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### **WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

# APPLICATION FOR DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER

# **DEFINITIVE MAP OF RIGHTS OF WAY FOR SHROPSHIRE**

To: The Outdoor Recreation Manager
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hereby apply for an Order under Section 53 (2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 modifying the definitive map and statement for the area by adding the following right of way Parish LEIGHTON AND EATON CONSTANTINE. Status: Byway Open to All Traffic/Restricted Byway/Bridleway/Footpath\* \* delete as appropriate M LEIGHTON LANE FROM LITTLE WENLOCK AND TELFORD AND WREKIN COUNCIL BOUNDARY TO MORRELLSWOOD LANC. (Location of right of way) as shown on the map accompanying this application. (A map must be supplied with a scale of at least of 1:25,000) I/We attach the following documentary evidence including evidence of use statements, in support of this application: SEE ATTACHED LIST.

Data Protection: Please note that this information may be open to public

NAME SALLY-ANNE ROBINSON

Signed

#### Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Definitive Map Modification Order Application

Modification order to add a way to the definitive map: section 53(3)(b)

To claim for public use as a restricted byway Leighton Lane to Morrellswood Lane near Little Wenlock starting in the Little Wenlock Parish of Telford and Wrekin Council and running into the Leighton and Eaton Constantine Parish of Shropshire Council.

#### **HISTORICAL EVIDENCE SUMMARY**

<u>First edition OS old series map 1805</u> - The land over which the application route passes is shown on the OS map as having open access and passing in an unrestricted manner from Little Wenlock to Leighton. The application route is shown to exist as a significant track, with double edged solid lines, along its total length showing that it was a confirmed at the time to be a highway.

Robert Baugh's Map of Shropshire 1808 - The application route is shown to be a highway junctioning off the major road system and with significant width and boundary. It formed part of the main highway running from Little Wenlock to Leighton.

<u>Greenwoods Map 1827</u> - The application route is shown as a continuous track bounded with solid black lines and as having significance width. It is depicted as having the same significance as connecting roads which today are classed as adopted roads.

<u>Tithe map for Little Wenlock 1839</u> - The map shows the application route bounded by two solid lines. This indicates that no tithe was assessable against the land over which these roads pass. The route is labelled "From Leighton" depicting that it was used by the public to travel to another destination at the time of assessment.

Ordnance Survey First Edition 6 inch map revised 1881 to 1882 published 1885 and 1887 - The application route is shown as a distinctive road as depicted by the continuous black boundary lines on both sides of the route. The application route is shown to have specific breadth and junctions with other major roads. It is clearly marked as a named lane "Leighton Lane" for the entire length of the application route. The map shows that the application route had a higher status than footpaths (F.P.).

<u>Bartholomew's Half-Inch Maps of England and Wales 1902</u> - The main part of the application route is shown as an *'indifferent passable'* road. It is <u>not</u> classified as a route unsuitable for cyclists and is shown to have a higher status than bridleway or footpath.

OS Pathfinder 890 1:25,000 1993 - The map shows the application route as a road generally less than 4 feet wide. It is depicted in the same way as Morrellswood Lane which today is adopted. It is depicted in the same way as the lane running from Little Wenlock to Bungalow Farm which today is adopted. It is clearly labelled as Leighton Lane and runs, uninterrupted and in a continuous manner, into Morrellswood Lane. The route has a higher classification than other road, drive or track.

