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Our ref: SR/16957416  
Date: 24 August 2026



West Rainton and Leamside  
Parish Council  
62 Trevelyan Place  
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County Durham  
SR8 2NL

Dear Councillors

**THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY  
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 31, WEST RAINTON) MODIFICATION ORDER NO. 1 2026**

I enclose herewith a notice of making for the above Order together with a copy of the Order and relevant plan.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Renwick".

**Sharon Renwick**  
**Legal Assistant – Planning and Highways**

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## **NOTICE OF MAKING OF A MODIFICATION ORDER**

### **SECTION (53) WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

#### **DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OF COUNTY DURHAM**

#### **THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 31, WEST RANTON) MODIFICATION ORDER NO. 1 2026**

The above order, made on 24 August 2026, if confirmed as made, will modify the definitive map and statement for the area by adding Public Footpath No.31 commencing from Public Footpath No.2 for approximately 945 metres in a general northerly direction through woodland, to Public Footpath No.21 as shown on the plans to the order.

A copy of the order and the order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at Belmont Library during normal opening hours and via the Council website.

Any representations about or objections to the order may be sent in writing addressed to Sharon Renwick, Legal Assistant, PO Box 274, Stanley, County Durham, DH8 1HG or by email to [Highways.orders@durham.gov.uk](mailto:Highways.orders@durham.gov.uk) (ref:16957416) not later than 9 October 2026. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made to the Order, or any part of it, or if any so made are withdrawn, The County Council of Durham may, instead of submitting the Order or part of it to the Secretary of State, if the authority has by Notice to the Secretary of State so elected under paragraph 5 of Schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, itself confirm the Order or part of the Order. If the Order is submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in whole or in part, any representations or objections which have been duly made and not withdrawn will be sent with it.

Dated: 28 August 2026

**HELEN BRADLEY**  
Director of Legal and Democratic Services  
Rivergreen Centre, Akley Heads  
Durham, DH1 5TS



# **THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

## **DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OF COUNTY DURHAM**

### **THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 31, WEST RANTON) MODIFICATION ORDER NO. 1 2026**

This Order is made by the Durham County Council under Section 53(2)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the Act") because it appears to the authority that the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way of County Durham require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in Sections 53(3)(c)(i) and (iii) of the Act namely the discovery by the Authority of evidence which (when considered with all other relevant evidence available to them) shows that a right of way subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist over land in the area to which the map relates, and that there is no public right of way over land shown in the map and statement as a highway of any description, or any other particulars contained in the map and statement requires modification.

The County Council of Durham hereby order that:

1. For the purposes of this Order the relevant date is 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.
2. The Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way of County Durham shall be modified as described in Part I and Part II of the Schedule and shown on the map attached to this Order.
3. This Order shall take effect on the date it is confirmed and may be cited as The County Council of Durham Public Rights of Way (Public Footpath No. 31 West Ranton) Modification Order No. 1 2026.

## **SCHEDULE**

### **Part I**

#### **Modification of Definitive Map**

##### **Description of path or way to be added**

**No of Footpath: 31**  
**Parish: West Ranton**  
**Width: 1.5 metres**  
**Length: c.945 metres**

##### **Position**

Commencing from (point A) and Public Footpath No.2, grid reference 432347.547023 (approx.), in the Parish of West Ranton. The route is approximately 945 metres in length. Route proceeds in a general northerly direction through woodland/felled woodland, crosses 2 X stiles, intersects a farm track, crosses 1 X stile, a small watercourse/drain and another 1 X stile to (point B) and Public Footpath No.21, grid reference 432135.547842 (approx.) in the Parish of West Ranton.

## Part II

### Modification of Definitive Statement

#### DEFINITIVE STATEMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

**Path number:** 31

**Town/Parish:** West Rainton

**Status:** Footpath

**OS Explorer:** Explorer 308

**Starting Point:** Commencing from Public Footpath No.2, grid reference 432347.547023 (approx.), in the Parish of West Rainton

**Description of Route:** The route is approximately 945 metres in length. Route proceeds in a general northerly direction through woodland/felled woodland, crosses 2 X stiles, intersects a farm track, crosses 1 X stile, a small watercourse/drain and another 1 X stile to Public Footpath No.21, grid reference 432135.547842 (approx.)

**Ultimate Destination:** Public Footpath No.21, grid reference 432135.547842 (approx.) in the Parish of West Rainton.

**Details of Features:** 4 x Stiles

**Width of Path:** 1.5 metres

**Length of Path:** c.945 metres

**Type of Construction:** Earth

**Sections Metalled:** 0

**Sections Ploughed:** None

**General Conditions of:**

|     |                 |      |
|-----|-----------------|------|
| (a) | Path            | Fair |
| (b) | Stiles/Gates    | Good |
| (c) | Bridges         | n/a  |
| (d) | Stepping Stones | n/a  |

#### Details of any Signs and Notices Boards:

**NOTES:** Agreed by The County Council of Durham Highways Committee 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025. Public Rights of Way (Public Footpath No. 31, West Rainton) Modification Order No. 1 2026

**MADE THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2026 BY  
THE AFFIXING OF THE COMMON SEAL OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF DURHAM BY ORDER:**

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**AUTHORISED SIGNATORY  
(A PERMANENT OFFICER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL)**



MADE THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2026 BY  
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Mark Jackson  
Corporate Director  
Neighbourhoods and Environment, Durham County Council,  
County Hall, Durham DH1 5UQ

**The County Council  
of Durham**  
**Public Rights of Way**  
**(Public Footpath**  
**No.31, West Rainton)**  
**Modification Order No.1**  
**2026**

Footpath to be Added  
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Scale: 1:9,000

Public Rights of Way /  
Highways not affected by  
the proposal

Footpath  
Byway

Adopted  
Highway

PARISH and COUNTY  
BOUNDARIES

Drawn: 5th June 2026

Postcodes:  
DH4 6PR, DH4 6PN,  
DH4 6PU

