

**Form of application for Modification Order**

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**

**Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for the County of Norfolk**

To: Norfolk County Council

Of: County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 2SG

I/~~We~~, Helen Chester, Norfolk County Access and Bridleways Officer  
of The British Horse Society, Access Department, Abbey Park, Stratton, Kenilworth,  
Warwickshire, CV8 2XZ  
hereby apply for an Order under Section 53(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act  
1981 modifying the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by (please delete as  
required):

~~deleting the footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to all traffic  
from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_~~

~~adding the footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to all traffic  
from Goose Lane North to Goose Lane South  
in the Parish of Marshland St James~~

~~upgrading/downgrading to a footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to  
all traffic/~~

~~the footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to all traffic  
from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_~~

~~varying/adding to the particulars relating to the footpath / bridleway / restricted byway  
/ byway open to all traffic~~

~~from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
by providing that~~

and shown on the map accompanying this application.

I/~~We~~ attach copies of the following documentary evidence (including statements of  
witnesses) in support of this application:

List of Documents

- Bryants Map of Norfolk
- Tithe Map - Marshland St James
- First edition OS map
- Inland Revenue Valuation Act Map IR127/8/264
- Inspire Land Registry Map

Dated: 8th May 2021

Signed.....*H.C.*.....



*Ordnance Survey 1:25000 scale map extract showing application route*

#### DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF HIGHWAY STATUS

7. In order to be able to modify the definitive map and statement, the Surveying Authority needs to have a discovery of evidence which shows, on the balance of probabilities, that highway rights exist. The use of the ‘balance of probabilities’ test rather than ‘beyond reasonable doubt’ was confirmed by the High Court in *Todd, Bradley v SOS for EFRA* [2004] 4 All ER 497.

8. The courts have given guidance on how evidence of highway status is to be considered. In *Fortune and Others v Wiltshire Council and Another* [2012] EWCA Civ 334, Lewison LJ said, at paragraph 22,

‘In the nature of things where an inquiry goes back over many years (or, in the case of disputed highways, centuries) direct evidence will often be impossible to find. The fact finding tribunal must draw inferences from circumstantial evidence. The nature of the evidence that the fact finding tribunal may consider in deciding whether or not to draw