



Right of Way
Re-opener

16 September 2021

Claimed Route in South Shields

Thank you for submitting the user evidence forms in respect of the alleged footpath from Comical Corner to the Customs House, South Shields.

Unfortunately, the user evidence form is not accompanied by a formal application form; a map showing the route; and a certificate confirming owners of the land in question have been informed. These forms are items 1, 2 and 4 of the Definitive Map modification Order Application Pack.

In the absence of an application to register the alleged public right of way, this matter will be given the same priority as other Definitive Map work of its kind and will be dealt with as and when resources allow. South Tyneside Council already has over 1000 informal requests (such as yours in its current state) to investigate potential public rights of way. The Council is under no duty to deal with these in any particular way, and if you do not submit a formal application your claimed route will be dealt with turn, i.e. placed at the bottom of this list and it could take many years to resolve.

Priority must be given to all applications because applicants have various rights of appeal if applications are not determined within certain timescales etc.

In view of the above, should you wish the council to investigate the alleged public right of way I recommend that you submit a formal application for a modification order. I have enclosed an application pack.

If you have any queries, please contact me on 0191424 7498 or lisa.tracey@southtyneside.gov.uk

Signed

Yours sincerely,
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