

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Section 53 Definitive Map Modification Order Application: DMMO 12 – Butt Lane, laceby
Witness statement taken from Mrs. Sarah Jane Robinson of regarding the alleged public footpath running from Butt Lane to Footpath No. 110 Laceby Taken on the 03/08/2018 by Anthony Wilson, Public Paths Officer.
This statement (consisting of 2 pages signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that this statement will be used as evidence and could be used at a public inquiry.
I am aware that a copy of my statement will be made available on request if an order is made or in the event of a public inquiry being held to determine whether the order should be confirmed.
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I have lived in the Laceby area for the last 25-30 years and moved into my current address some 13-14 years ago. I currently live with my husband Stuart, my son and daughter and my sister.

I am aware that there is a pathway off Butt Lane which runs through the 'old allotments' and out on to the open fields at the rear which I know as Aircrobs. I have drawn the route of this path on a map which I have signed and dated and now refer to as item SJM / 1.

I don't remember the land over which this path passes ever being allotments it has always been just waste land with a small wooded area to my recollection. I do recall however that there used to be an old wooden gate at the Butt Lane end of the path. This gate had a gap at the side which you could squeeze through to gain access to the path.

When we first came to the village I did ask neighbours and other residents where to go to walk our dog and I was told that we could use this path. Everyone else seemed to be using it and noone has ever told me that I cannot use the path.

I have never seen any signs prohibiting use of the path. Two thirds of the path is surfaced and the rest so well-trodden that it is clearly defined and has existed over 20 years to my knowledge. I have always considered this a public right of way.

I have used this path since 1996 to walk our dogs as we have always had dogs. I would say that I use the path every day and sometimes twice per day.

No-one, apart from one individual that I am aware of, objects to the public using this path. This particular individual is called Mr. Jagger and lives in one of the properties in Butt Lane adjacent the path. Mr. Jagger has never approached me personally but I am aware that he has tried to

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deter people from using the path by squirting water at them, being verbally abusive and sounding a loud air-horn as they pass by his property.

The Parish Council erected a metal kissing gate at the Butt Lane end of this path. It has been there a while now, but I cannot recall when it was installed. This gate has on occasions been chained and locked, which I understand was done illegally by Mr. Jagger. Other than this I have never come across any other physical obstructions whilst using this path.

I had always thought of this path as a public right of way and I would fully support it being formally made into one and registered on the definitive map as such. It is central to the village and has been used for many years by the villagers. It is a convenient link to the public footpaths which already exist on Aircrobs.



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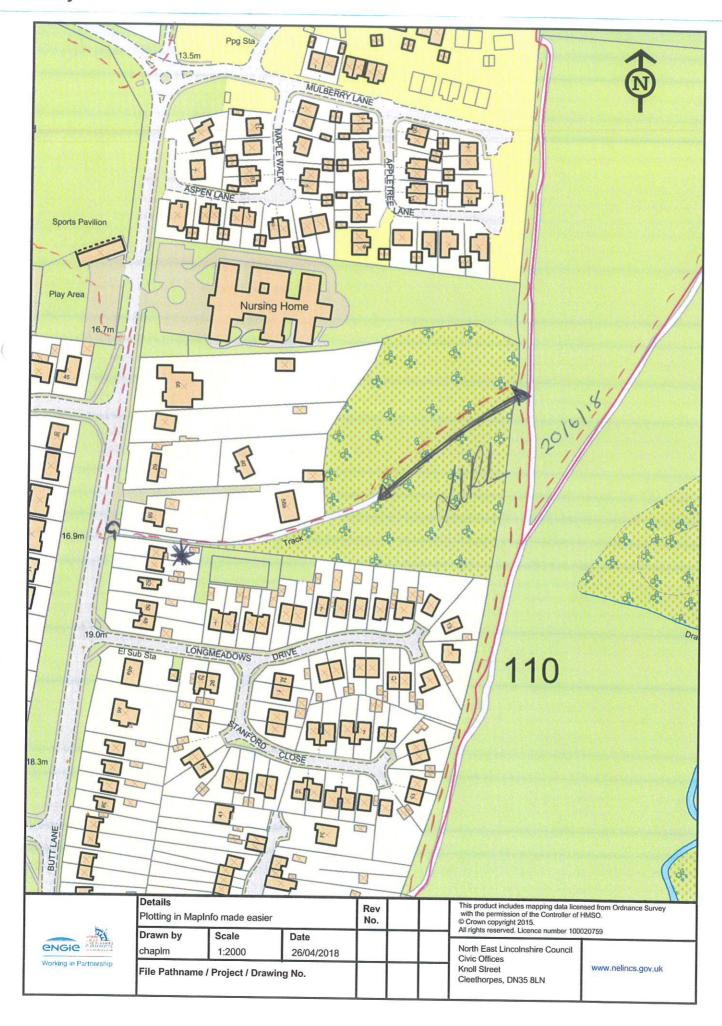
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I have lived at No. 5 Stanford Close, Laceby since 1994 when I moved into the area from London, together with my husband Peter. I did not know this area prior to this but our two boys have grown up here.

