

Application for a Modification Order, Quakers Yard

1. An application has been received to add a footpath to the Definitive Map and Statement of the former County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil as shown by a dashed black line on the enclosed plan marked Document 1 in the attached bundle.
2. The Claimed Right of Way commences at a stile in the wall shown as Point D on the plan at Grid Reference ST10019666 where it leaves another Claimed Right of Way and proceeds in a general south-westerly direction for 130 metres to Point C at Grid Reference ST09910658 where it turns and runs in a south-south-westerly direction for 62 metres to Point B at Grid Reference ST09890652 and finally in a general south-westerly direction for 135 metres where it joins, via a stile, an existing maintainable highway known as Heol Cutti and shown as Point A on the plan at Grid Reference ST09810641 a total distance of 327 metres or thereabouts.
3. In support of the application the County Council has received 9 Evidence Forms marked as Documents 2 to 10, 7 of which have been completed by people who have used the route regularly over periods ranging from 20 to 65 years. These persons have been interviewed and a summary of the notices of the evidence and the comments thereto are contained in Schedule 1 marked Document 11.
4. Notification of the application for the Modification Order Document number 12 has been sent to the landowners Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Jarrold who have indicated that they wish to object to this path.
5. In accordance with the provisions of Schedule 14 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 consultation has taken place with the Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council who support the application for the claimed right of way. No Community Council exists for this area.
6. Further consultations Documents 13A to 13D have been remitted to the local member, county planning officer, landowner and applicant requesting that they forward their comments on the proposals within 28 days so that these may be taken into consideration when the application is being determined. Document 14 is the reply from the County Planning Officer who has not raised any objection to the proposal whilst Document 15 is the objection received from the landowner. The local member has welcomed the proposals having lived in the area all his life and the applicant had no further comments to make.
7. An extract from the 1st Edition Ordnance Survey Map 1879 Scale 1:2500 is contained within the bundle marked Document 16.

On the basis of the above and the evidence compiled in the bundles submitted to members, members are asked to determine the applications before them.