

**Route Summary Report
Ramsden Road/Lane
March 2018**



Description

Byway commencing at Kiln Bent Road heading in a generally north north east, then south east then north east and finally generally south east direction to White Gate Road

Legal Status: Byway Open to All Traffic

County: Kirklees

Parish: Holme Valley

Grid Reference: SE 1164 0523 to 1298 0499

Length: 2080 metres

Nearest Other Byways / Non-classified Highways / Claimed Byways

Links to Kiln Bent Road (BOAT)

Sustainability Analysis

Undertaken in 2013

Physical - Does the route show serious signs of physical damage resulting from usage?

Score: 3 (4 or more user groups would find the route hard to use)

Conservation - Is the route subject to any protective designation (for heritage or wildlife)?

Comment:

Score: 3 (the route abuts a SSSI, SAC, SPA and Natural Zone and vehicle users are (for whatever reason) leaving the highway)

Complaints - Have there been any complaints about vehicular use conflicting with other uses?

Comment: Concerns raised by various bodies but in particular local people and the parish council

Score: 3 (yes many complaints from a variety of sources)

Character - Is the character of the route being damaged by vehicular use?

Score: 3 (the highway and adjacent land are affected)

Conflict - Is the free passage of non-motorised users being prejudiced?

Score: 2(1 or 2 issues regarding the width, visibility, slope and speed of use by vehicles)

Total Score = 14/15

Levels of Vehicular Use

Being identified.

Conservation interest

Ecology – The route abuts a Site of Special Scientific Interest, a Special Area of Conservation, a Special Protection Area and Natural Zone.

Landscape – Ramsden Road lies within the Dark Peak landscape character area – a sparsely settled area of gritstone uplands comprising an extensive upland plateau with steep gritstone slopes that drop away to lower lying slopes, wooded cloughs, and deep valleys some of which have been flooded to create large reservoirs.

Peak District Local Access Forum Comments

The Green Lanes Sub-group surveyed the route and met on 9 February 2017. The sub-group unanimously recommended that:

- PDNPA officers should ascertain the exact status of the route as a matter of urgency, if vehicle rights are not present the highway authority and local police should be encouraged to take appropriate action to address illegal use by vehicles
- If vehicle rights exist PDNPA officers should work with the highway authority to see if the maintenance of the route can be addressed
- A Traffic Regulation Order may need to be considered to address the ongoing issues of this lane.

Issues

People

- User conflict – recreational value for all users of the route and area

The Route

- Route nature – section of the route is steep and narrow with limited visibility
- Route condition – poor surface

The Area

- SSSI, SAC, SPA, Natural Zone
- Impact on adjacent land – illegal use