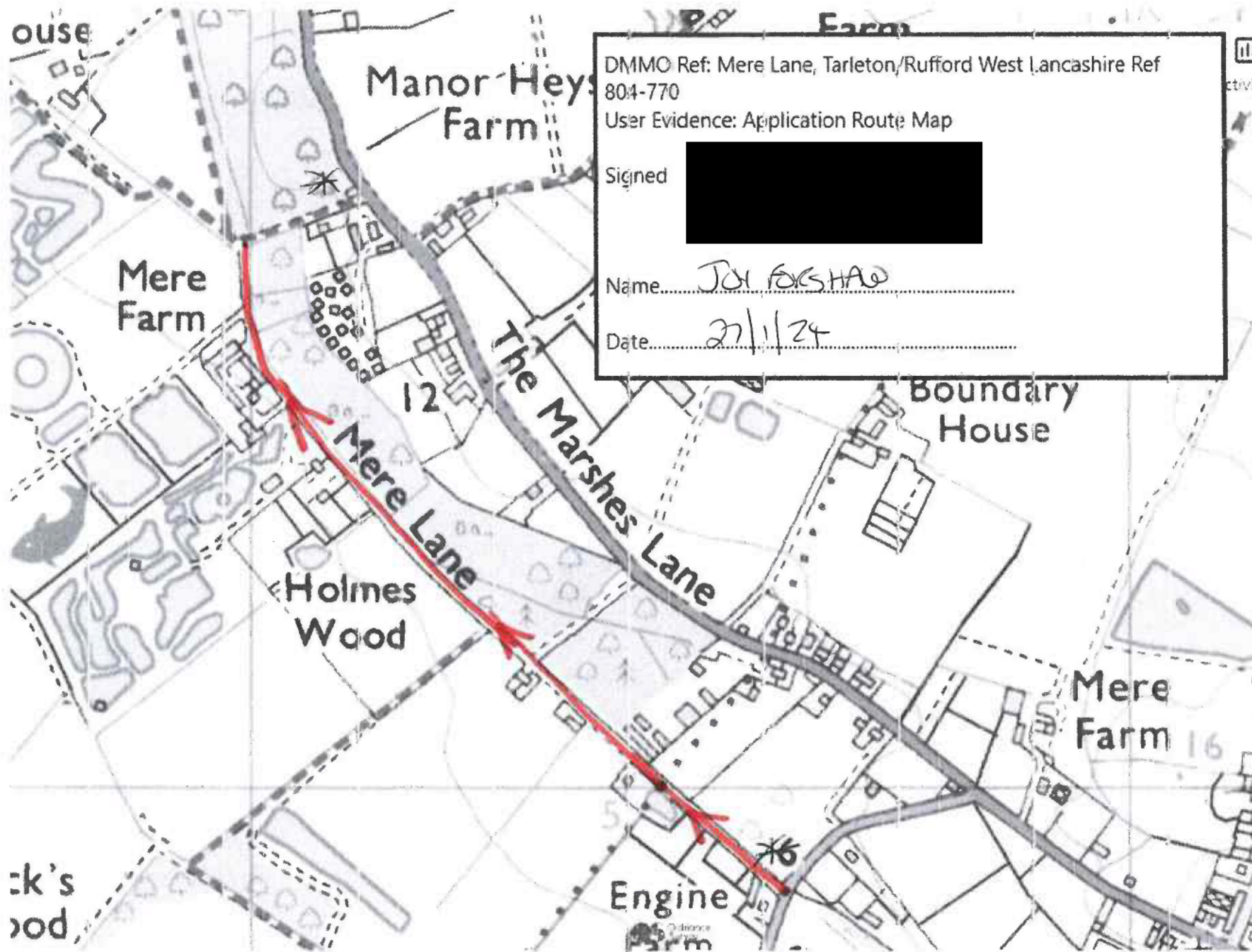
☐ Yes

☒ No

22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☐ Yes

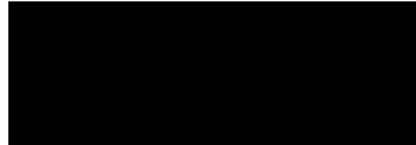
☒ No



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User Evidence: Application Route Map

Signed



Name.....JOI FORSHAW.....

Date.....27/1/24.....

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name

MAUREEN FRASER

Address

GREENACRE

HOLMESWOOD ROAD,

RUFFORD

ORMSKIRK

Postcode L40 1TX

Year of Birth

29-5-56

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

Lived in Tarleton for 60 years

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. How do you think the application route should be recorded?

☐ As a footpath (public rights on foot only)

☒ As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)

☐ As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)

☐ As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

2. Describe the application route.

(Include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can. Also include details of the route itself and the points it runs between. This should be as precise as possible.

- e.g. "passing about 2 yards to the left of the large oak tree" rather than "past the tree".

- e.g. "through the metal field gate when it was open but sometimes it was closed and tied with twine so I climbed over the stile (about 4ft high with single cross-step) on the left hand side".
- e.g. "along the right hand side of the field about 1 metre from the hedge except about 100m in there was a metal water trough in the hedge and it was muddy so I walked further into the field to skirt round it; perhaps 10m from the hedge for about 25m along.)

The route starts at the junction of Mere Lane & Wiggins Lane and follows along Mere Lane, passing on your left the footpath leading to Nucks Wood and continues to the public footpath connected to The Marshes Lane.

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please mark clearly on it the precise line of the route from start to finish, and mark and label any features – e.g. notices / signs, stiles, gates, fences / hedges, bridges etc. or any other information you think is relevant. Please also sign and date your map.

YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From1970..... To2000.....
on horse back

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

From 2000 to present day on horse back,
but occasionally on bicycle for pleasure

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot						
On horseback		✓				
By pedal cycle				✓		
By car						
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

.....Pleasure usually cycling or on.....
horse back.....

5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
 (b) on horseback
 (c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
 (d) with motorised vehicle
 (e) other, please specify

✓
✓

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6. Were they using exactly the same route as you?

YES

NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

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6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

..... approx 10 feet

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8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

..... gravel

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9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

.....No.....
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How long were they in place?

.....NA.....
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b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

.....NA.....
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c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

.....NA.....
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10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

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11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

☐ No

☐ Yes

☐ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

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12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

.....The occasional cyclist but mainly dog walkers.....

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Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

a. From whom?

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b. When?

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15. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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17. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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18. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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Other Information

19. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes – please provide details

I believe this route should be kept as at least a public footpath but preferably as a bridle way also

20. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way? [Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]
[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

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21. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

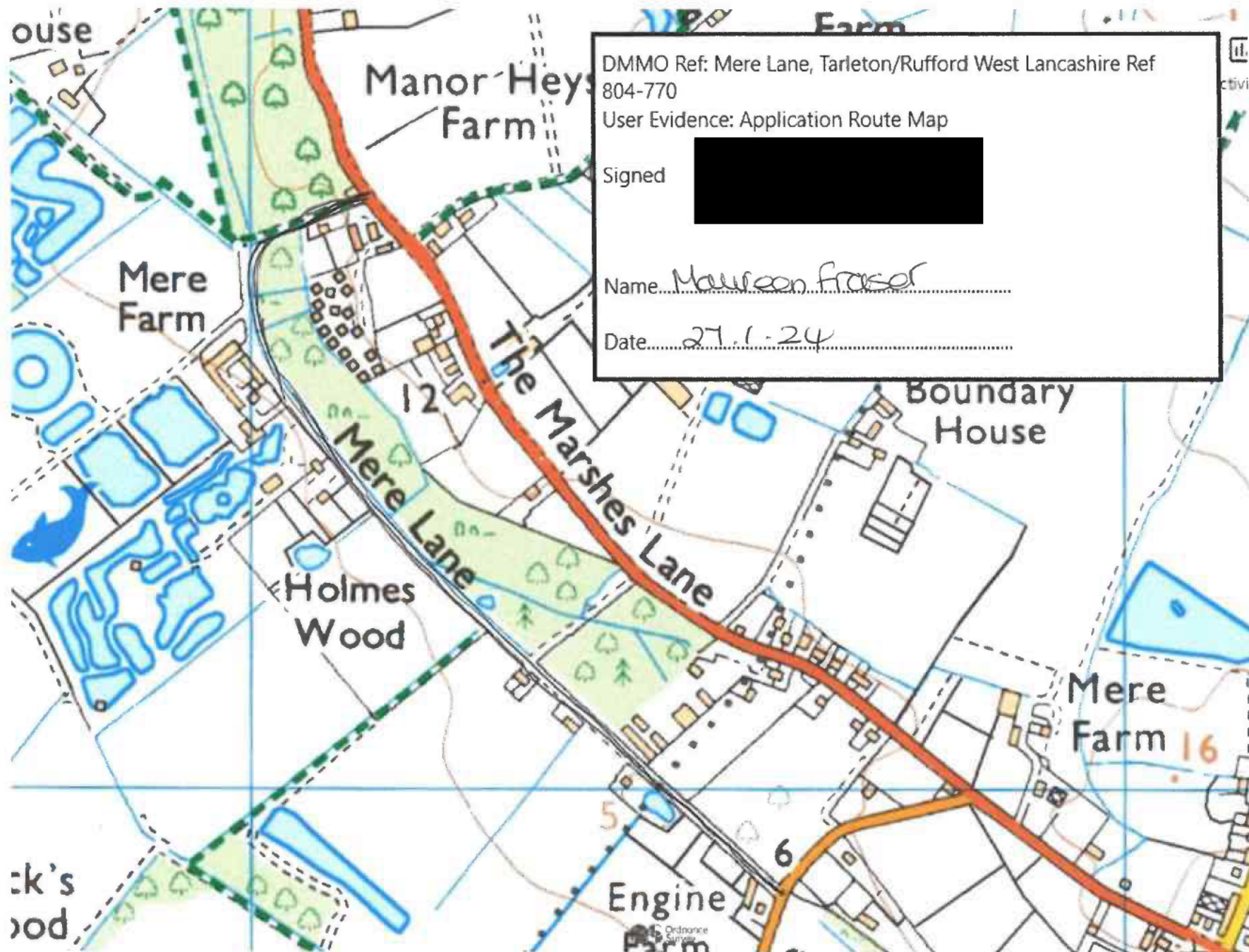
☒ Yes

☐ No

22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☒ Yes

☐ No



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User Evidence: Application Route Map

Signed



Name Maurice Fraser

Date 27.1.24

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name

Stuart Bennett

Address

Querido, Halmeswood Road,

Rubbed

Postcode L40 1UF

Year of Birth

1977

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

No

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. How do you think the application route should be recorded?

- ☒ As a footpath (public rights on foot only)
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- ☐ As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
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2. Describe the application route.

(Include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can. Also include details of the route itself and the points it runs between. This should be as precise as possible.

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- e.g. "through the metal field gate when it was open but sometimes it was closed and tied with twine so I climbed over the stile (about 4ft high with single cross-step) on the left hand side".
- e.g. "along the right hand side of the field about 1 metre from the hedge except about 100m in there was a metal water trough in the hedge and it was muddy so I walked further into the field to skirt round it; perhaps 10m from the hedge for about 25m

Occasionally along.)

(Point A)

I enter Mere Lane from Wiggins lane and walk the full length onto ~~Holmeswood Road~~ The Marshes Lane (point C). There are no physical barriers. I walk from point A → point B on a near daily basis.

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please mark clearly on it the precise line of the route from start to finish, and mark and label any features – e.g. notices / signs, stiles, gates, fences / hedges, bridges etc. or any other information you think is relevant. Please also sign and date your map.

YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 2009 To Current

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

No

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

From point A to B

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot	From A-B ✓			From A-C ✓		
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

Pleasure (dog walking.)
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5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
(b) on horseback
(c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
(d) with motorised vehicle
(e) other, please specify

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6. Were they using exactly the same route as you?

☒ YES

☐ NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

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6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

- ☒ Yes
☐ Don't know
☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

It is a road (damaged in places) approx 12ft wide.
Tarmac at the Merc lane end but gradually
turns into loose gravel at the Wiggins lane
end.

8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

↑ see above.
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9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

..... No

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How long were they in place?

..... n/a

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b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

..... n/a

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c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

..... no

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10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☐ No n/a

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

..... n/a

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11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

☐ No

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

* See q14 and attach photo.
* As indicated on the map there is a sign that says 'Private - No Access only' at point C.

12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

Yes, many people walk their dogs from A - B. I occasionally see people who have or are going to walk towards point C.

Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

a. From whom?

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b. When?

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15. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

One of the property owners on Meese lane stated it was not a public right of way. I continued the walk.....

16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

n/a
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17. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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18. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

n/a

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Other Information

19. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc)

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes – please provide details

I have attached a picture of a sign at ^{point A} ~~the end~~. I believe the part that is blacked out used to say 'Footpath only'. I have very vague recollections of there being a similar sign at the other end but this has now gone.

20. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?
[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]
[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

A public Footpath joins the route at point B. This essentially would become a dead end.

Mare Lane was not intended to be a
Foot path.

21. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

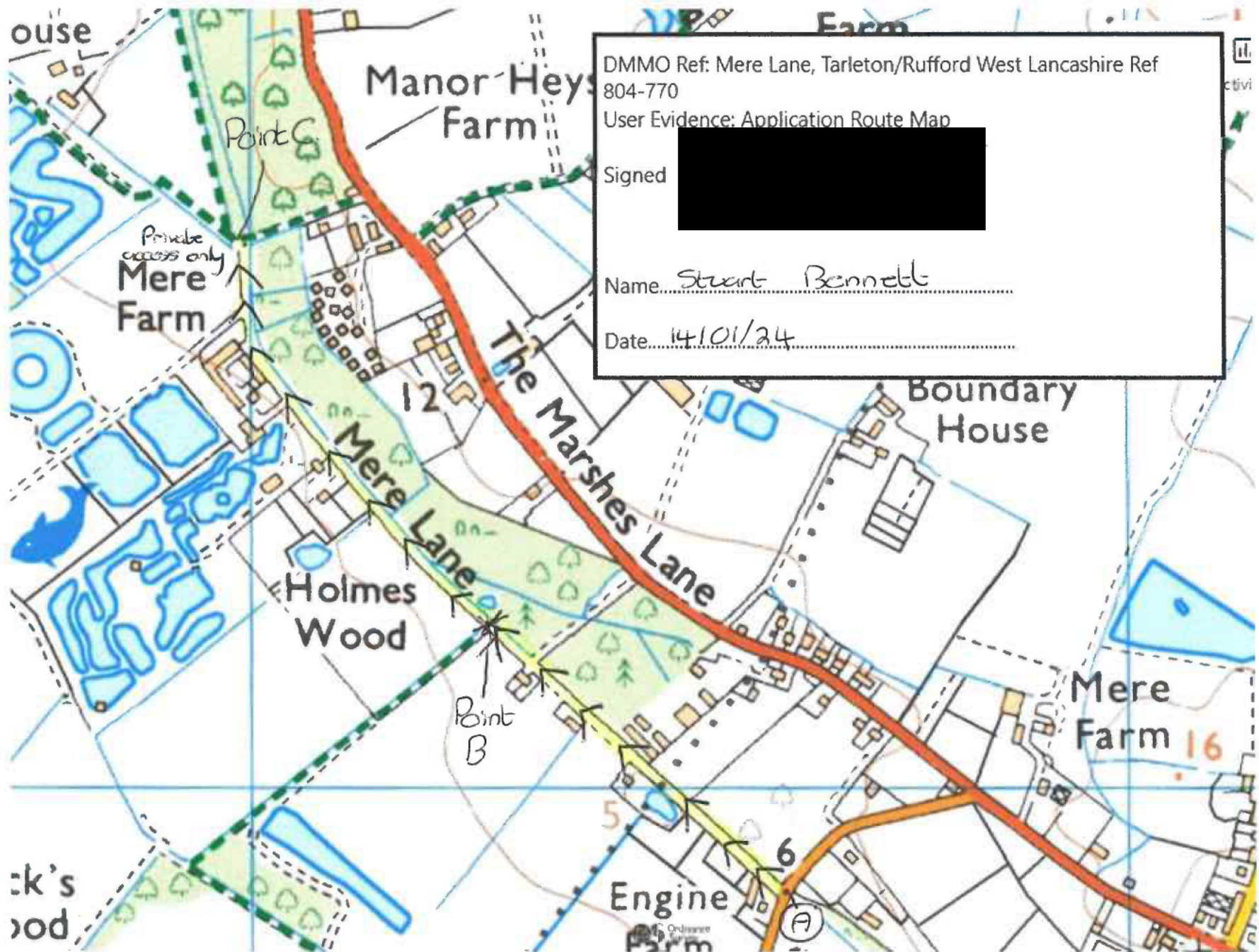
☒ Yes

☐ No

22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☒ Yes

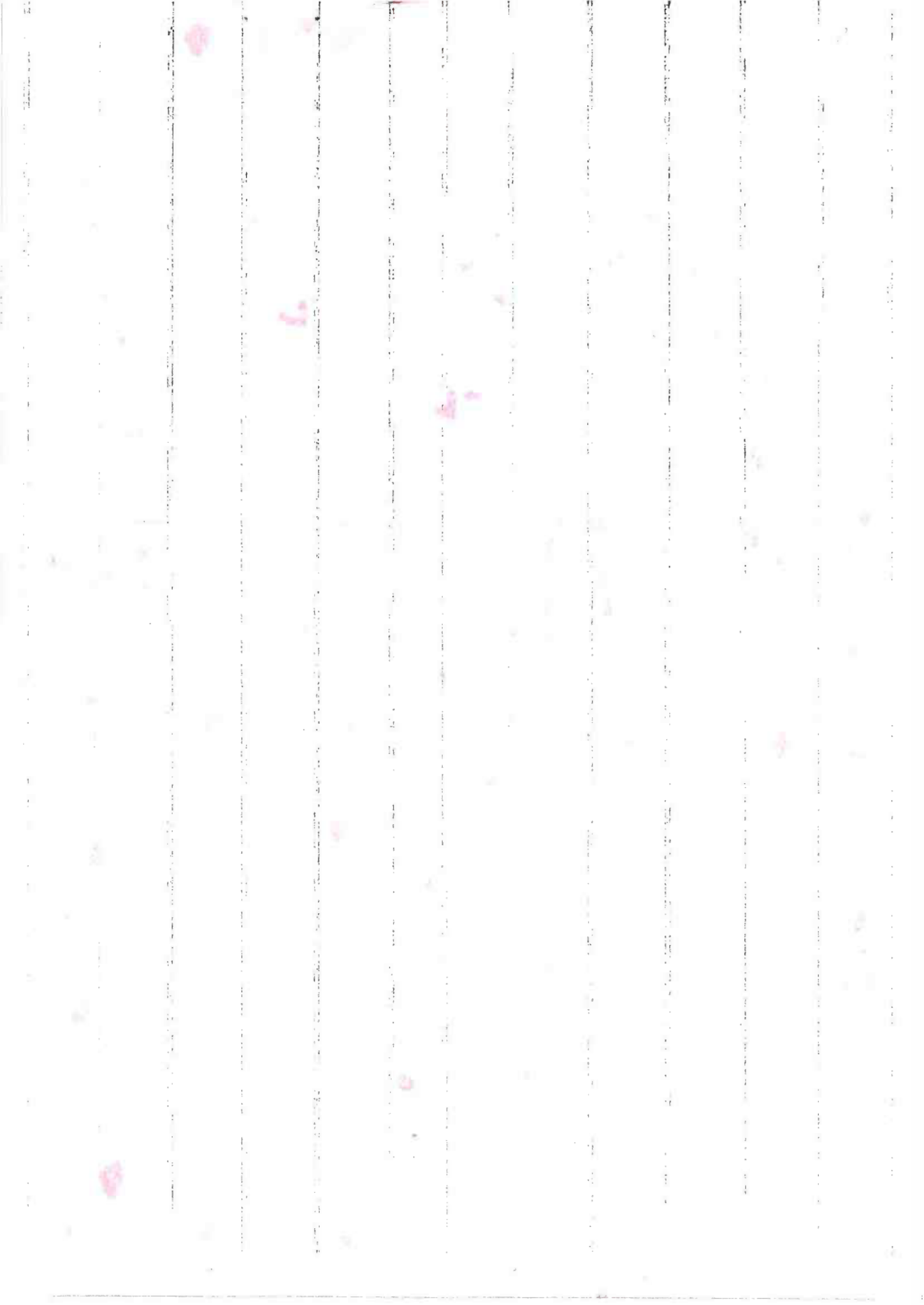
☐ No



LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

PRIVATE ROAD

NO THROUGH TRAFFIC



PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name DEREK FORDHAM

Address RUNNER COTTAGE

HOLMESWOOD ROAD

HOLMESWOOD, RUFFORD

ORMSKIRK Postcode L40 1UA

Year of Birth 17-12-1958

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

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ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. How do you think the application route should be recorded?

- ☒ As a footpath (public rights on foot only)
- ☐ As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)
- ☐ As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
- ☐ As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

2. Describe the application route.

(Include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can. Also include details of the route itself and the points it runs between. This should be as precise as possible.

- e.g. "passing about 2 yards to the left of the large oak tree" rather than "past the tree".

- e.g. "through the metal field gate when it was open but sometimes it was closed and tied with twine so I climbed over the stile (about 4ft high with single cross-step) on the left hand side".
- e.g. "along the right hand side of the field about 1 metre from the hedge except about 100m in there was a metal water trough in the hedge and it was muddy so I walked further into the field to skirt round it; perhaps 10m from the hedge for about 25m along.)

FROM WIGGINS LANE TO MARDHES LANE

ALL THE WAY DOWN MERE LANE

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please mark clearly on it the precise line of the route from start to finish, and mark and label any features – e.g. notices / signs, stiles, gates, fences / hedges, bridges etc. or any other information you think is relevant. Please also sign and date your map.

YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 1986 To PRESENT DAY

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot				✓		
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

PLEASURE
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5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
(b) on horseback
(c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
(d) with motorised vehicle
(e) other, please specify

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6. Were they using exactly the same route as you?

YES ✓

NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

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6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

USE ROAD ONLY ON FOOT

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8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

ROAD - TARMAC ETC

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9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

N/A

How long were they in place?

N/A

b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

N/A

c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

N/A

10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

☒ No

☐ Yes

☐ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

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12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

..... PEOPLE WALKING

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Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

a. From whom?

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b. When?

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15. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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17. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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18. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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Other Information

19. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes – please provide details

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20. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?
[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]
[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

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21. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

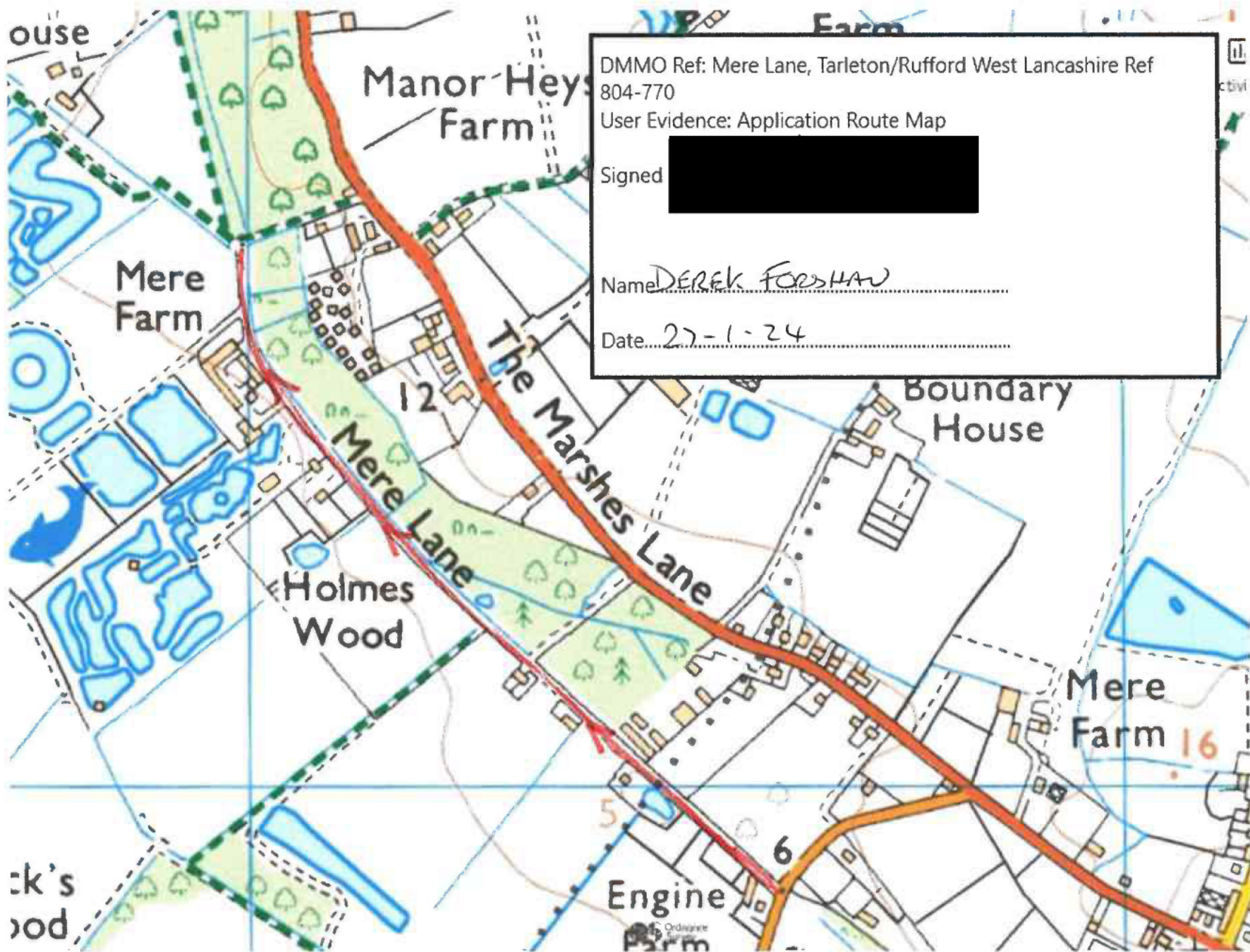
☐ Yes

☒ No

22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☐ Yes

☒ No



DMMO Ref: Mere Lane, Tarleton/Rufford West Lancashire Ref 804-770

User Evidence: Application Route Map

Signed

Name DEREK FORDHAM

Date 27-1-24

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name SARA FLEETWOOD

Address 135 THE MARSHES LANE

MERE BROW

PRESTON, LANCs

Postcode PR4 6JS

Year of Birth 1960

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

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ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. How do you think the application route should be recorded?

☒ As a footpath (public rights on foot only)

☐ As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)

☐ As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)

☐ As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

2. Describe the application route.

(Include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can. Also include details of the route itself and the points it runs between. This should be as precise as possible.

- e.g. "passing about 2 yards to the left of the large oak tree" rather than "past the tree".

- e.g. "through the metal field gate when it was open but sometimes it was closed and tied with twine so I climbed over the stile (about 4ft high with single cross-step) on the left hand side".
- e.g. "along the right hand side of the field about 1 metre from the hedge except about 100m in there was a metal water trough in the hedge and it was muddy so I walked further into the field to skirt round it; perhaps 10m from the hedge for about 25m along.)

.....THE ROUTE IS THE ~~ROAD~~ ENTIRE LENGTH OF MERE LANE,.....
 ...FROM THE MARSHES LANE TO WIGGINS LANE, TO.....
 ...ALLOW ACCESS TO THE FOOTPATHS WHICH BEGIN, END.....
 ...ON MERE LANE.....

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

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YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From1997..... ToPRESENT DAY.....

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

.....NO, I HAVE ALWAYS USED THIS ROUTE.....

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3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot		✓				
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

FOR PLEASURE
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5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
(b) on horseback
(c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
(d) with motorised vehicle
(e) other, please specify

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6. Were they using exactly the same route as you? ☒ YES ~~YES~~ ☐ NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

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6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

IT IS A ~~WIDE~~ SINGLE TRACK LANE
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8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

TARMAC | GRAVEL
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9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

..No.....
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How long were they in place?