After about two years of living here I became aware of a footpath leading off Butt Lane, through some 'wasteland' and out onto the open fields I came to know as 'Aircrobs'. The path starts at Butt Lane between the properties of Numbers 56 and 58 Butt Lane, Laceby. I have drawn the route of this path with a red dotted line on a map which I have signed and dated and now refer to as LPV / 1.

My husband and I used this path quite often, to take the boys and our dog for walks into the open fields where the boys would often go conkering. Even when the boys grew up Peter and I continued to use this path regularly over the years to take our dog for walks. We now use the path at least 3 times per week. I have always known this path as the 'Allotments Path', although it is also called the 'Old Pit Path' by some, as I understand that there used to be an old quarry on the land, which later got filled in.

In 1996 about the time we started using the path I recall that there was a dilapidated wooden field gate at the Butt Lane end. The gate was old and rotten and although it was never locked it would not open so we used to climb over it to gain access to the path. At some point over the years this gate disappeared and access to the path was open for many years.

I think I first became aware that I could use this path from what neighbours had told me when we arrived here in Laceby. I had always just assumed that it was a public right of way and we could use it, as everyone else seemed to be using it without hindrance.

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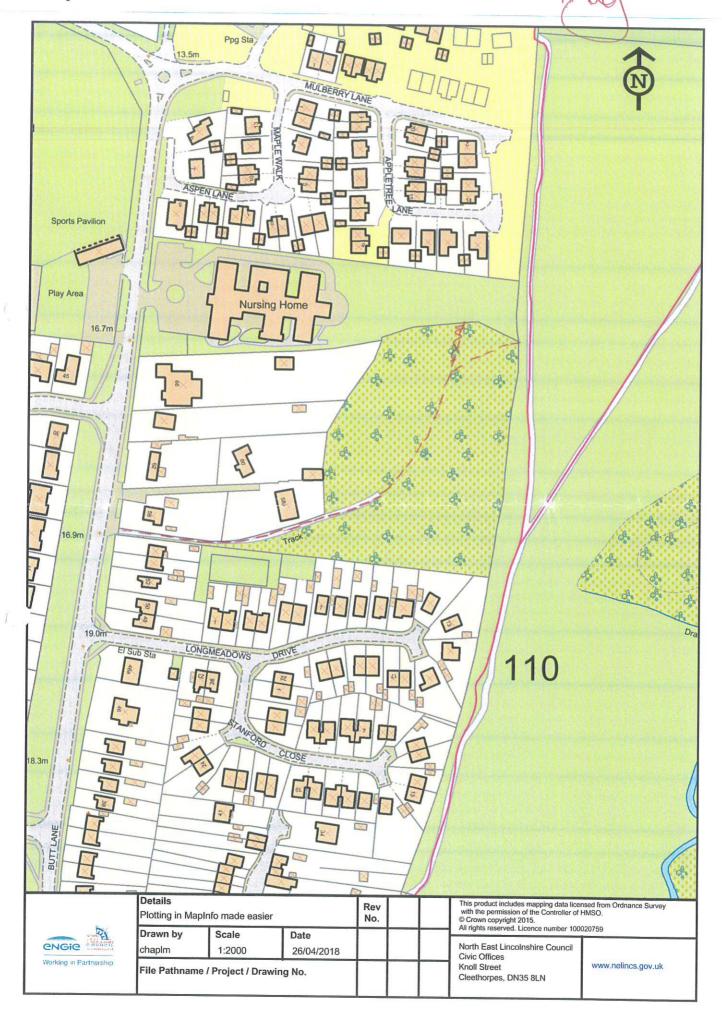
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I am 65yrs old and I have lived at my current address for 30 years.

