

Subject Alteration to line of Footpath 407055, Lanefoot & Longmoor Common, Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish
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Dear Consultee / interested party

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Footpath 407055 was formally created in 2001 through creation agreements with the parish council and the National Trust. The creation agreement map is below. The purpose was to provide a roadside path for the popular Coast-to-Coast Path.

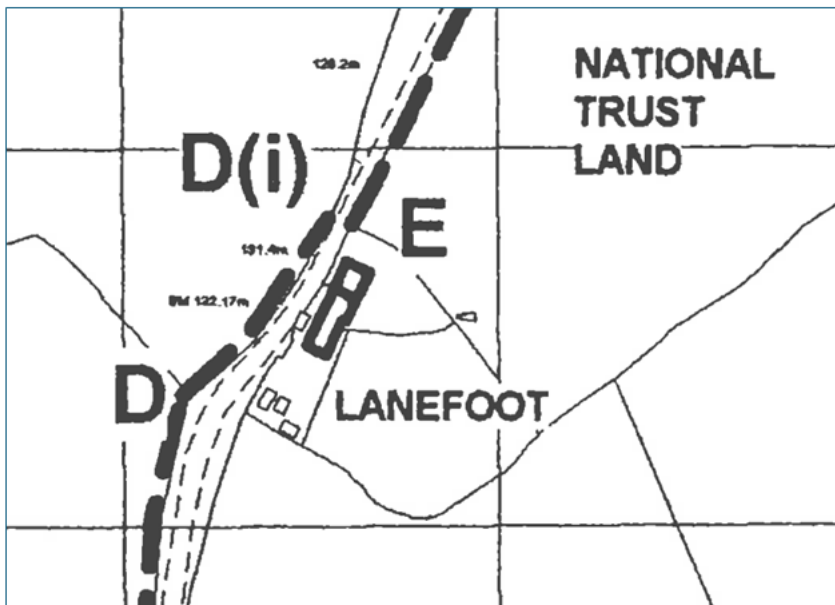
You'll also be aware that this is now part of the Coast-to-Coast Path National Trail. Natural England have tasked us with ensuring that the whole of the trail is underpinned by public rights of way, and we have carried out a number of creation and diversion orders across the National Park to achieve this.

One section that they have highlighted is between points E & F on the creation agreement map. It looks as though when we first legally created this path, we simply drew a line alongside the edge of the road – with the intention that walkers would walk on what is effectively the verge. However, over the intervening 25 years, walkers have basically chosen their own route – and have created a trod that wiggles along through the grassland a little way from the road. This is actually a much nicer path, and the subsequent vegetation growth has created a bit of a buffer from the traffic in places. Indeed, this happened relatively early on, as shown on [Google Earth 2003 aerial imagery](#).



So, it seems expedient that we formally divert that section so that the legal line of the path runs on the wiggly route rather than directly alongside the road. There is one slightly wet patch towards the southern end of the route – and we plan to address this with some minor intervention (it won't be surfaced as such, probably a stepping stone or a small side drain).

When we mapped out the new route – we also became aware that where people cross the road at Lanefoot is not between points D(i) and E as shown on the creation plan.



Instead, people have been walking slightly further south, and crossing there. You can see on site that there is a well worn trod, and we have relatively recently replaced the fingerpost on either side of the road. I've roughly shown Point D(i) below.



Again, this seems to have happened some while ago, as google streetview images from 2008 show the same arrangement.



And again, it seems expedient that we 'tidy-up' the situation by removing the public right of way between points C & D on the proposed Order Plan (attached), and creating a public footpath between points A & B. This would be done through the Public Path Order process under the provisions of the Highways Act 1980.

We are therefore consulting on the proposal before making any final decision. Please note that this communication is also a consultation on varying the alignment of the Coast-to-Coast National Trail [Coast to Coast Map and Information - National Trails](#). Natural England is minded to propose that the National Trail is realigned onto the diverted route by way of a Variation Report submitted to the Secretary of State, and I would be grateful to receive any comments on that aspect as well (if you have any) as part of your response.

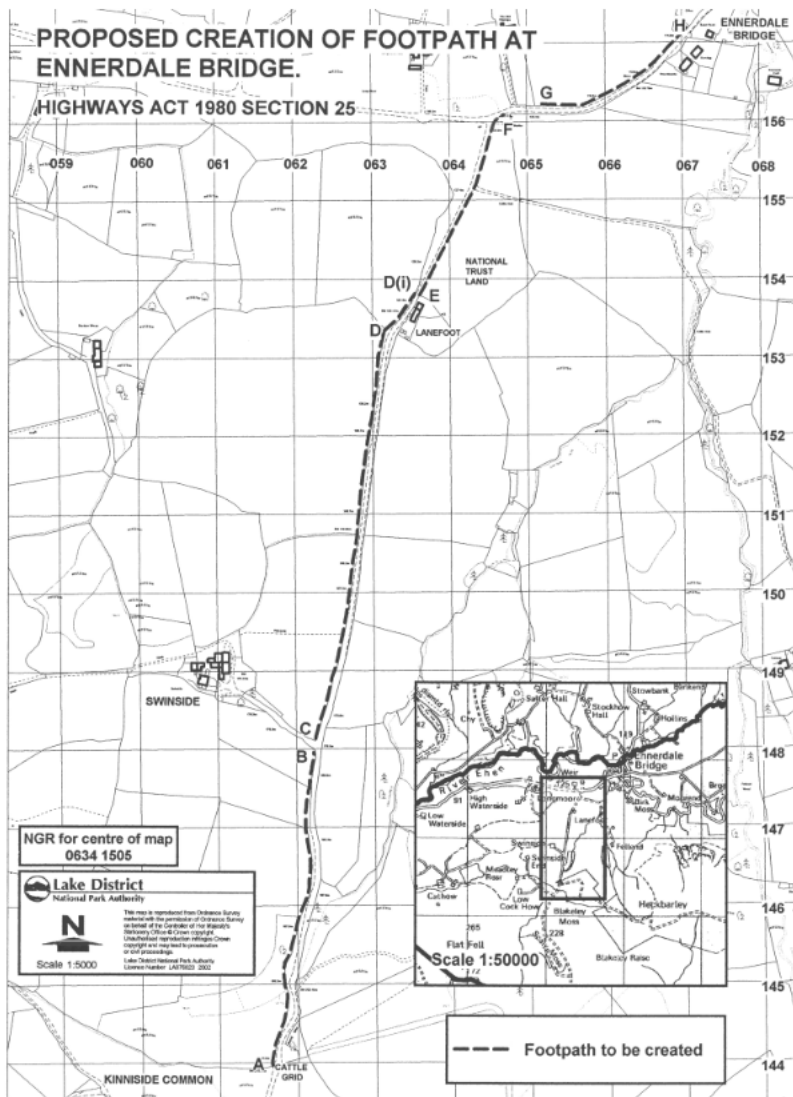
If you would like to comment on any of the above, please do so before the end of September 2026.

We have been in touch with the owners of the land concerned, and they are content, or have raised no issues, with the proposed changes.

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New path behind the scrub and away from the road.

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