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b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

..No.....
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c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

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10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

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11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

☐ No

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

THERE IS A SIGN AT EACH END OF MERE LANE ~~WIND~~ (ERECTED BY THE COUNCIL) WHICH SAYS "ACCESS FOR FOOTPATH". THIS HAS NOW BEEN PAINTED OUT SO IT CANNOT BE SEEN. ~~IN~~ MORE RECENTLY A SIGN HAS BEEN ERECTED AT THE END AT MERE FARM STATING 'PRIVATE ROAD' ~~WIND~~

12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

I HAVE SEEN MANY OTHER WALKERS.....
IT IS USED BY LOCAL HORSE RIDERS ALSO, NOTABLY THE
LIVERIES AT HOLMESWOOD HALL,.....

Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

a. From whom? AFTER A CONFRONTATION WITH JOHN THOMPSON (MERE FARM) ABOUT USING THE ROUTE HE SAID THAT I "HAD HIS PERMISSION TO USE IT" I RESPONDED THAT I DID NOT NEED HIS PERMISSION, AND WOULD USE IT AS I WISHED

b. When? ...IN THE LAST 4 YEARS (HE OCCASIONALLY CHALLENGED ME IF HE DOESN'T RECOGNISE ME, AS DOES HIS WIFE!)

15. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

JOHN THOMPSON + GLENNIS THOMPSON, MERE FARM

16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

JOHN THOMPSON HAS STOPPED ME ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AND TOLD ME THAT IT IS A PRIVATE ROAD WITH NO PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY TO ACCESS THE FOOT PATH TO NOCRA WOOD. OVER THE PAST 4 YEARS I HAVE TOLD HIM THAT I AM GOING TO USE IT ANYWAY.

GLENNIS THOMPSON HAS STOPPED ME AND INFORMED ME THAT I NEED JOHN THOMPSON'S PERMISSION TO USE THE ROAD. I TOLD HER THAT I DON'T NEED ANYONE'S PERMISSION + CONTINUED MY WALK

17. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

.....NUMEROUS NEIGHBOURS & LOCAL RESIDENTS HAVE
.....COMPLAINED THAT JOHN THOMPSON HAS TRIED TO
.....STOP THEM USING THE ROUTE.....

18. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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Other Information

19. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes – please provide details

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20. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?
[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]
[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

IF YOU ~~CANNOT~~ DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO MERE LANE
THEN YOU CANNOT ACCESS THE FOOTPATHS OFF IT.....

THE SIGNS AT EITHER END OF MERE LANE CLEARLY
STATE "ACCESS TO FOOTPATHS" ~~THE FOOTPATHS~~
THESE SIGNS HAVE BEEN THERE SINCE I FIRST STARTED USING THE
PATHS IN 1997. THE FACT THAT THIS INFORMATION HAS NOW
BEEN OBSCURED DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE RIGHT OF WAY
NO LONGER EXISTS!

21. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

☒ Yes

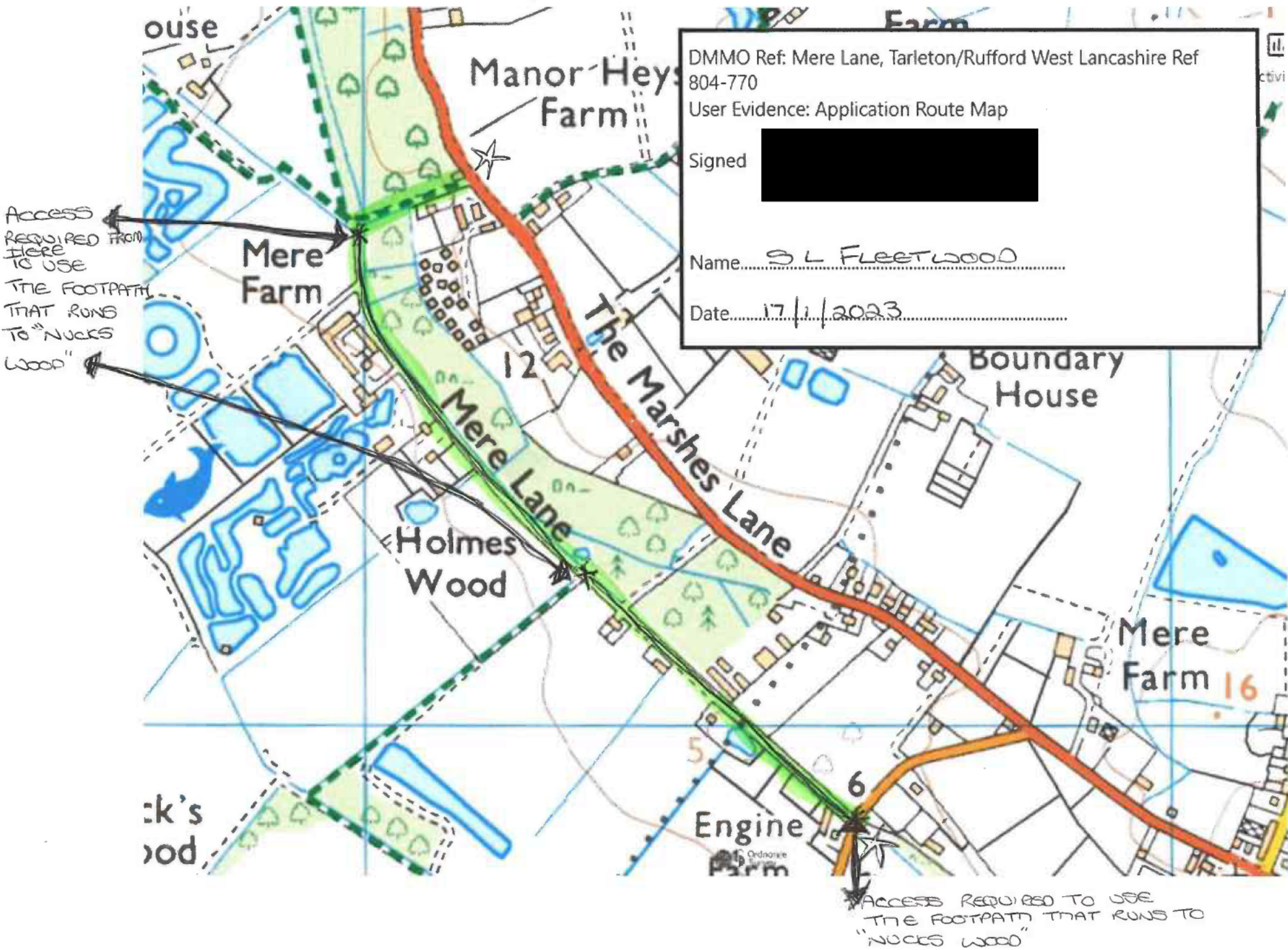
☐ No

22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☒ Yes

☐ No

★ THERE ARE SIGNS IN SITU (ERECTED BY THE COUNCIL?) ~~THAT SAY~~ AT EITHER/BOTH ENDS OF MERE LANE THAT STATE "ACCESS FOR FOOTPATHS." THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PAINTED OUT (BUT IS STILL THERE!) SO THAT ~~THE~~ IT CANNOT BE SEEN BY THE PUBLIC



PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name ROBERT FLEETWOOD

Address 135 THE MARSHES LANE

MERE BROW

TARLETON

Postcode PR4 6JS

Year of Birth 1967

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

No

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. How do you think the application route should be recorded?

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- ☐ As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
- ☐ As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

2. Describe the application route.

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- e.g. "through the metal field gate when it was open but sometimes it was closed and tied with twine so I climbed over the stile (about 4ft high with single cross-step) on the left hand side".
- e.g. "along the right hand side of the field about 1 metre from the hedge except about 100m in there was a metal water trough in the hedge and it was muddy so I walked further into the field to skirt round it; perhaps 10m from the hedge for about 25m along.)

The route runs the length of Mare Lane from The Marshes lane to Wiggins lane for access to the footpath.

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

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YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 1997 To Present day

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

No I have always used this route.

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot		✓				
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

Pleasure.....
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5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
- (b) on horseback
- (c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
- (d) with motorised vehicle
- (e) other, please specify

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✓

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6. Were they using exactly the same route as you? ☒ YES

☐ NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

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6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

Single track lane approx 10ft wide
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8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

Tarmac/gravel
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9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

No

How long were they in place?

b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

No

c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

☐ No

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

Signage at either end of Mere lane which says "Access for footpath" this has now been painted out. A sign has now been erected stating "Private Road".

12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

Dog walkers – pleasure walkers and local horse riders.

Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

a. From whom? The landowner has implied that he allows me to use the route because "I have his permission" to do so. However, I have never seen his permission, nor

b. When? ever would.

Approx. 8 yrs ago

15. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

John Thompson + Glennis Thompson
Mere Farm

16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

John Thompson has stopped me on a number of occasions to tell it is a private road with no access to the public footpath.

Glennis Thompson has stopped me and informed me that I need John's permission to use the road.

17. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

Numerous neighbours and local residents
have complained over the past 6 to 8
years

18. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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Other Information

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☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes – please provide details

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[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

If you do not have access down More Lane
then you can not access the footpaths off it.

There are signposts at both ends of Mere
lane that clearly state "Access to footpaths"
these have now been painted out.

21. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

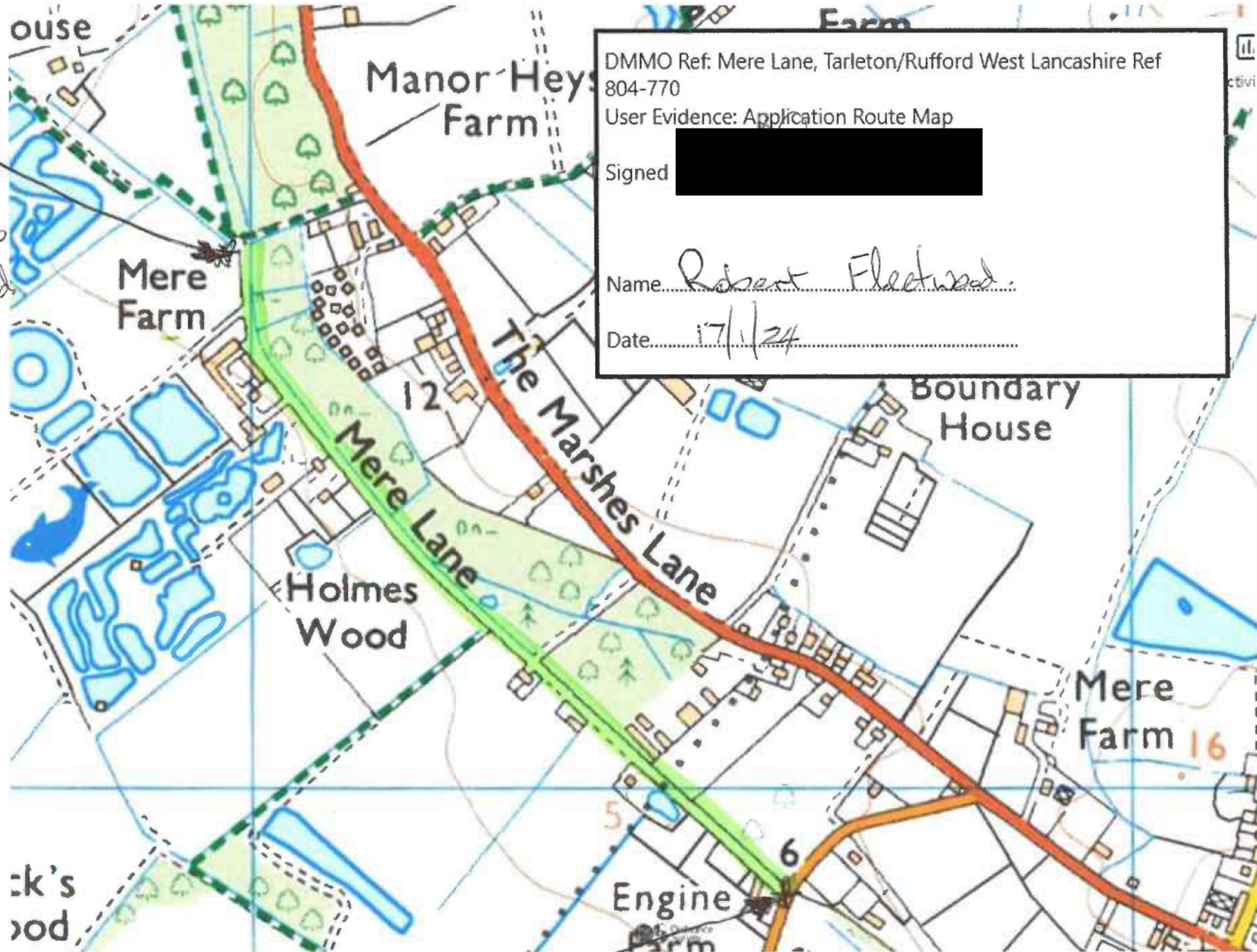
☒ Yes

☐ No

22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☒ Yes

☐ No



DMMO Ref: Mere Lane, Tarleton/Rufford West Lancashire Ref 804-770

User Evidence: Application Route Map

Signed [redacted]

Name: Robert Fleetwood

Date: 17/1/24

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name

Arán Clích

Address

ROSEMEATH

SMITHY WANE

HOLMEWOOD

LANES

Postcode L40 1UH

Year of Birth

1944

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way? NO.
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. How do you think the application route should be recorded?

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- e.g. "along the right hand side of the field about 1 metre from the hedge except about 100m in there was a metal water trough in the hedge and it was muddy so I walked further into the field to skirt round it; perhaps 10m from the hedge for about 25m along.)

