



APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION ORDER

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

The Wildlife and Countryside (Definitive Maps and Statements) Regulations 1993
(Schedule 7)

Public Right of Way parish name(s) and number(s) or location
Allestree Park (Don't Lose Your Way lost route no. 127875)

To Strategic Director: Communities and Place

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wish to apply for an order under Section 53 (2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act
1981 modifying the Definitive Map and Statement covering the City of Derby

Please tick

adding the

- footpath
- bridleway
- byway open to all traffic

from 434628 339938 (a kink in Allestree FP 13) generally northwards
to 434568 340774 (junction of routes north west of Allestree Hall).

**upgrading the
or
downgrading the**

- footpath
- bridleway
- byway open to all traffic

to a

footpath

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byway open to all traffic

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footpath

bridleway

byway open to all traffic

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by providing that

~~deleting the~~

footpath

bridleway

byway open to all traffic

from

to

I/We attach copies of the documentary evidence, listed including statements of witnesses, to support this application.

List the documents you have provided (use another sheet if required)

Statement of case supported by illustrative figures and contemporary photographs.

Signed:- D A Hulton (original submitted version is wet-signed)

Date:- 29th August 2023

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Statement of Case

Introduction

Allestree Park is the largest public open space in Derby but has only one official right of way (ROW) i.e. Allestree Footpath 13 which skirts the southwest edge of the park. This DMMO application is one of set that proposes four more ROWs across the park.

Allestree Park has been owned by Derby City Council (DCC) since 1947 and there are numerous informal paths and tracks with unrestricted access (and operational objective 18 of the 2014-2023 Park Management Plan is to maintain path routes). However, it is essential that more ROWs are formalised onto the definitive DCC map to ensure public access into the future. No one knows what will become of the hall, it could well be sold and maybe nearby areas of the park made restricted access only.

The proposed set of ROWs would start from entry points around the park and meet up at the small junction of paths just north west of the hall, facilitating formally linked-up ROWs that criss-cross the heart of the park – as illustrated in Figure 1.

