

NOTICE OF ORDER

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 53

City of York Council

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YORK – OPPOSED PUBLIC FOOTPATHS
WESTPIT STRENSALL MODIFICATION ORDER 2022

Notice is hereby given that the above referenced Order has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination. An Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State to determine the Order.

The **start date** for the above Order is 3 December 2025

Consideration of the Order will take the form of a public local inquiry.

The Inquiry will be held at **Strensall & Towthorpe Village Hall, Northfields, Strensall, York, YO32 5XW** on **9 June 2026** at 10.00am.

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications, will be to modify the definitive map and statement by adding 15 public footpaths as described:

(Strensall 22) from Haxby Moor Road bridge along the top of the flood bank on the eastern side of the River Foss to the railway bridge (SE 6263 6056 to SE 6257 6003).

(Strensall 23) from the bridge at Towthorpe Road along the eastern bank of the River Foss to the bridge at Haxby Moor Road (SE 6211 5914 to SE 6262 6054).

(Strensall 24) from near the Haxby Moor Road bridge towards the River Foss (SE 6264 6055 to SE 6262 6054).

(Strensall 25) from near the eastern bank of the River Foss to the railway (SE 6256 6050 to SE 6262 6007).

(Strensall 26) from Creaser Close to the River Foss flood bank (SE 6260 6043 to SE 6253 6046).

(Strensall 27) from the chicane at the end of Creaser Close west to the flood bank of the River Foss (SE 6259 6043 to SE 6252 6043).

(Strensall 28) across the open space between Middlecroft Drive and Westpit Lane (SE 6270 6020 to SE 6260 6022).

(Strensall 30) heading west between no. 38 and no. 40 Westpit Lane towards the River Foss (SE 6259 6023 to SE 6249 6020).

(Strensall 31) from Middlecroft Drive near the railway footbridge along the side of the railway to the River Foss (SE 6286 6024 to SE 6256 6005).

(Strensall 32) from Middlecroft Drive towards the railway (SE 6271 6019 to SE

6275 6016).

(Strensall 33) from Wood Close over the playing field to Westpit Lane (SE 6274 6029 to SE 6270 6038).

(Strensall 34) from its junction with footpath Strensall 25 towards the railway bridge (SE 6259 6009 to SE 6258 6004).

(Strensall 35) along the higher eastern flood bank of the River Foss south of the railway bridge (SE 6258 6001 to SE 6271 5973).

(Strensall 36) from Chaldon Close west towards the River Foss (SE 6272 5985 to SE 6268 5985).

(Strensall 37) from the chicanes at Chaldon Close northwards towards the River Foss (SE 6272 5985 to SE 6265 5991).

Any queries relating to this Order should be referred to Zoe McPhail by email: zoe.mcphail@planninginspectorate.gov.uk quoting reference number **ROW/3362930** on all correspondence. Alternatively, queries may be sent in writing to The Planning Inspectorate, Rights of Way Section, Room 3/A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Telephone: 0303 444 5481.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so by appointment at City of York Council West Offices, Station Rise, YORK, YO1 6GA during opening hours. Please contact Russell Varley on 01904 551550 or Russell.Varley@york.gov.uk

Timetable for sending in statements of case and proofs of evidence

Within 8 weeks of the start date by [by 28 January 2026]

The Order Making Authority, or where the Order Making Authority is taking a neutral stance and the applicant or other party are taking the case forward in support of the order, must ensure their statement of case is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send a copy (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices) to everyone who has made an objection or representation and the applicant and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order.

Within 14 weeks of the start date [by 11 March 2026]

Everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone who wishes to give evidence at the Inquiry must ensure their statement of case¹ is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send full copies to the Authority. Copies will also be sent to the applicant, every person who has made an objection or representation and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices).

Within the same period the applicant (if applicable) must ensure their statement of case is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send a full copy to the Authority. Copies will also be sent to everyone who has made an objection or representation and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices).

4 weeks before the date of the inquiry [by 12 May 2026]

The Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation, the applicant (if applicable) and anyone who wishes to give evidence at the Inquiry must ensure their proof of evidence (together with any summary) is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send copies of:

- i) the Authority's proof of evidence to everyone who has made an objection or representation, the applicant and anyone who has submitted a statement of case (including copies of any supporting documents - although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence);
- ii) the applicant's proof of evidence to the Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else who has

¹ If you wish to make a legal submission, this should be submitted at the same time as your statement of case. Otherwise legal submissions will have to be submitted in writing on the day of the inquiry.

submitted a statement of case (including copies of any supporting documents – although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence); and

- iii) all other proofs of evidence to the Authority, the applicant, everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else who has submitted a statement of case (including copies of any supporting documents – although none should not be submitted with a proof of evidence).

All parties must keep to the timetable set out above and ensure that statements of case and proofs of evidence are received by the Secretary of State on time. Late documents will be returned.

We cannot accept any inflammatory, discriminatory or abusive comments. Any documents containing such comments will be returned.

If you use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to create or alter any part of your documents, information or data, you should tell us that you have done this when you provide the material to us. [See the detailed guidance for further information.](#)

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