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED MAP
 THE FIRST PART OF MORE LANE FROM THE MARKET LANE (1)
 END IS OK, AS IS THE OTHER END FROM WIGGINS LANE (2)
 IT IS THE SECTION NEAR MORE FARM THAT IS THE ISSUE
 (HIGHLIGHTED ON MAP)

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

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YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 2003 To

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

WE ALWAYS USED TO USE MORE LANE, BUT STOPPED
 WHEN WE WERE TOLD OTHER USERS HAD ENCOUNTERED
 PROBLEMS WITH ONE PARTICULAR RESIDENT OBJECTING

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot			✓			
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

PLEASURE - TO WALK TO DAUGHTER'S HOUSE - MANY SECTIONS OF THE PARADEMENTS ALONG HOLMESWOOD ROAD ARE ALMOST UNUSABLE, BEING OVERGROWN - WALKING ON THE ROAD IS DANGEROUS

5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
- (b) on horseback
- (c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
- (d) with motorised vehicle
- (e) other, please specify

✓

6. Were they using exactly the same route as you?

YES

✓

NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

WE BEEN TOLD THAT OTHER WALKER HAVE
TURNED ROUND/COME BACK TO AVOID CONFRONTATION
HAVING BEEN APPROACHED BY THE RESIDENT

6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

APPROX 3 METRES - WIDE ENOUGH FOR RESIDENTS
VEHICLES / TRACTORS AND 1 ALONE EMERGENCY VEHICLES
& REFUSE COLLECTION

8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

UNEVEN ROAD SURFACE AND WOOD-STONE

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9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

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How long were they in place?

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b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

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c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

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10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

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11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

☒ No

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

i'm sure there used to be public footpath signs at each end, but i'm not sure what's there now

12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

just other walkers out for a walk

Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

a. From whom?

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b. When?

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15. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

SAVANTOR & OTHER RESIDENTS LOCALLY HAVE TOLD ME
THAT ONE RESIDENT HAS CONFRONTED WALKER AND
HE ALSO HAS DOGS

16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

WE HAVE STOPPED USING IT
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17. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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OTHER NEIGHBOURS - SOME TIME AGO
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18. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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Other Information

19. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes – please provide details

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20. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way? [Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]
[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

THIS ROAD IS NOT FARMLAND, SO NO CHANCE OF
DAMAGE TO CROPS AND IT PROVIDES A GOOD
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SAFE ACCESS, AVOIDING HOUNSFORD ROAD
LINKING HOUNSFORD AND HOLE BLOW.

21. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

☒ Yes

☐ No

22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☒ Yes

☐ No



PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name DIANE BAXTER

Address 83 THE MARSHES LANE

MERE BROW

PRESTON

Postcode PR4 6JR

Year of Birth 1966

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

No

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. How do you think the application route should be recorded?

☒ As a footpath (public rights on foot only)

☐ As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)

☐ As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)

☐ As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

2. Describe the application route.

(Include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can. Also include details of the route itself and the points it runs between. This should be as precise as possible.

- e.g. "passing about 2 yards to the left of the large oak tree" rather than "past the tree".

- e.g. "through the metal field gate when it was open but sometimes it was closed and tied with twine so I climbed over the stile (about 4ft high with single cross-step) on the left hand side".
- e.g. "along the right hand side of the field about 1 metre from the hedge except about 100m in there was a metal water trough in the hedge and it was muddy so I walked further into the field to skirt round it; perhaps 10m from the hedge for about 25m along.)

From the bottom of Mere Lane and turn left, instead of right for the continuation of the existing footpath, (Point A on map) Walk along tarmaced road (with potholes) past Farm, Fisheries and two properties to (Point B on map) where footpath restarts towards woodland.

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please mark clearly on it the precise line of the route from start to finish, and mark and label any features – e.g. notices / signs, stiles, gates, fences / hedges, bridges etc. or any other information you think is relevant. Please also sign and date your map.

YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 1993 To present day

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

NONE
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3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot				✓		
On horseback						
By pedal cycle				✓		
By car						
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

Pleasure - it is a 10 minute walk from our home and makes a pleasant circular walk or a longer walk heading towards More Sands Woods.

5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
- (b) on horseback
- (c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
- (d) with motorised vehicle
- (e) other, please specify

✓
✓
✓

6. Were they using exactly the same route as you?

☒ YES

☐ NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

IF in vehicles^{bicycles} were continuing along the lane to properties or to turn⁵ onto Wiggins Lane or The Marshes Lane.

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6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

- ☒ Yes
- ☒ Don't know
- ☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

It is a road width, vehicles use it.

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8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

Tarmaced, but not maintained, lots of
pot holes.

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9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

Not that I know of

How long were they in place?

b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

Not that I know of.

c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

No.

10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☐ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

N/A

11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

- ☐ No
☒ Yes
☐ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

Sign's that indicated the position of public footpaths have been tampered with and 'PRIVATE' has been put on signage. (Point C on map)

12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

- ☐ No
☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

Mainly dog walkers, cyclist used to use it but now too many pot holes to be safe.

Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

a. From whom?

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b. When?

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15. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

Mr. Thompson has approached me when walking to ask where I was going, who I was.

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16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

I have been stopped by Mr. Thompson on two occasions in the last 8 years on both occasions he let me continue to the public footpath when he realised who I was.

17. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

☒ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

A couple of walkers that we see regularly on walks around the village have discussed being approached as they have attempted to reach the public footpath.

18. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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Other Information

19. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes – please provide details

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20. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way? [Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]
[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

There is only one homeowner who seems to have issues with villagers using the route to get

to the public footpath.

It is already a roadway and used by a number of vehicles to reach numerous properties along the lane.

21. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

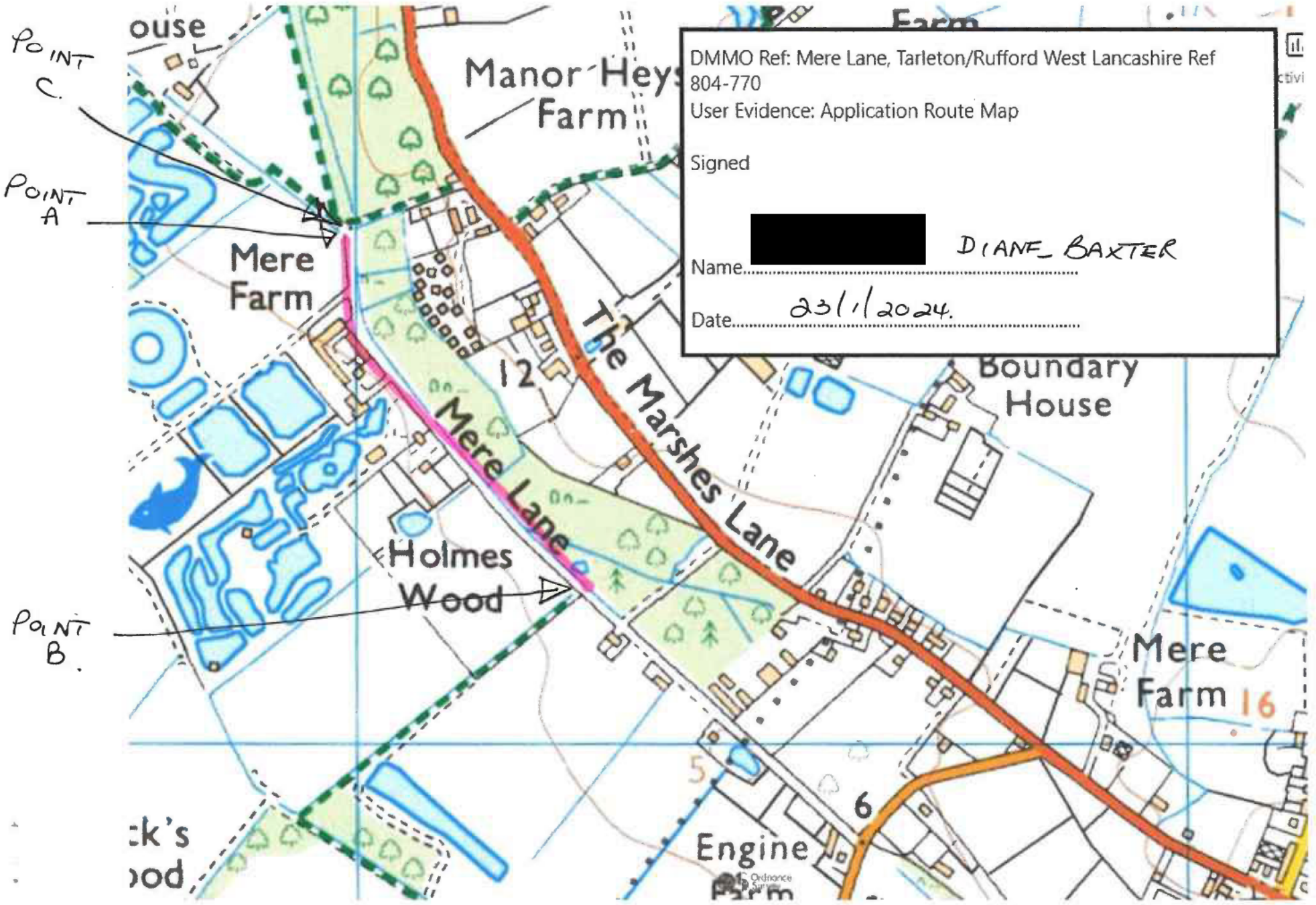
☒ Yes

☐ No

22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☐ Yes

☒ No



DMMO Ref: Mere Lane, Tarleton/Rufford West Lancashire Ref 804-770

User Evidence: Application Route Map

Signed

Name [REDACTED] DIANE BAXTER

Date 23/1/2024.

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name NEIL HOUSE

Address 201 THE MARSHES LN, MERE BROW
TARLETON, PRESON

Postcode PR4 6JS

Year of Birth 7-10-62

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

NO

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. How do you think the application route should be recorded?

- ☒ As a footpath (public rights on foot only)
- ☐ As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)
- ☐ As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
- ☐ As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

2. Describe the application route.

(Include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can. Also include details of the route itself and the points it runs between. This should be as precise as possible.

- e.g. "passing about 2 yards to the left of the large oak tree" rather than "past the tree".

- e.g. "through the metal field gate when it was open but sometimes it was closed and tied with twine so I climbed over the stile (about 4ft high with single cross-step) on the left hand side".
- e.g. "along the right hand side of the field about 1 metre from the hedge except about 100m in there was a metal water trough in the hedge and it was muddy so I walked further into the field to skirt round it; perhaps 10m from the hedge for about 25m along.)

STARTING AT FOOTPATH 22, TURN LEFT DOWN
 MERE LANE, FOLLOW DITCH AND WOOLAND ON YOUR
 LEFT PASSING START OF FOOTPATH 26 ONTO RIGHT
 THEN CONTINUE ONTO JUNCTION WITH WIGGINS LANE.

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please mark clearly on it the precise line of the route from start to finish, and mark and label any features – e.g. notices / signs, stiles, gates, fences / hedges, bridges etc. or any other information you think is relevant. Please also sign and date your map.

YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From JULY 2005 To ~~2023~~ 2024

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

NO

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot				✓		
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car				✓		
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

PLEASURE AND WORK RELATED .
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5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
(b) on horseback
(c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
(d) with motorised vehicle
(e) other, please specify

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✓
✓
✓

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6. Were they using exactly the same route as you? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

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6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

3 TO 4 METERS.

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8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

TARMAC AND CINDER TRACK.

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9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

.....NO.....
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How long were they in place?

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b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

.....NO.....
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c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

.....NO.....
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10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

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11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

☐ No

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

..... L.C.C. SIGN STATING FOOTPATH ONLY.
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12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

..... DOG WALKERS
..... JOGGERS
..... CARS

Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

a. From whom?

.....

b. When?

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15. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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17. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

..... LOTS OF MY CUSTOMERS HAVE BEEN REPRIMANDED
..... WILST WALKING DOWN THE LANE WAITING FOR
..... CAR REPAIRS

18. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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Other Information

19. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes – please provide details

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20. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?
[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]
[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

..... BECAUSE OF DANGEROUS PAVEMENTS 12 WIDTH IT IS
..... MUCH SAFER ROUTE TO USE AND ALSO A MORE

• PLEASANT PLACE TO WALK.
WHEN I FIRST MOVED TO MY PROPERTY ALL
MY CUSTOMERS AND MY FAMILY USED THIS ROUTE
WITH NO PROBLEM INCLUDING MY DAUGHTER BY HORSE

21. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

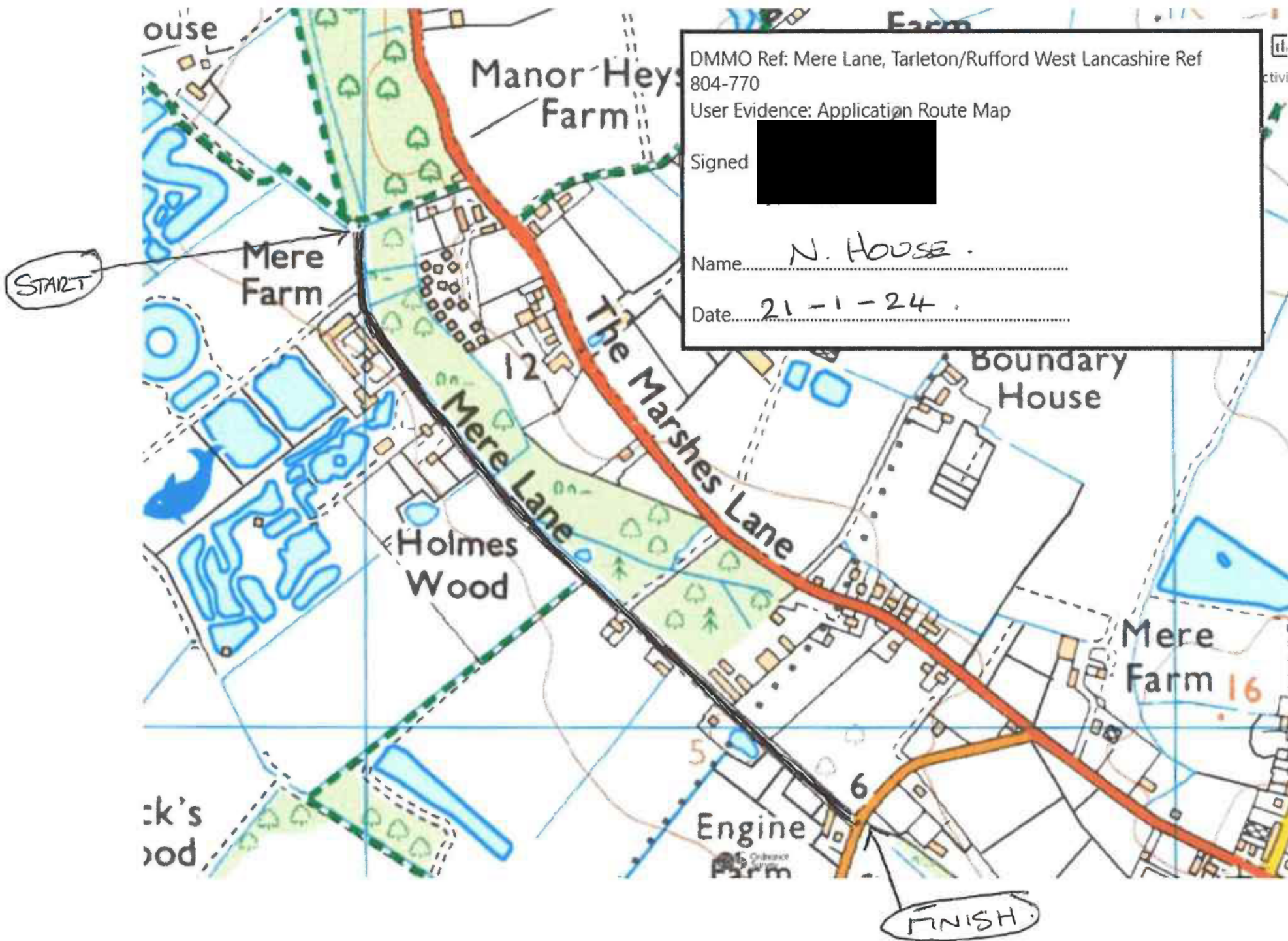
☒ Yes

☐ No

22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☒ Yes

☐ No



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User Evidence: Application Route Map

Signed

Name

N. HOUSE

Date

21-1-24

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name NAME AND ADDRESS WITHHELD

Address AT THIS PRESENT TIME FOR
PERSONAL REASONS

.....Postcode

Year of Birth 1961

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. How do you think the application route should be recorded?

