

Our ref: FP1101345/370/371 211-744

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Consultation on the proposed diversion of part of Footpaths Accrington
FP1101345/1101370/1101371**

Hyndburn Borough

Highways Act 1980 Section 119.

Lancashire County Council has received an application to divert parts of the network of public rights of way, in the vicinity of Mount Carmel RC High School, Wordsworth Road, Accrington, BB5 0LU, Ordnance Survey at SD 7515 2768.

Mount Carmel RC High School is in the Spring Hill Ward, in Accrington, Hyndburn. Footpath FP1101345 runs from Slaidburn Drive, across the northern section of the school field and onto Wordsworth Road. Footpath FP1101370 runs along the embankment of the southern sports field at Mount Carmel and thus traverses a slope. Footpath FP1101371 connects FP1101370 to FP1105305, and other residential areas in the district.

The proposed diversion will be very similar in length to the existing footpath. It moves the footpath to run in a broadly south-westerly direction, along the north-western side of the southern sport field, to connect to footpath FP1101370. Footpath FP1101370 will be diverted slightly south of its current line onto level ground (what is currently walked), taking away the need to traverse a slope. A very short section of FP1101371 will also be diverted onto level ground to support the continuation of the route to Fenn Gore Avenue.

If successful, the diversion will move the footpath, from running across the northern sports field of Mount Carmel RC High School, onto the open grassland to the north-west of, and parallel to, the southern sports field, before running in a south-easterly direction to the south of the sports field, connecting to other right of ways. This will increase the safeguarding and security for Mount Carmel RC High School, it will also improve the ground levels of other connecting footpaths in the area, whilst providing a route that is safe and convenient for public use.

The length of existing path to be diverted is shown by a bold continuous line and marked on the attached plan as A-B, C-D-E and D-F and the proposed alternative route is shown by a bold broken line and marked A-C, C-F and F-E.

Before proceeding further in the matter, I would be pleased to learn your views on the proposal. If you have any comments or objections that you would like to be taken into consideration, it would be of assistance if you could let me know by Friday 18 August 2023, preferably by email. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss the matter or require longer to consider the proposal.

Please note that the information supplied will be used in accordance with the processes under statute. As such, it will not be confidential and may be disclosed to third parties.

Kind regards,

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