

THE NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

THE DISTRICT OF RICHMONDSHIRE (OUTSIDE THE YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK)
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT

PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY NO 20.25/25 EAST WITTON
STARK BANK ROAD TO SOWDEN BECK ROAD
MODIFICATION ORDER 2026

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This Order is made by The North Yorkshire Council under Section 53(2)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the Act") because it appears to the authority that the Definitive Map and Statement for the District of Richmondshire (Outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park) require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in Sections 53(3)(c)(i) and 53(3)(c)(ii). This is due to the discovery by the authority of evidence which (when considered with all other relevant evidence available to them) shows:

- that a right of way which is not shown in the map and statement subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist over land in the area to which the map relates, being a right of way such that the land over which the right subsists is a public path, a restricted byway or, subject to section 54A, a byway open to all traffic, and
- that a highway shown in the map and statement as a highway of a particular description ought to be there shown as a highway of a different description.

The authority has consulted with every local authority whose area includes the land to which the Order relates. The North Yorkshire Council hereby order that:-

1. For the purpose of this Order the relevant date is 30th January 2026.
2. The Definitive Map and Statement for the District of Richmondshire (Outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park) and shall be modified as described in Part I and Part II of the Schedule and shown on the map attached to the Order.
3. This Order shall take effect on the date it is confirmed and may be cited as the Public Bridleway 20.25/25 East Witton Stark Bank Road to Sowden Beck Road Modification Order 2026.

**THE COMMON SEAL of THE NORTH
YORKSHIRE COUNCIL**

was hereunto affixed this 1st day of May
2026 in the presence of:-



W. Cadey
AUTHORISED
SIGNATORY

SCHEDULE

PART I

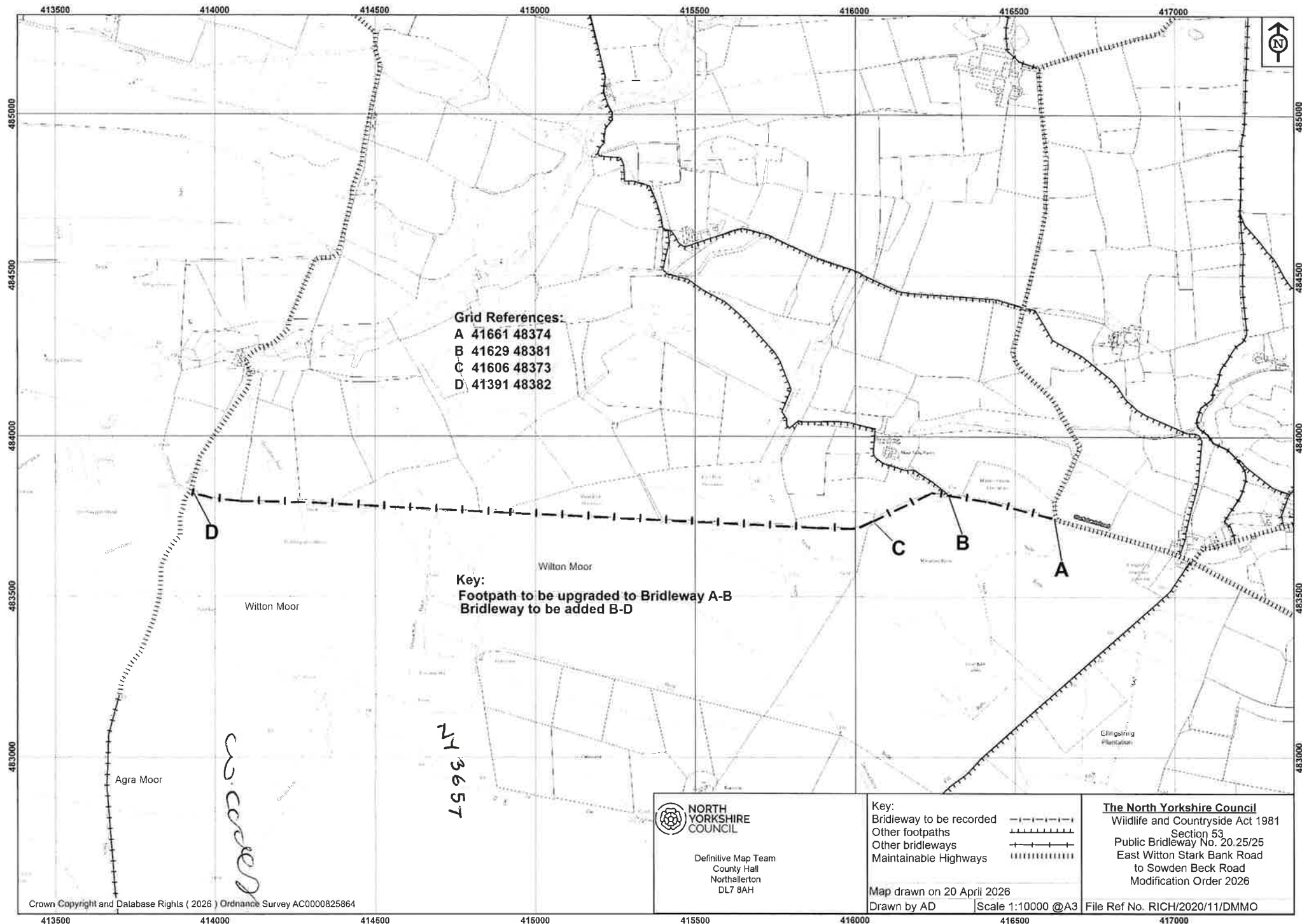
Modification of Definitive Map Description of path or way to be added and upgraded