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- e.g. "along the right hand side of the field about 1 metre from the hedge except about 100m in there was a metal water trough in the hedge and it was muddy so I walked further into the field to skirt round it; perhaps 10m from the hedge for about 25m along.)

TOTAL LENGTH MERE LANE EXISTING
FOOTPATH INCLUDED STARTING FROM
WIGGINS LANE

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

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YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From1968..... To2024.....

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

1968-1989 EVERY DAY AS
RESIDENT SINCE THEN RARELY IN
CAR.

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot	/					
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car	/				/	
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

I LIVED ON MERE LANE 1968-1989

ACCESS TO HOME AND PLEASURE

5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
(b) on horseback
(c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
(d) with motorised vehicle
(e) other, please specify



6. Were they using exactly the same route as you? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

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6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

3 METRES

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8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

TARMAC + GRAVEL

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9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

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..... NA
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How long were they in place?

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..... NA
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b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

..... NA
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c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

..... NA
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10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

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11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

☒ No

☐ Yes

☐ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

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12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

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Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

a. From whom?

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b. When?

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15. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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17. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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18. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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Other Information

19. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes – please provide details

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20. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way? [Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]
[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

DURING THE TIME I RESIDED ON
MERE LANE IT WAS ALWAYS

REGARDED AS A TRACK ON WHICH
WALKERS WERE ALLOWED TO WALK
AND SHOULD REMAIN THE SAME.

21. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

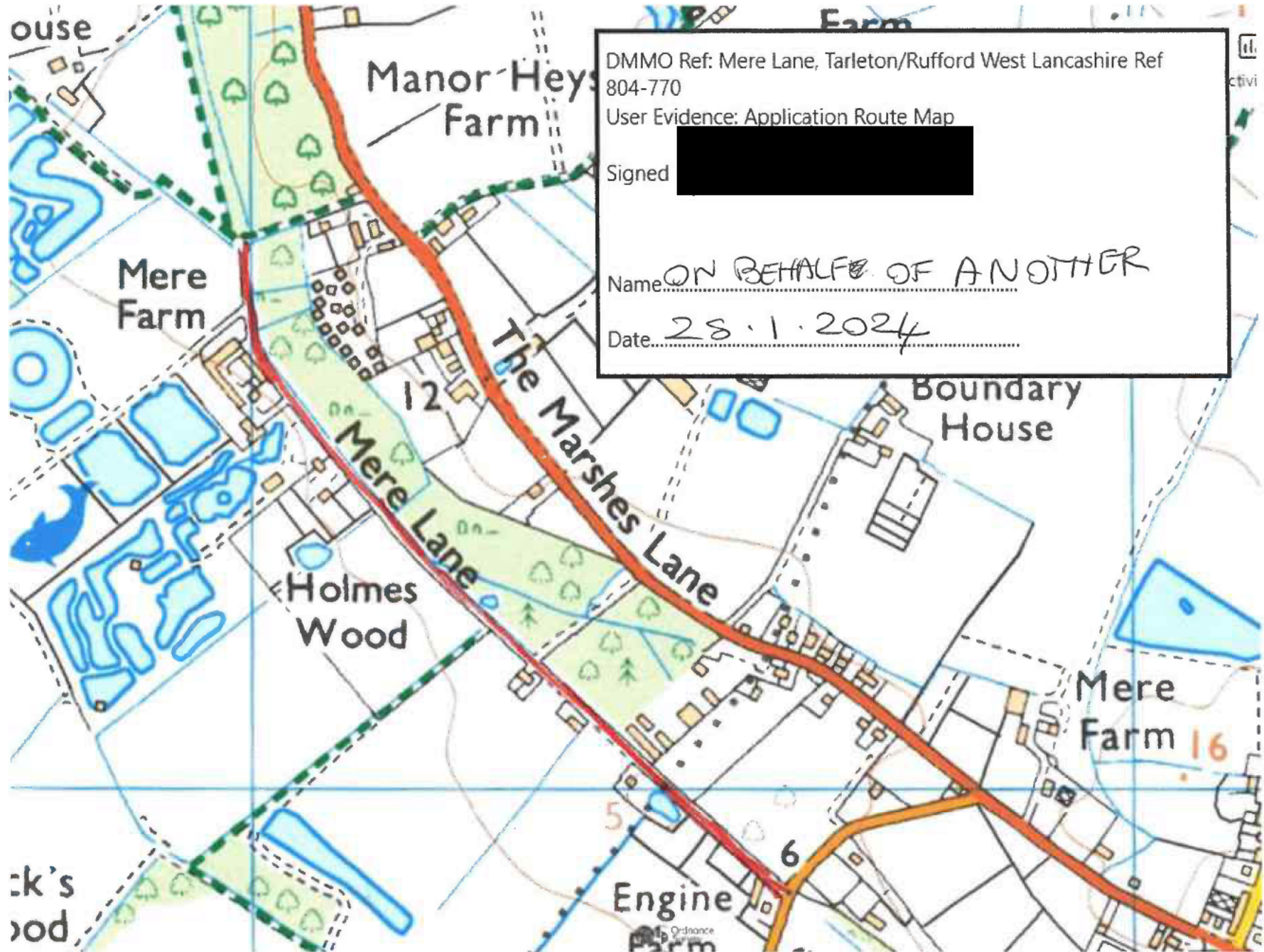
☐ Yes

☒ No

22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☐ Yes

☒ No



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User Evidence: Application Route Map

Signed

Name ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER

Date 28.1.2024

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name LINDA HAYDOCK

Address OAKLANDS, BURGH LANE

CHORLEY

LANCASHIRE

Postcode PR730T

Year of Birth 1973

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

CARR LANE, CHORLEY 1985-2017

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. How do you think the application route should be recorded?

- ☐ As a footpath (public rights on foot only)
- ☐ As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)
- ☒ As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
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- e.g. "passing about 2 yards to the left of the large oak tree" rather than "past the tree".

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- e.g. "along the right hand side of the field about 1 metre from the hedge except about 100m in there was a metal water trough in the hedge and it was muddy so I walked further into the field to skirt round it; perhaps 10m from the hedge for about 25m along.)

...UTILISE THE FULL LENGTH OF MERE LANE, USED
 ...IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. PASSING FROM THE
 ...MARSHES LANE END, ALONG THE TRACK, PASSING
 ...MERE FARM ON THE RIGHT, PASSING TRACK TO
 ...WOODS ON RIGHT, CONTINUE UNTIL THE ROAD

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

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YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From2003..... To2024.....

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

.....N/A.....

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot			✓			
On horseback		✓				
By pedal cycle				✓		
By car						
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

PLEASURE & SAFETY, SAFE ROUTE TO.....
 AVOID USING BUSY ROADS.....

5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
 (b) on horseback
 (c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
 (d) with motorised vehicle
 (e) other, please specify

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6. Were they using exactly the same route as you?

☒ YES

☐ NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

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6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

WIDTH OF ROUTE VARYS IN PLACES
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8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

VARIED, GRAVEL SURFACE
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9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

..NO.....
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How long were they in place?

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b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

..NO.....
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c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

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10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

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11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

☒ No

☐ Yes

☐ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

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12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

YES BELIEVED IT WAS A FOOTPATH. SEE
MANY LOCAL WALKER, PEOPLE ACCESSING
FISHERIES, HORSE RIDERS, RUNNERS

Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

a. From whom?

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b. When?

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15. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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17. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

☒ No

AWARE OTHERS HAVE BEEN STOPPED

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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18. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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Other Information

19. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes – please provide details

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20. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?
[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]
[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

THIS ROUTE IS USED AS A SAFE ALTERNATIVE
TO THE MARSHES LANE, LIMITED AND VERY

NARROW PAVEMENTS ON THE ROAD PUT
PEOPLE AT RISK, MORE LANE IS A QUIET
SAFE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FOR LOCALS

21. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

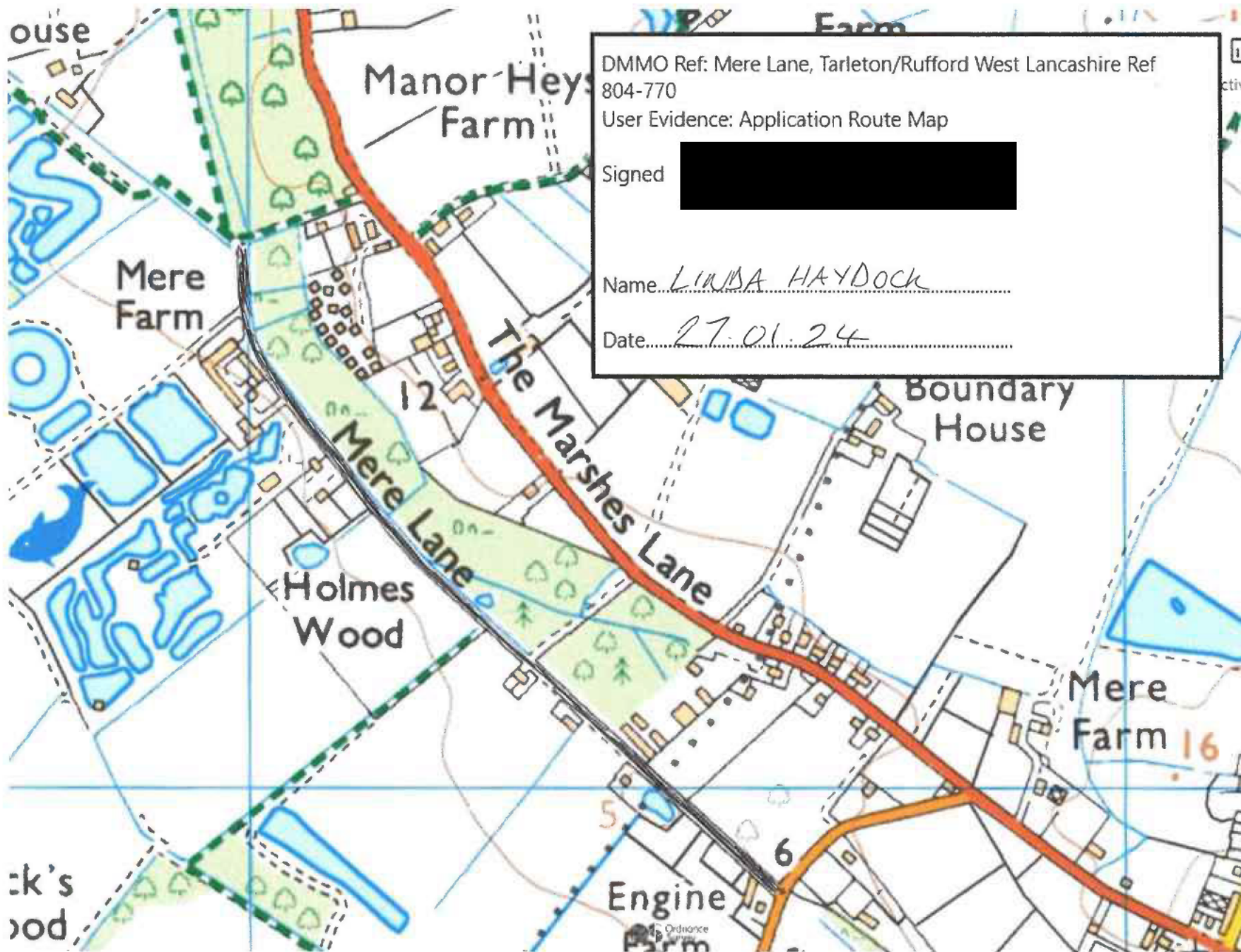
☒ Yes

☐ No

22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☒ Yes

☐ No



PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name BARBARA KENNON

Address 143, THE MARSHES LANE MERE BROW
TARLETON PRESTON LANCS

Postcode PR4 6JS

Year of Birth 1950

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

YES USED MERE LANE FOR HORSE RIDING
FROM 2002

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. How do you think the application route should be recorded?

- ☐ As a footpath (public rights on foot only)
- ☐ As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)
- ☒ As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
- ☐ As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

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- e.g. "along the right hand side of the field about 1 metre from the hedge except about 100m in there was a metal water trough in the hedge and it was muddy so I walked further into the field to skirt round it; perhaps 10m from the hedge for about 25m along.)

USUALLY STARTING ON PUBLIC FOOTPATH
OFF THE MARSHES LANE CONTINUING THE
WHOLE LENGTH OF MERE LANE TO WIGGINS
LANE. SOMETIMES TURNING OFF MERE LANE DOWN
FOOTPATH TO NUCKS WOOD.

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

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YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From ..2002..... To ..2022.....