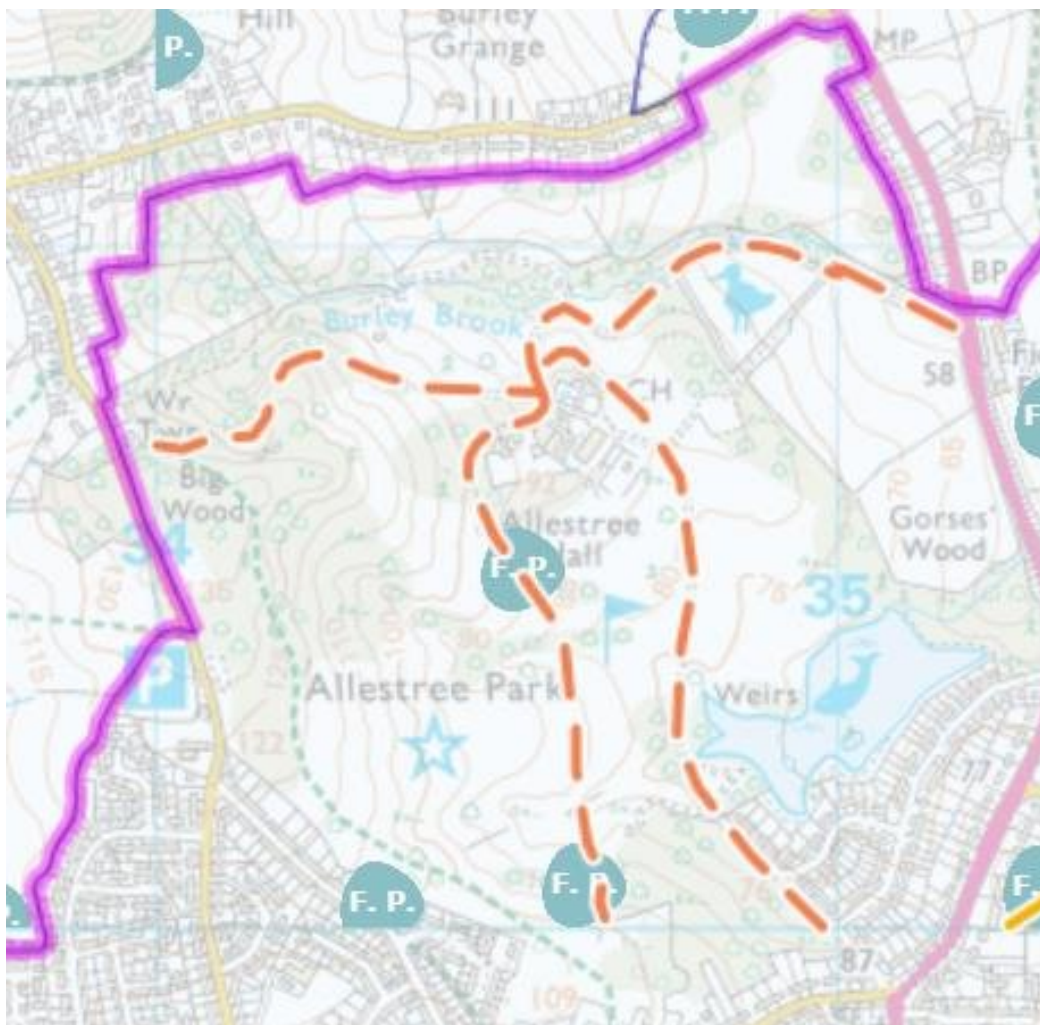


Figure 1

Route from kink in FP 13 (near from Cornhill) to Hall

This particular DMMO concerns the route between a kink in the lower section of Allestree Footpath 13 and the small junction of paths near the hall, and represented by the red line on Figure 2.

