

**PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT, SECTION 119
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981, SECTION 53(A)(2)**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH 15
PARISH OF HURWORTH)
DIVERSION ORDER 2025**

This Order is made by Darlington Borough Council ('the Council') under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 because it appears to the Council that it is in the interests of the owner of the land crossed by the footpath described in paragraph 1 of this Order and it is expedient that the lines of the footpath should be diverted.

Richard Alan Fell of North Oxen-Le-Fields, Croft Road, Darlington DL2 2SE has agreed to defray any compensation which becomes payable in consequence of the coming into force of this Order and any expenses which are incurred in bringing the new site of the footpath into a fit condition for use by the public.

This Order is also made under section 53A(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the 1981 Act") because it appears to the Council that the Darlington Borough Council Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way Definitive Map and Statement require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in section 53(3)(a)(i) of the 1981 Act, namely, the diversion (as authorised by this Order) of highway shown or required to be shown in the map and statement

BY THIS ORDER

1. The public footpath over the land situate in the Parish of Hurworth and shown by a purple line on the map contained in this Order and described in Part 1 of the Schedule to this Order ('the Schedule') shall be stopped up after 14 days from the date of confirmation of this Order.
2. There shall at the end of 14 days from the date of confirmation of this Order be a public footpath over the land situate in the Parish of Hurworth described in Part 2 of the Schedule and shown by a red line on the map contained in this Order.
3. At the end of 14 days from the date of confirmation of this Order the Darlington Borough Council Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way Definitive Map and Statement shall be modified by deleting the footpath referred to in Article 1 above from the map and by adding the footpath referred to in Article 2, and the definitive statement shall be modified as described in Part 3 of the Schedule.
4. Where immediately before the date on which the footpaths are diverted there is apparatus under, in, on, over, along or across the footpaths belonging to statutory undertakers for the purpose of carrying on their undertaking, the undertakers shall continue to have the same rights in respect of the apparatus as they then had.

Dated this 4th June 2025

The COMMON SEAL of DARLINGTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL was hereto
affixed in the presence of:



Authorised Signatory



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SCHEDULE

PART 1

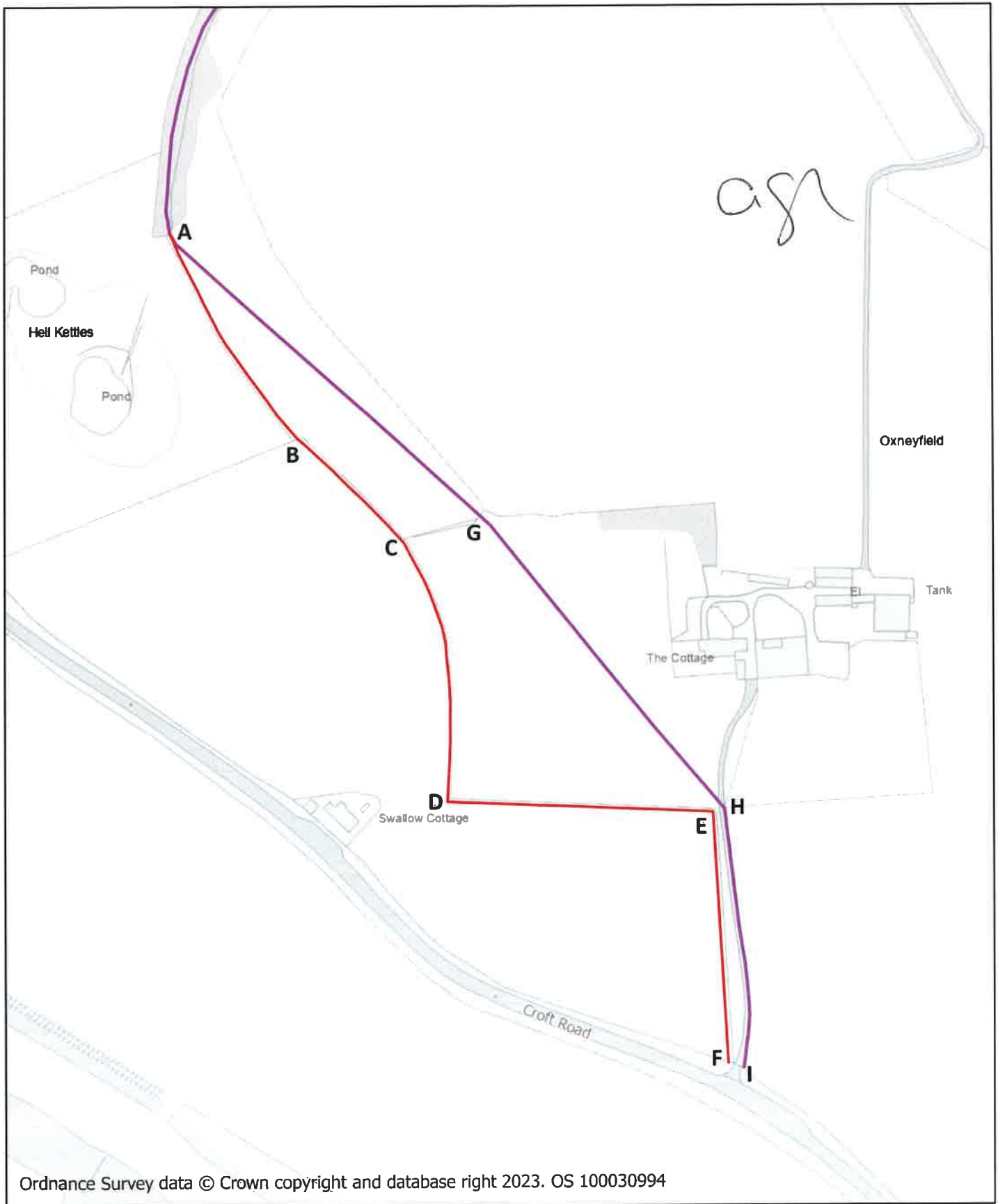
DESCRIPTION OF SITE OF EXISTING FOOTPATH