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

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3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot	☒	☒				
On horseback	☒	☒				
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

HORSE RIDING AND WALKING DOG.

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5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
(b) on horseback
(c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
(d) with motorised vehicle
(e) other, please specify

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6. Were they using exactly the same route as you? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

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6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

3 to 4 metres

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8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

TAR MAC AND GRAVEL

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9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

NO

How long were they in place?

b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

NO

c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

NO

10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

☒ No

☐ Yes

☐ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

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12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

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Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

a. From whom?

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b. When?

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15. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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17. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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18. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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Other Information

19. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes – please provide details

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20. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way? [Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]
[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

I HAVE USED MERE LANE FIRSTLY
AS A HORSE RIDER AND OF LATE

AS A DOG WALKER I ALWAYS
BELIEVED THIS WAS ALLOWED AND SHOULD
REMAIN AS SUCH.

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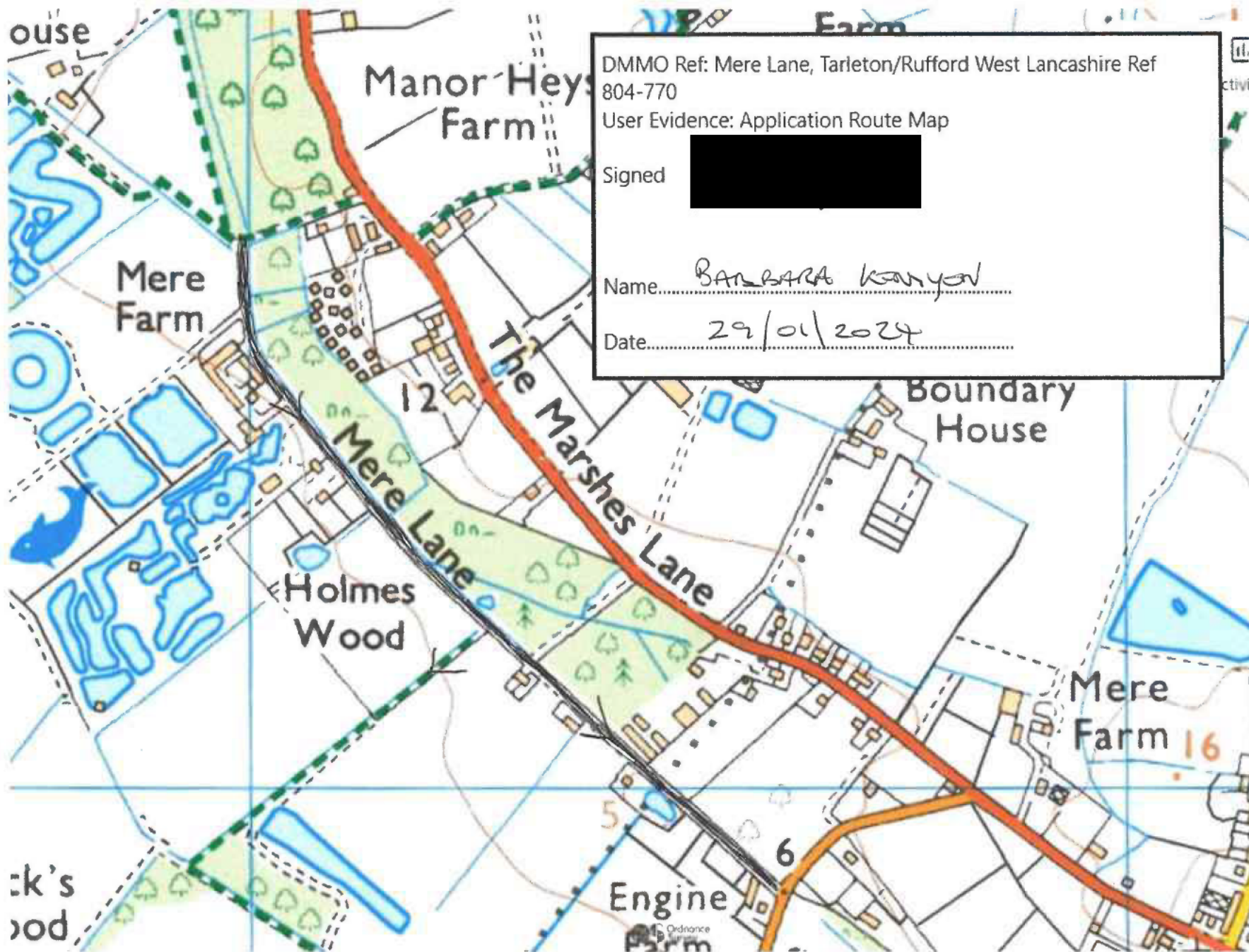
☒ Yes

☐ No

22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☒ Yes

☐ No



DMMO Ref: Mere Lane, Tarleton/Rufford West Lancashire Ref
804-770

User Evidence: Application Route Map

Signed

Name

BARBARA KAYSON

Date

29/01/2024

Lynna Robert away Wed - Friday
Sean away Thursday - Monday

2002
- Bob 2022

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name BRIAN KENYON

Address 143 THE MARSHES LANE

MERE BROW TARBLETON

PRESTON LANCs

Postcode PR4 6JS

Year of Birth 1940

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

YES FROM 2002 WE LIVED IN
BURSCOUGH AND USED MERE LANE FOR HORSE RIDING

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

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FROM BOTTOM OF MERE LANE, AT JUNCTION
WITH FOOTPATH WE TRAVELED PAST FARM ON
RIGHT TO NUCKS WOOD FOOTPATH ON RIGHT. SOMETIMES
WE WENT TO NUCKS WOOD OR CARRIED ON DOWN
MERE LANE TO ITS END ON WIGGINS LANE

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

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YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 2002 To Current Use

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

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3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot		✓				
On horseback	✓	✓				
By pedal cycle			✓			
By car						
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

PLEASURE - ACCESS. SAFE ROUTE
FOR WALKING / HACKING OFF BUSY
ROAD.

5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
(b) on horseback
(c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
(d) with motorised vehicle
(e) other, please specify

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6. Were they using exactly the same route as you? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

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6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

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3-4 METRES VARYING ALONG ITS LENGTH

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8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

TARMAC AND CINDER TRACK

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9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

NO

How long were they in place?

b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

NO

c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

NO

10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

☒ No

☐ Yes

☐ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

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12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

OTHER WALKERS AND HORSERIDERS

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Land Ownership

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☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

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b. When?

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☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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☒ No

☐ Yes

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IN THE EARLY YEARS I WALKED
WITH MY WIFE WHO WAS ON HORSEBACK

AND THEN OF LATE WHILST WALKING
A DOG FOR A NEIGHBOUR

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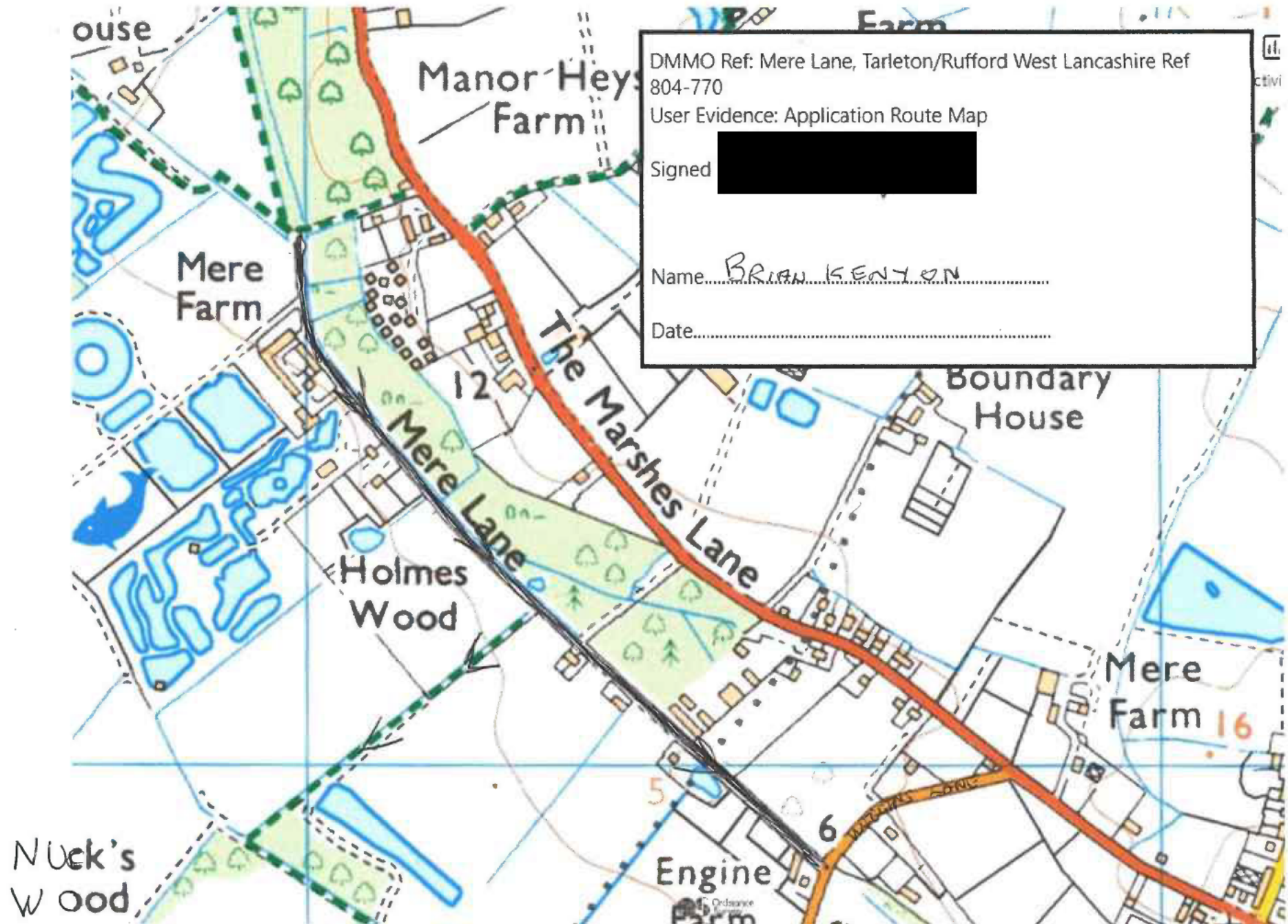
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☐ No

22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☒ Yes

☐ No



PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name

CHARLES PAXER

Address

CLAIMORE, HOLMEWOOD ROAD,

HOLMEWOOD, LUTHERY, LANCs.

Postcode

L40 1TY

Year of Birth

1953

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

No

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

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YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 1984 To Present

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

No.

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3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot				6/8 weeks.		
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

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5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
(b) on horseback
(c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
(d) with motorised vehicle
(e) other, please specify

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6. Were they using exactly the same route as you? **YES**



If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

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6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

Sufficient to allow vehicular access. I used
entire width, not choosing any particular
line of travel.

8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

Gravel.

9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

No
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How long were they in place?

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b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

No
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c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

No.
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10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

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11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

☒ No

☐ Yes

☐ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

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12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

walkers, horse riders and motorists.

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Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

a. From whom?

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b. When?

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15. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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17. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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18. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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Other Information

19. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes – please provide details

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20. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way? [Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]
[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

My usual walk takes me along Rf through Nucks Wood. This
at the Wood's end, heads North until it meets Mew

lane. I then head west along Mene lane (? footpath)
to where it meets another running adjacent to
Timothy Edwards' farm. At its end I head North
to Marshes lane. If Mene lane were private, then
first footpath mentioned would come to a dead end.

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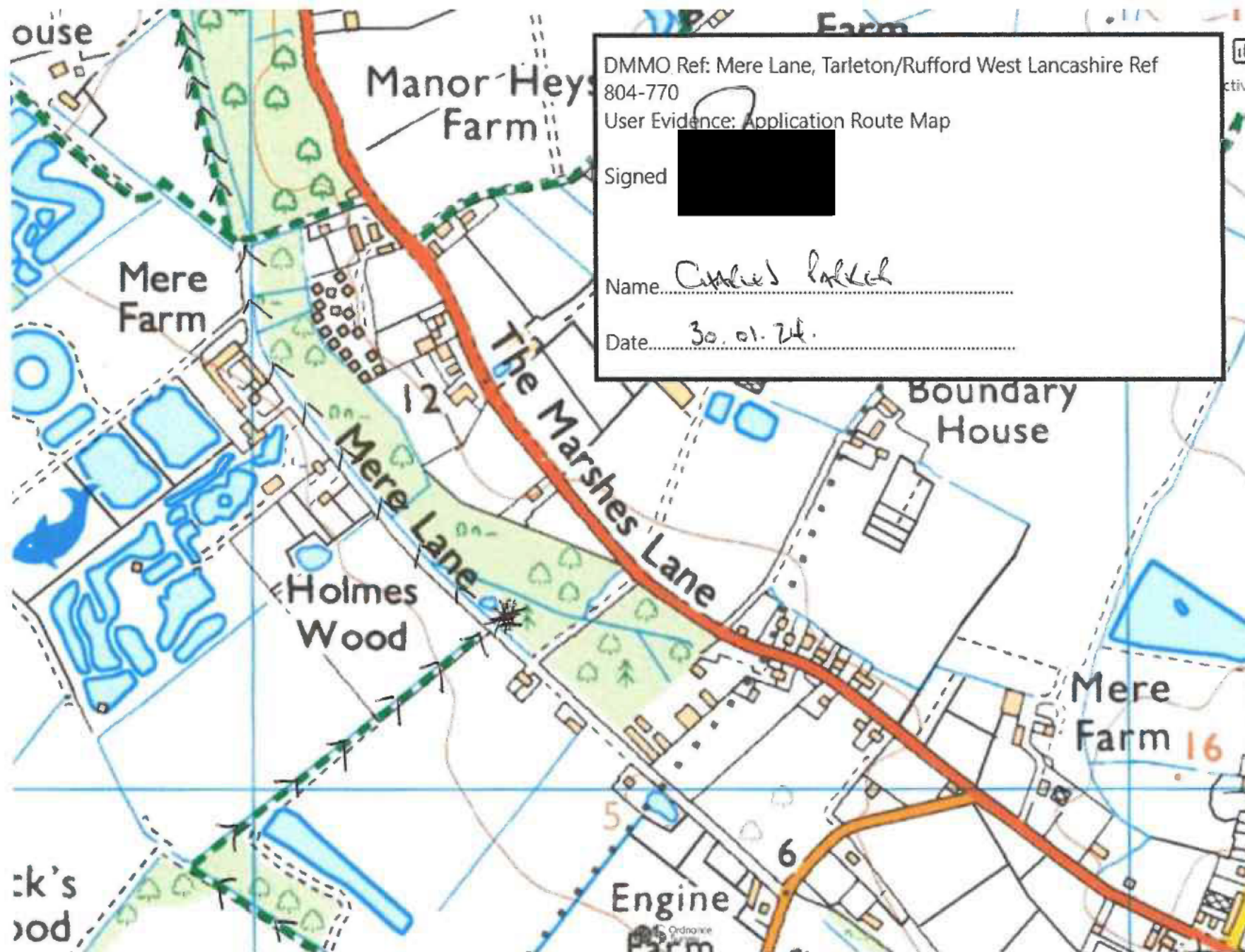
☒ Yes

☐ No

22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☒ Yes

☒ No



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User Evidence: Application Route Map

Signed

Name: Andrew Laidlaw

Date: 30.01.24.

