

**PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY EVIDENCE FORM**  
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**Personal Details**

Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Telephone No:

Date of Birth:

Email Address:

Occupation: (if retired, give former occupation)

**Identification of the Alleged Route**

Description of the Route (Mark route on map)

The route is/was a path hugging the River Tyne as described on the attached map. It was originally open to the public and maintained by the council who erected fencing, lighting & ~~the~~ paid the paving. It has been blocked off for a number of years, hence the dispute.

Start Grid Reference:

NZ35965 67478

End Grid Reference:

NZ35933 67745

Name of Route (if named):

King Charles III England Coast Path - Section SBA-1-S031

Believed Status of the Route

Existing Footpath (National Trail & Recreational Path - OS Map 316)

(Footpath, Bridleway, Restricted Byway or Byway Open to All Traffic)

Has the route always run on the same route? (If not provide details)

As far as I am aware, since the land opened to the public following the closure of Brigham & Cowan's

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**Your Use of the Alleged Route**

When did you first use the route?

Probably when it was opened to the public.

When did you last use the route?

When barriers were placed

Was there a period between those dates that you did not use the route (If yes, when & why?)

My use of the route was occasional

How did you use the route? (e.g. foot, horse, cycle, carriage, motor vehicle)

On foot & cycling

How often did you use the route?

Occasional. I had no need to keep a record

If you have stopped using the route, why did you stop?

N/A I do not have dates as I was not aware of plans to close the path.  
~~Please Note: As I was not expecting the path to close~~

**The Nature of Your Use**

What was the purpose of your journeys?

Leisure, exercise.

During Covid Lockdown I used to use the path until it was blocked by temporary fencing, which I thought was in place as a Health & Safety measure, then the gate appeared ???

Did you see other people using the route?

Yes

Did other people see you using the route?

No-one that I can recall

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Did you encounter or have to remove any obstructions when using the route? (e.g. fences, locked gates etc.) (If yes give details)

Temporary fencing & then a locked gate. No notification of closure

Did you ever ask for permission to use the route? (If yes give details)

No - did not think it was necessary

Were you ever given permission to use the route? (If yes give details)

As above

Have you ever owned/occupied land crossed by the route? ...

No

Have you ever worked for the owner/occupier of the land? ...

No

If yes, were you ever given any instructions regarding the route? (If yes give details)

**Additional Information**

Were there any stiles, gates or bridges along the route? (If yes, show locations on map)

No

Were there any signs along the route? (If yes, give details & show locations on map)

Can't recall

England Coastal Path Signs, which have now been changed without any permission. Can't recall

Were you ever stopped, prevented, or turned back from using the route? (If yes, give details)

Only by the presence of the fencing & gate

Any other information you consider relevant

It seems apparent that the owner of the building has blocked the pathway & altered the use of the land without notifying the public. The council's part in the matter is questionable

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the facts that I have stated are true

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 15/10/24

Signature of person taking statement: (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:**

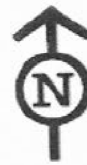
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Plan 1



**South Tyneside Council**  
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981  
Definitive Map Modification Order Application  
S21 - Long Row  
Scale 1:1250



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**KEY**

Path to be added: - - - - -