Footpath No.15 Parish of Hurworth	<p>Starting at Point A (NZ 28196 10946) heading south east across two fields, passing through Point G (NZ 28384 10772) to Point H (NZ 28526 10592) onto a farm track. The footpath then turns south along the track to Point I (NZ 28539 10436) at Croft Road (A167) where the footpath terminates</p> <p>Width undefined.</p>
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PART 2

DESCRIPTION OF SITE OF ALTERNATIVE FOOTPATHS

Footpath No.15 Parish of Hurworth	<p>Starting at point A on the existing route, the proposed route proceeds in a south eastern direction toward Point B where it proceeds through a hedge into an arable field. The route then continues southeast, following the western side of a hedge in the field as it curves gradually through point C toward the south to Point D. Here the route turns sharply eastward again following the southern side of the hedge to Point E. Next, the route resumes its southern course again on the western side of the hedge reaching Point F where it would head through a hedge out to the A167 verge. The proposed route would have a slight change in its southern termination point on the A167 verge being just under 8 metres to the north west of the current termination point. The width of the proposed route will be of a minimum undisturbed width of 1.5 metres, including around the arable field edges.</p> <p>Width – 1.5 metres.</p>
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DARLINGTON
Borough Council

Public Rights of Way
Services Group
Darlington Borough Council
17 Allington Way
Darlington
DL1 4QB

- Public footpath
- Public bridleway
- Proposed route

A: NZ 28196 10946
B: NZ 28271 10819
C: NZ 28334 10755
D: NZ 28363 10597
E: NZ 28523 10592
F: NZ 28530 10443
G: NZ 28384 10772
H: NZ 28526 10592
I: NZ 28539 10436

Drawn by: GM

Date: 25/02/2025

Scale: 1:3,000

Plan to show the proposed Section 119 diversion route of the southern section Hurworth Public Footpath 15, part of the Teesdale Way, at South Oxen-le Fields Farm, Hurworth, Darlington

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PART 3

MODIFICATION OF DEFINITIVE STATEMENT

DELETIONS

The following parts of the statement for Footpath No.15 Parish of Hurworth shall be deleted:

Description of route: Southward along surfaced road, then cart track, along access road for North Oxen-le-Fields Farm, over stile south-eastward across corner of field to stile, turns south-westward through plantation to stile, heads south-eastward through pasture to farm track south of Oxen-le-Fields, southward along the track to road

Width: Not recorded in previous Statement. Width of diverted lengths set at 1.8 metres.

Notes: Originally Footpath No 4 in Blackwell Parish. Transferred to Hurworth by Darlington Order 1967. Part diverted by the Durham County Council (Footpath No 15 Hurworth Parish) Public Path Diversion Order, 1992. Confirmed 16th April 1992.

ADDITIONS

**The following shall be added to the statement for
Footpath No.15 Parish of Hurworth:**

Description of route: Southward along surfaced road, then cart track, eastward along access road for North Oxen-le-Fields Farm, then south-eastward across corner of field to gate. The route then turns south-westward through a plantation to a gate. The route then proceeds south-easterly along the field edge to a gate and then into an arable field. The route follows the field edge turning southwards, then eastwards and finally southwards again to meet the A167

Width: Not recorded in original statement. Width of lengths diverted by the 1992 Order set at 1.8 metres. Width of length diverted by the 2025 Order set at 1.5 metres

Notes: Originally Footpath No 4 in Blackwell Parish. Transferred to Hurworth by Darlington Order 1967.

'1992 Order' means the Durham County Council (Footpath No 15 Hurworth Parish) Public Path Diversion Order, 1992.

'2025 Order' means the Darlington Borough Council (Public Footpath 15 Parish of Hurworth) Diversion Order 2025