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name HELEN GALLAGHER

Address 137 THE MARSHES LANE
MERE BROW

Postcode PR4 6JS

Year of Birth 1971

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

No

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. How do you think the application route should be recorded?

- ☒ As a footpath (public rights on foot only)
- ☐ As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)
- ☐ As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
- ☐ As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

2. Describe the application route.

(Include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can. Also include details of the route itself and the points it runs between. This should be as precise as possible.

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- e.g. "along the right hand side of the field about 1 metre from the hedge except about 100m in there was a metal water trough in the hedge and it was muddy so I walked further into the field to skirt round it; perhaps 10m from the hedge for about 25m along.)

see attached.

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please mark clearly on it the precise line of the route from start to finish, and mark and label any features – e.g. notices / signs, stiles, gates, fences / hedges, bridges etc. or any other information you think is relevant. Please also sign and date your map.

YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From2001..... To

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

UNSURE OF PRECISE DATES BUT WE STOPPED

DUE TO RESIDENT OBJECTION

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot		✓				
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

PLEASURE - DOG WALKING AS SAFE CIRCULAR
ROUTE VIA FOOTPATHS TO PARENTS HOUSE
IN MOLMESWOOD,

5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
(b) on horseback
(c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
(d) with motorised vehicle
(e) other, please specify

✓

6. Were they using exactly the same route as you?

YES



NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

WALKERS OFTEN TURNED AROUND
WHEN TOLD BY RESIDENT

6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

X 3 METRES, THERE IS A VERGE TOO

8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

UNEVEN ROAD SURFACE

9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

NO

How long were they in place?

/

b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

NO

c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

NO

10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

☐ No

☐ Yes

☒ Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

.....SIGNS KEEP BEING TAKEN DOWN.....
.....AND REPLACED.....
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12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

.....PARENTS USED TO WALK TO OUR HOUSE THIS WAY.....
.....LOCAL WALKERS.....
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Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☒ No

☒ Yes

If yes,

a. From whom?

Bill
John Thompson ~~Senior~~ ~~was cleared~~

b. When?

APPROX 15 YEARS AGO.

15. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

LOCALS TOLD BY RESIDENT.

NOW UNCOMFORTABLE WALKING THERE IN

CASE OF CONFRONTATION OR DOGS HE HAS

16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

WE HAVE TURNED BACK IN THE PAST

17. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

PARENTS

NEIGHBOURS

18. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

Other Information

19. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes – please provide details

20. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?
[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]
[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

THIS ROUTE PROVIDES INVALUABLE OFF

ROAD WALKING LINKING A NUMBER OF

WALKS

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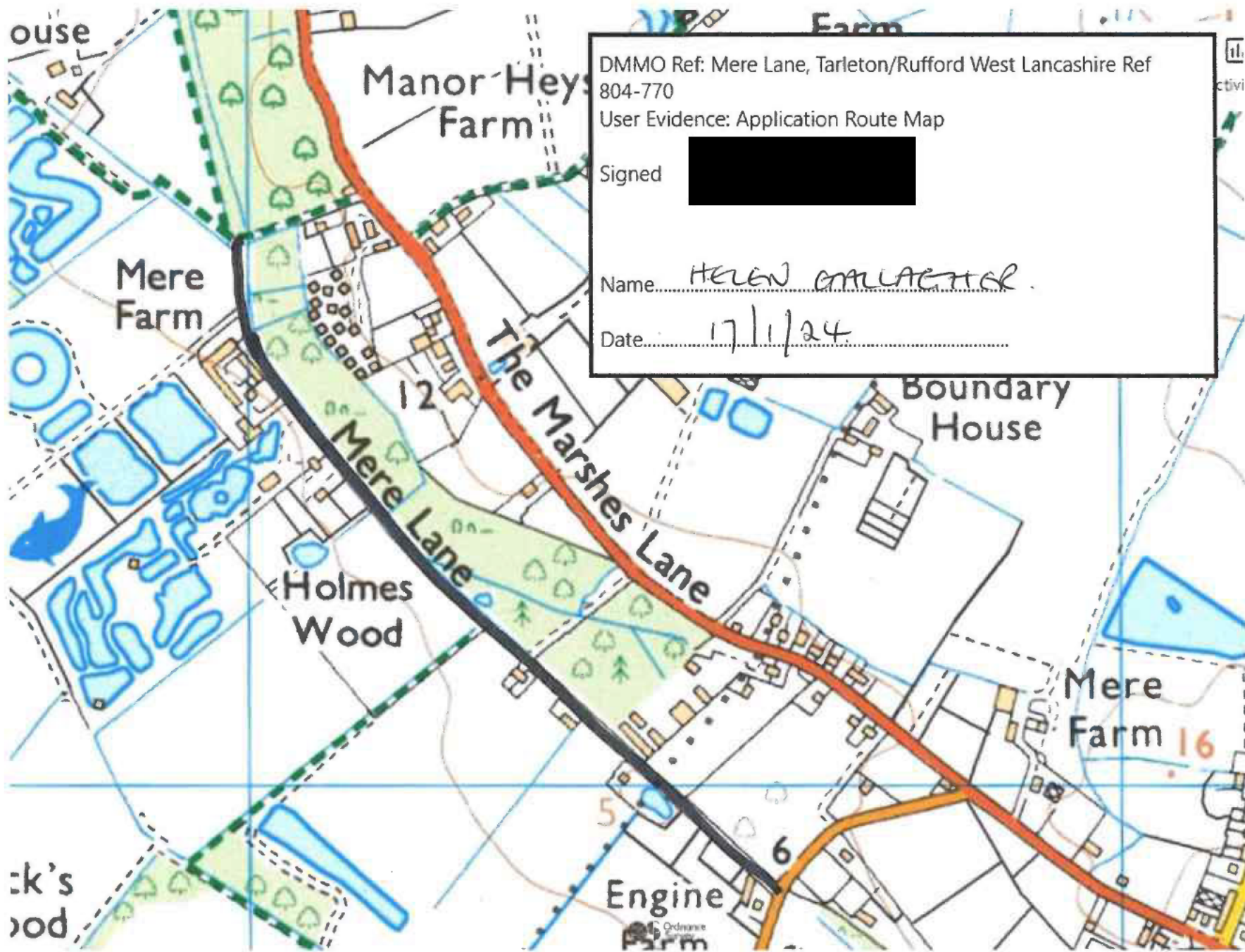
☒ Yes

☐ No

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☒ Yes

☐ No



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804-770

User Evidence: Application Route Map

Signed



Name HELEN GALLAGHER

Date 17/1/24

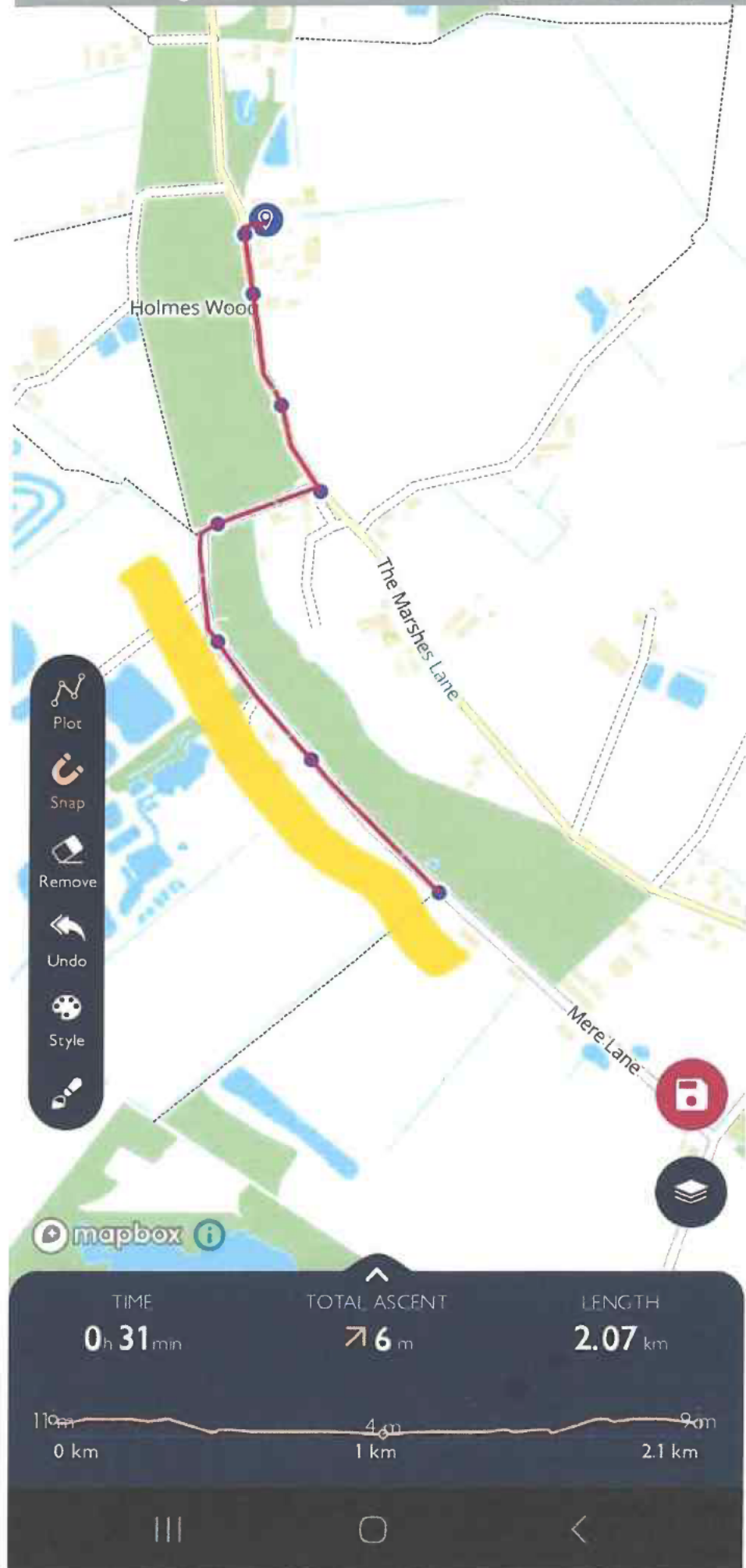
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We turn down the lane and continue for 0.14 km until there is a bend to the left (sd4199317616), there is a wood to the right with a footpath going through. Although this is often overgrown and very difficult to walk. The footpath through the wood is not the path in discussion.

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17:55

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PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name

MR. D. A. GALLAGHER

Address

137 THE MARSHES LANE

MERE BROW

PRESTON

Postcode

PR4 6JS

Year of Birth

1970

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]



ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. How do you think the application route should be recorded?

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SEE ATTACHED.

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YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 2001 To

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

STOPPED USING DUE TO OBJECTION

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot		☒				
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [please specify]						

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

DOG WALKING, PLEASURE
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5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
(b) on horseback
(c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
(d) with motorised vehicle
(e) other, please specify

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6. Were they using exactly the same route as you? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

TURNED AROUND BY RESIDENT

6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

☒ Yes

☐ Don't know

☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

~ 3 METRES WITH VERGE

8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

UNEVEN

9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

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How long were they in place?

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b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

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10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

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12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

..... IN LANS USED TO WALK HERE REGULARLY.

..... LOCAL DOG WALKERS.

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Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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14. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes,

a. From whom? BILL THOMPSON SHERIFF

b. When? ~ 15 YEARS AGO

15. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

LOCALS TOLD BY RESIDENT
NOT COMFORTABLE DUE TO DOGS LOOSE

16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

WE HAVE TURNED BACK DUE TO
RESIDENTS DOGS

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PARENTS - IN-LAW
LOCAL RESIDENTS.