<u>Section of Bridleway as shown on the attached map</u>	<u>Description</u>
Section Indicated on the Order map and marked as Points A-B Currently recorded on the Definitive Map as a Public Footpath to be amended to Bridleway, width approx. 4m	Commences at the junction with Stark Bank Road (U1156) at grid reference 41661 48374 (Point A) and passes through a field gate and runs westwards on a stone track with grass verge for approximately 343 metres to the junction with a public footpath heading northwest to Moor Cote Farm at grid reference 41629 48381 (Point B).
Section indicated on the Order map and marked as Points B-C-D Currently unrecorded, to be added to the Definitive Map as Bridleway, width approx. 4m	From grid reference 41629 48381 (Point B) the route continues westwards for approximately 250 metres to a field gate with bridle latch, at grid reference 41606 48373 (Point C). The route continues west across open moorland alongside a plantation and fields for approximately 2160 metres, to the junction with the Sowden Beck track U155/9/70 at grid reference 41391 48382 (Point D).

PART II

Modification of Definitive Statement Variation of Particulars of path or way

Path No.	Grid Reference End Points	Description	Nature of Surface	Length (Km)	Width (M)	Lawful Obstructions And Conditions
Bridleway 20.25/25	Start 41661 48374 End 41391 48382	Commences at the junction with Stark Bank Road (U1156) at GR 41661 48374 and passes through a field gate and runs westwards on a stone track with grass verge for approximately 343 metres to the junction with the public footpath heading Northwest to Moor Cote Farm at grid reference 41629 48381. The route then continues westwards for approximately 250 metres to a field gate with bridle latch, at grid reference 41606 48373, then continues west across open moorland alongside a plantation and fields for approximately 2160 metres, to the junction with the Sowden Beck track U155/9/70 at grid reference 41391 48382.	Stone track with grass verge	2.753	4	Field gate GR 41661 48374 Field gate with bridle latch GR 41606 48373
FP 20.25/7	Start not recorded End 41629 48381	Not recorded From the edge of Moor Cote Plantation at grid reference SE16078401 the path turns to a generally south direction between 2 fields for approximately 66 metres to grid reference SE 16058394. The path continues in a generally southeast direction for approximately 125 metres. The path turns to a north easterly direction for approximately 18 metres to grid reference SE16188389 to the southeast of Moor Cote. Not recorded	Not recorded Not recorded Not recorded	Not recorded 0.209 Not recorded	Not recorded 1.5 Not recorded	



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THE NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL in exercise of the powers conferred upon it in that behalf hereby confirm the foregoing Order (without any modification) as an Unopposed Order.

IN WITNESS whereof
**THE COMMON SEAL of THE NORTH
YORKSHIRE COUNCIL** ^{17th}
was hereunto affixed thisday of
.....*July*..... 2026
in the presence of:-



Catherine Laidlaw
**AUTHORISED
SIGNATORY**

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF A DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER

THE NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

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**THE DISTRICT OF RICHMONDSHIRE (OUTSIDE THE YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL
PARK) DEFINITIVE MAP
AND STATEMENT**

**PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY NO 20.25/25 EAST WITTON STARK BANK ROAD TO SOWDEN
BECK ROAD MODIFICATION ORDER 2026**

On 17th July 2026 the North Yorkshire Council confirmed the above-named Order.

The effect of the confirmed Order is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding the Bridleway from the junction with Stark Bank Road at GR SE 1661 8374 running west across moorland to the junction with Sowden Beck track at GR SE 1391 8382.

A copy of the confirmed Order and map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at Leyburn Community Library, Thornborough Hall, Leyburn, North Yorkshire until 23rd October 2026 and copies may be purchased from Parks and Countryside Service, North Yorkshire Council, County Hall, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL7 8AD (tel: 01609 532512) at a cost of £2 or downloaded free from our website www.northyorks.gov.uk/pathnotices.

If any person aggrieved by the confirmed Order wishes to question its validity on the ground that it is not within the power of Section 53 of the above-named Act, or that any requirement of Schedule 15 of the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, within 42 days of the date of this Notice, make an application to the High Court under Schedule 15(12) to the Act.

Dated: 11th September 2026

Barry Khan
Assistant Chief Executive
(Legal and Democratic Services)