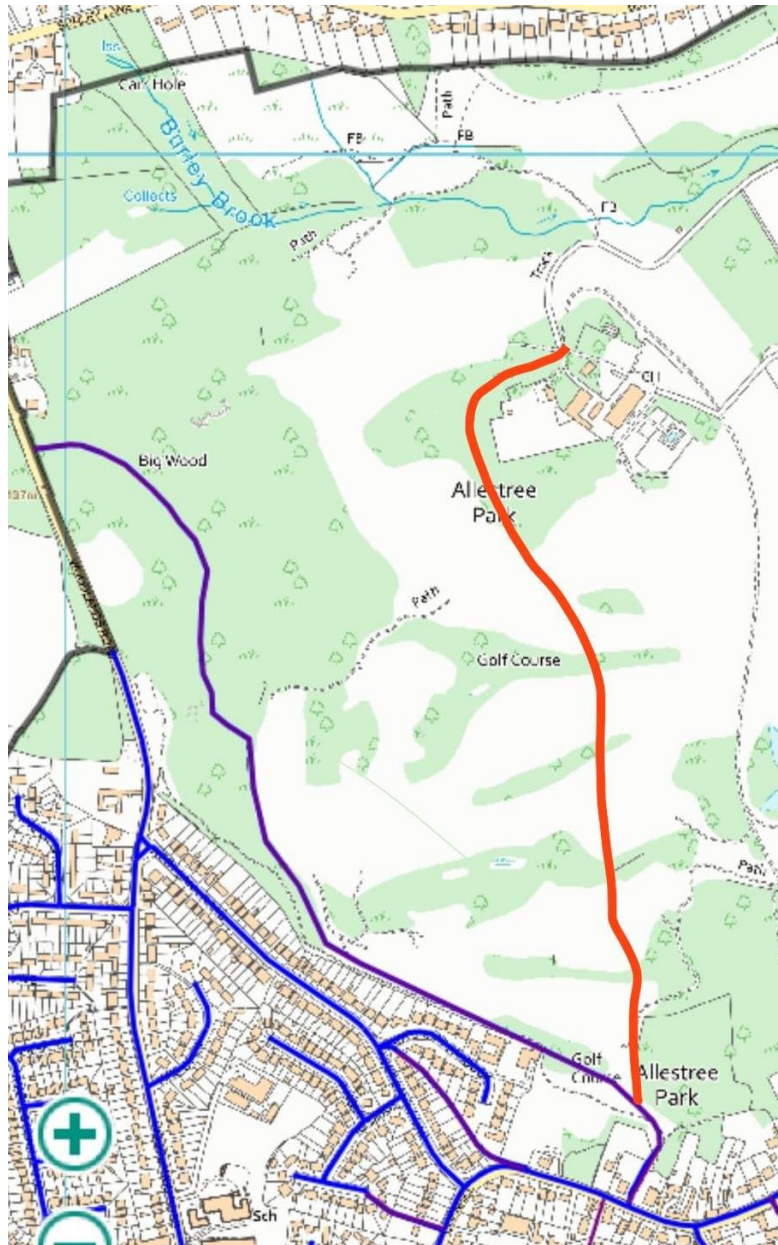


Figure 2

This route exists on OS historic maps going back to the 19th century as in Figure 3 - where it was actually FP annotated in this 1891-1912 version.

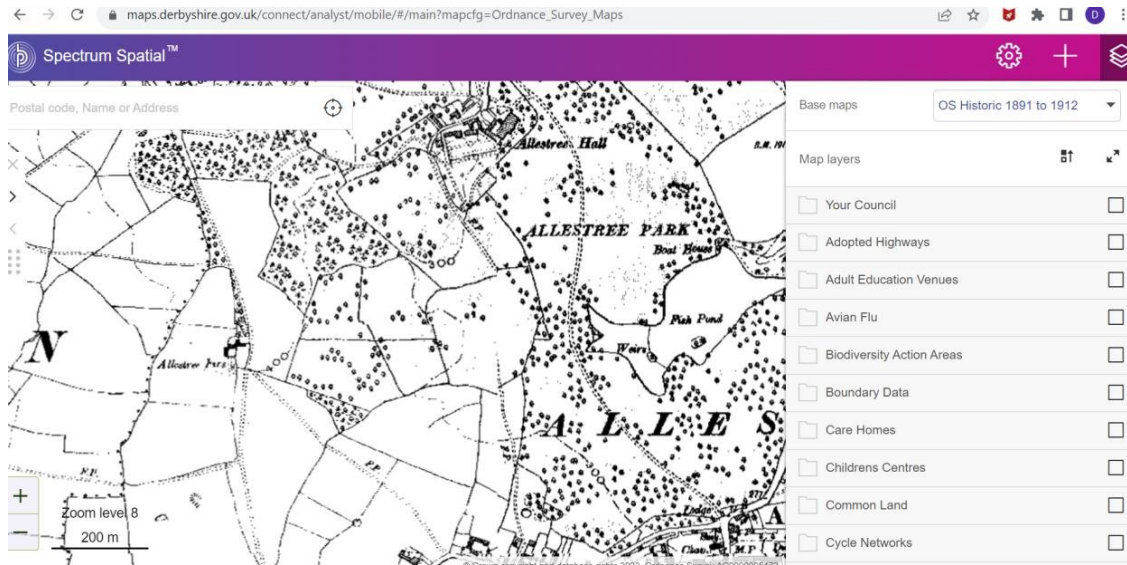


Figure 3

Photo 1 shows the view northwards from the kink in FP 13, and Photo 2 shows the view southwestwards at the small junction of paths.



Photo 1



Photo 2

This route is partly used every day by visitors, and is likely to have been used as much for the last 76 years (i.e. since the park became public).

The added formal footpath could be tweaked for the optimum route through the narrow wooded areas.

I had previously written to Ray Brown, Senior Planning Officer at DCC, to give him a heads-up about DMMOs for Allestree Park. He replied on 30th May 2023 that he had consulted Parks Services about the proposed paths and that they do not have any objection to the proposed routes – including this particular one.

Along with the three other proposed ROWs, this route would provide official network connections to nearby existing footpaths such as Quarndon FP 3 and Quarndon FP 4 and Allestree FP 9 / Duffield FP 36, for enhanced circular walks.

Allestree Park is a great public open space, but this DMMO application is to ensure permanent public access for this route whatever the future may hold for the park.