



Highways & Transportation
Area 5 Skipton Office
Snaygill Industrial Estate
Skipton BD23 2QR

10 March 2016

Turbary Road, Kingsdale

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Yorkshire Dales Access Forum (YDAF) understands that you are proposing to make a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) prohibiting motor vehicles from the full length of Turbary Road from its junction with Tow Scar Lane to its junction with Kingsdale Road. We were not aware of the proposed order prior to it appearing as a notice in the Craven Herald and subsequently being brought to our attention. However, you will be aware that we have commented on the status of this route previously and we would like to respond to this latest proposal.

The YDAF is a statutory body which provides advice to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (as the appointing authority) and the local Highway Authority for any part of the area on a range of access issues. This includes managing the use of unsurfaced roads and byways by recreational motor vehicles – something that has been looked at by its Green Lanes Advisory Group (GLAG) since 2006. The contents of this letter qualify as advice to you pursuant to Section 94 Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and to which you are by statute to have regard.

The management of Turbary Road has been considered by the GLAG on several occasions, most recently at their meeting of 16 October 2015. At this meeting the members considered the latest available information, including current route usage data, and confirmed their previous advice:

- *That the Definitive Map Modification Order application is processed as soon as possible to remove uncertainty about the status of the route.*
- *That notices are placed on the route to inform users that it is in dispute and that a gate is currently blocked. Vehicle users will be requested not to use Yordas Field.*

The above advice was endorsed by all members of the YDAF at its full meeting on 26 January 2016 which also took into consideration the ongoing management of the route,

the effectiveness of the voluntary restriction notices that have been put in place by vehicle user groups, and the, now abandoned, idea of a stopping order. Furthermore, as previously stated, the YDAF can confirm it is happy to assist in ensuring the correct rights are identified for this highway through the Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) process and pass on any evidence it has to the Definitive Map team.

Notwithstanding the content of your supporting statement for the proposed TRO, the YDAF is happy with the current management arrangements for this route and would wish to see a speedy resolution of the DMMO. However, although it has not been possible to consult members fully within the given time constraints, it is believed they may express some concern about the proposal for implementing a TRO for the full length of this route. You are therefore requested to consider the above and explain why you feel the implementation of such a TRO is necessary so that members can be advised accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Alistair Thompson
Chair, Yorkshire Dales Access Forum