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SAFE OFF ROAD WALKING PROVIDING
WALKABLE ACCESS TO RELATIVES

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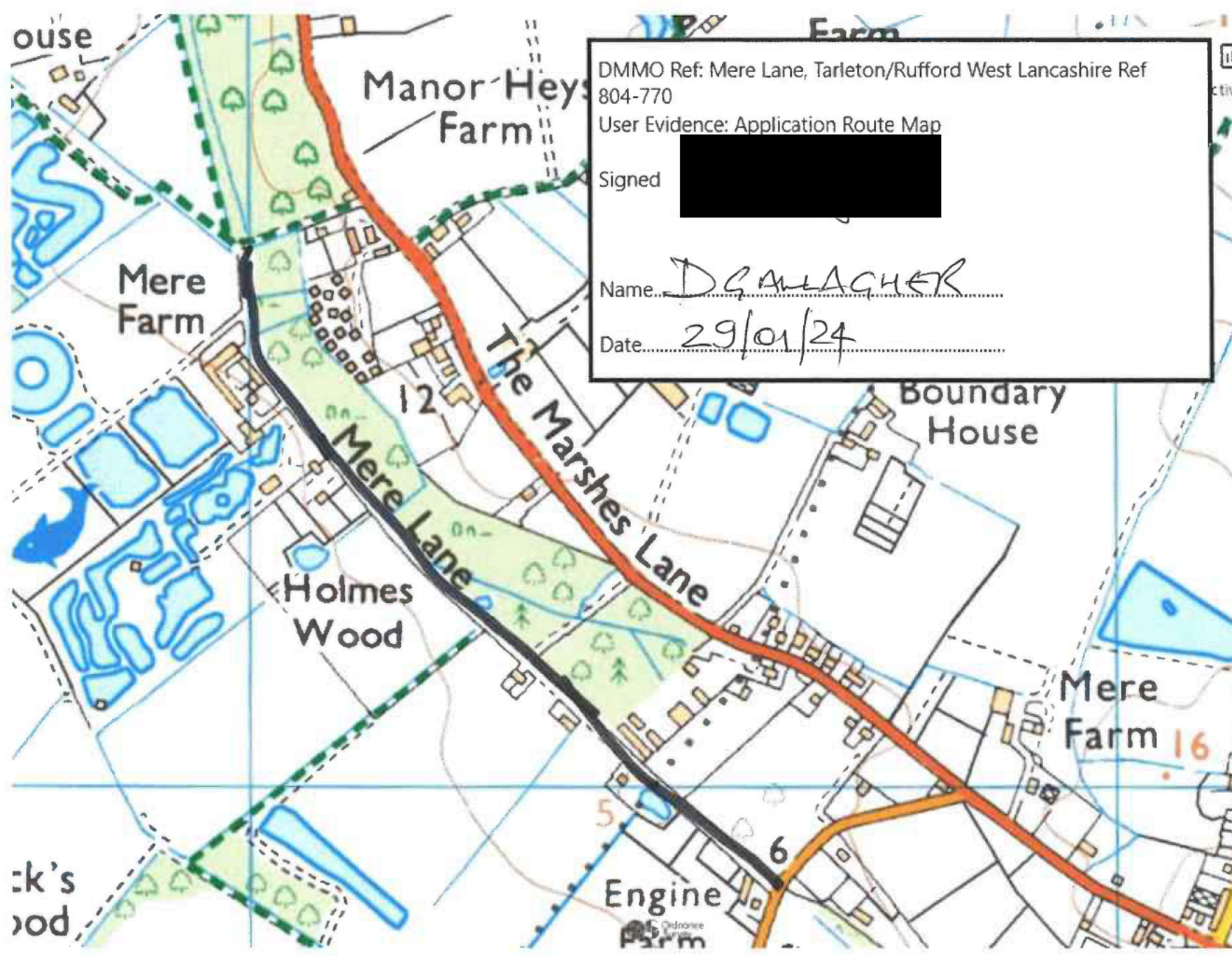
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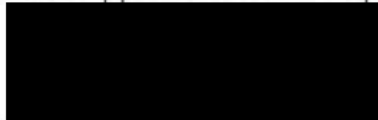
☒ Yes

☐ No



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User Evidence: Application Route Map

Signed 

Name... D. O'NEILL

Date... 29/01/24

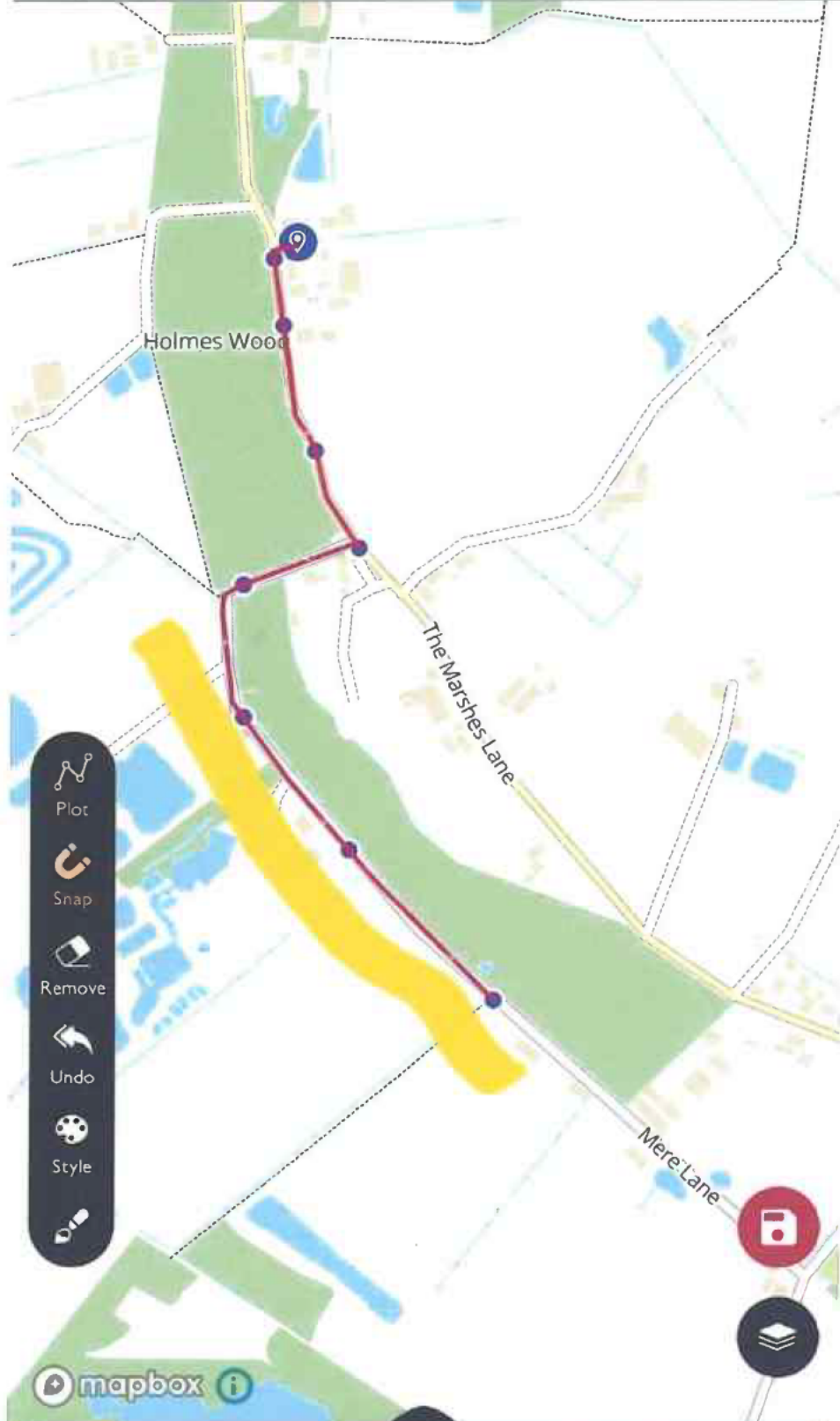
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TIME

0 h 31 min

TOTAL ASCENT

76 m

LENGTH

2.07 km



PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name ELIZABETH TYSON

Address 'LANDSDOWNE' SHORE ROAD
HESKETIT BANK - PRESTON. LANCs

Postcode PR4 6XP

Year of Birth 6/2/1946.

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

YES!

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. How do you think the application route should be recorded?

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- e.g. "along the right hand side of the field about 1 metre from the hedge except about 100m in there was a metal water trough in the hedge and it was muddy so I walked further into the field to skirt round it; perhaps 10m from the hedge for about 25m along.)

HERE LANE runs from its junction with the B 5246 MARSHES LANE in an almost straight line to Wiggins Lane. HERE LANE looks like an "unclassified" country lane with access to business properties along it.

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

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YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 1958 - 1963 To 2024

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

REGULAR (MONTHLY USE) ON BICYCLE OR HORSEBACK
DURING ^{LATE} 1950'S - 1960'S

OCCASIONAL USE IN A CAR UP TO 2024

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot						
On horseback			✓			
By pedal cycle			✓			
By car					✓	
Other [please specify] MOTOR SCOOTER						OCCASIONALLY BEFORE I HAD A CAR.

4. For what purpose do/did you use the route? E.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

TO EXERCISE PONIES / PLEASURE /
TO BUY VEGETABLES .
.....

5. In what way/s have you noticed other people using the route? (Please tick)

- (a) on foot
(b) on horseback
(c) on bicycle/horse-drawn vehicle
(d) with motorised vehicle
(e) other, please specify

✓
✓
✓
✓

6. Were they using exactly the same route as you?

YES



NO

If not please give provide details below: (please attach a separate sheet is necessary)

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.....
.....

6. Has the application route always followed the same course?

- ☒ Yes AS FAR AS I CAN REMEMBER. IT WAS
A NAMED LANE. SHOWN AND RECORDED
ON O.S. MAPS.
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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7. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

Roadway approx 3 metres.

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8. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)

[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

I remember 'HERE LANE' as a hard surfaced (possibly gravel) route as suitable to ride, cycle or drive on.

Now SPRING 2024 it was deeply pot-holed and unfit for reasonable use.

9. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

NOT ON ACTUAL ROUTE!
There may be stiles where F.P's 22
and F.P. 26 access MERE LANE.

How long were they in place?

NOT KNOWN.

b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

NO!

c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

NO.

10. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details

11. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

- ☒ No During my early use 1950's/1960's - 1980's I was not aware of any signs that indicated this was not a public road. The fact that F.P. 26 accesses MERE LANE would give the impression of a public route.
- ☒ Yes
- ☐ Don't know

If yes - state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

THIS CENTURY 2000's an increasing proliferation of unsightly signs at both ends of MERE LANE - showing all of the above + NO HORSES & NO CYCLING - presumably to indicate that this is NO LONGER A PUBLIC ROAD.

12. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

RIDERS, CYCLISTS, WALKERS, CARS all seen along here over the years I have known MERE LANE.

Land Ownership

13. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes,

a. From whom?

.....

b. When?

.....

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☒ No - NOT ON MERE LANE!

☐ Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

2 ~~MAN~~ MEN CAME TO MY HOME (SPRING 2024)
MAKING THREATS ABOUT THIS ROUTE BECOMING A
BRIDLEWAY AND HOW THEY WOULD MAKE IT
DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE USING MERE LANE.

16. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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17. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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18. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc)

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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Other Information

19. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc)

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes – please provide details

‘HERE LANE’ is a named highway on O.S. maps
Has Public Footpaths joining it and I am quite
sure will be recorded on early maps when
it came into existence after the draining
of MARTIN MERE!

20. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?
[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]
[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

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21. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

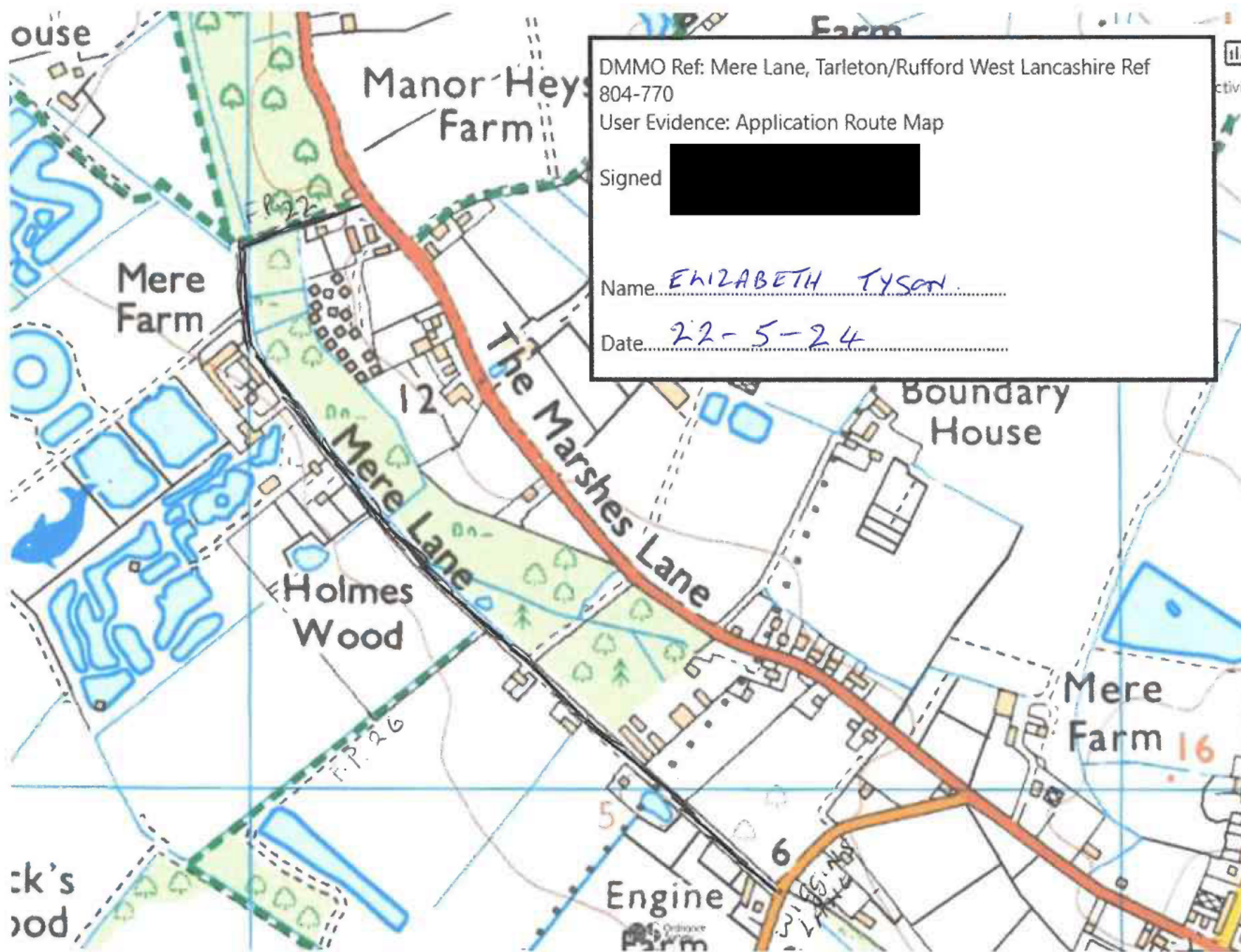
☒ Yes

☐ No

22. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

☒ Yes

☐ No



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User Evidence: Application Route Map

Signed

[Redacted Signature]

Name ELIZABETH TYSON

Date 22-5-24