

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 plan marked Document 1 in the attached bundle.
2. The Claimed Right of Way commences at Point A on the plan at Grid Reference ST09849645 at its junction with another Claimed Right of Way and proceeds in a general north-easterly direction for 180 metres to Point B at Grid Reference ST09989655 where it turns and runs in a south-easterly direction for 24 metres to Point C at Grid Reference ST10009654 its junction with a second Claimed Right of Way a total distance of 204 metres.
3. In support of the application the County Council has received 6 Evidence Forms marked as Documents 2 to 7, 5 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 8.
4. Notification of the application for the Modification Order Document 9 has been sent to the landowners Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Jarrold, Park Farm, Nelson who when contacted by Andrew Mason indicated that they would object to the claimed footpath.
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 10A to 10D 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 11 is the reply from the County Planning Officer who has not raised any objection to the proposal whilst Document 12 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 13.

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.