My wife and I are both very keen walkers and have walked various routes all over North East Lincolnshire, the Lake District and other locations.

I am aware that there is a path which leads off Butt Lane, Laceby through what used to be allotments and out on to the open fields of 'Aircrobs' where there are existing public rights of way. I have drawn the route of this path with a dotted red line on a map which I have signed and dated. I now refer to this map as item DFL / 1.

I have used this path for nearly 40 years, when I used to take my children when they were young. I would say I have used this path continuously now for 30 years since we moved back into Laceby.

When I first started using this path some 40 years ago it was gated at the Butt Lane end with a timber field gate. This gate did not prevent access to the path and it eventually fell into disrepair. The path at this time was not surfaced and led through to the allotments. About half the path was later surfaced to make access into the allotments easier. Later the allotments fell into disuse and the land became effectively scrub land. The wooden field gate was removed and about 10 years ago a metal kissing gate was installed.

All the time I have walked this path, about once per week and which was for pleasure, no-one has ever approached me or told me that I cannot use it. I am aware however that one of the occupants of the house in Butt Lane adjacent this path, a Mr. Jagger has approached other users and objected to them being on the path, apparently in quite an aggressive manner. However, he has never approached me personally.

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Conversely no-one has ever told me that I can use the path either. It has always been there and used by the villagers for many years so I had assumed that the public had access to it.

I have never seen any signs prohibiting use of this path or come across any lawful obstructions.

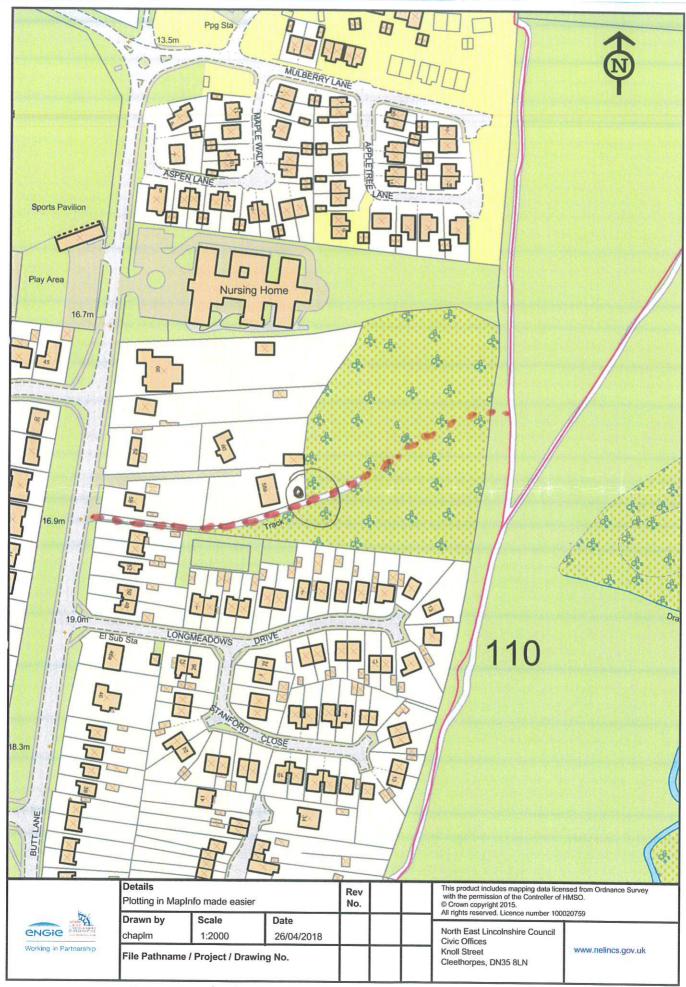
I have seen the kissing gate chained and locked on several occasions but was told that Mr. Jagger had done this illegally and the locks and chains were always removed. I have never witnessed Mr. Jagger do this myself. The Laceby Parish Council eventually removed the swinging arm of this gate to prevent it being obstructed and further.

I have recently stopped using this path now because of the aggravation Mr. Jagger has given to other users and the risk of confrontation with him. In addition, a fence has recently appeared at the Aircrobs end of this path suggesting that there is no through route.

I fully support this path being formally made a public right of way. It has been in use for a long time and is a valuable asset to the village. It is also a well-used and accepted route as well as a useful link to the existing public rights of way on Aircrobs.

Mr. D.F. Lewis

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