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**Friends Of Market Dock Path**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 August 2021 16:40  
**To:** friendsofmarketdockpath@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Public right of way supporting letter  
**Attachments:** Completed Supporting Letter Template[1646].docx

Please find attached my completed public right of way supporting letter.  
I've kept it brief but I hope there is enough there to help fight our cause.  
Let me know if you need anything else, and I'll try to oblige.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

# L4

MAP EMAILED ✓

Your Name: [REDACTED]

Your Address: [REDACTED]

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Tel No: ..... (Optional)

To whom this may concern,

I can confirm that I used to use the path outlined in the map attached on page 2.

Please could you describe your knowledge of the route in your own words, explaining when you used it first and last, how you used the route, how often and if you stopped using it when & why.

**MY USE OF THE ROUTE** *(Please continue on a separate page if required)*

The riverside walk from Mill Dam via Long Row, Comical Corner and along Wapping Street to the coast has been a route I have taken many times over the years. This included the coastal path section SBA 1 SO31 which passed in front of Garlands Call Centre (later to become Utilitywise).

This section has now been redeveloped as private dwellings and my access to the river along this section has been prevented.

More recently, a gate has been erected further preventing access along the river.

The walks were for recreation, taken with family.

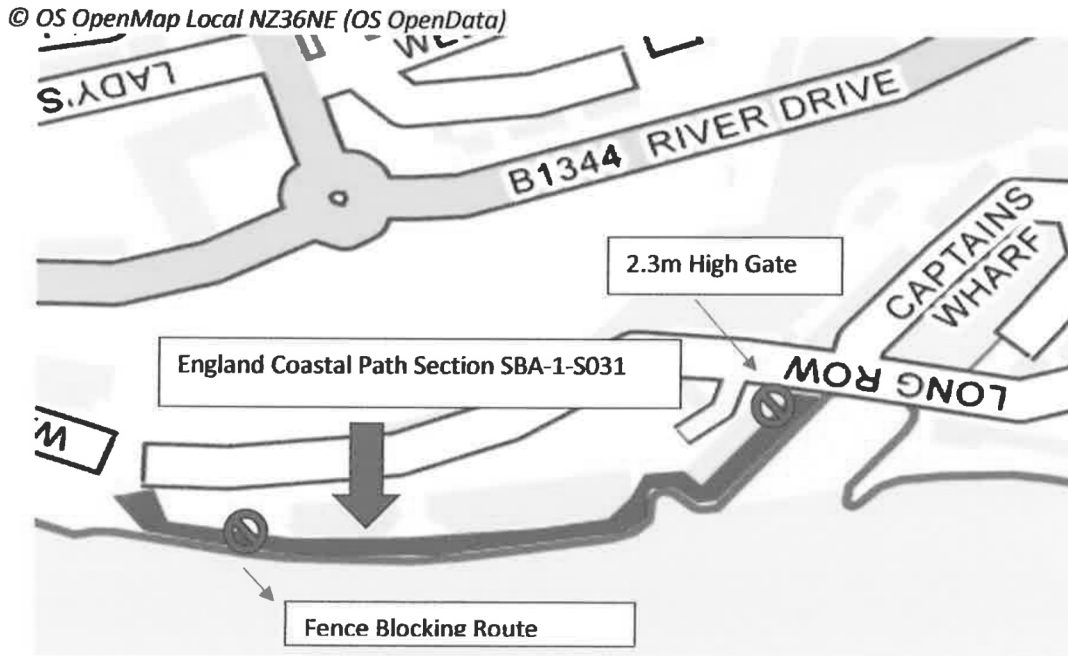
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# L5 (3 PAGES)

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**Friends Of Market Dock Path**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 August 2021 19:02  
**To:** friendsofmarketdockpath@gmail.com; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Letter showing historic use of the England Coast Path at Market Dock  
**Attachments:** SupportingLetter England Coast Path.pdf

Good Evening,

I could not find any cut off date in the appeal for letters. I hope I haven't missed the opportunity to comment.

[REDACTED]

# L5

MAP EMAILED ✓

Your Name: [Redacted]

Your Address:

[Redacted Address]

Postcode: [Redacted]

Tel No: [Redacted] (Optional)

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**MY USE OF THE ROUTE** (Please continue on a separate page if required)

I recall first using the path shortly after I had moved to South Shields in 2006. As I remember it, the Call Centre was incomplete then but I was able to walk the boardwalk section from the ferry along Long Row, around Market Dock and up to the Call Centre development near the Public Garden shown on the Google Earth view. From that point to the Comical Corner stub road was under development with the construction of the Call Centre/Utilities building. Once the Call Centre was complete in around 2007, I walked the complete river edge path from Comical Corner to the ferry about 10-15 times a year until about 2017. I would take visitors along the route as there is a lot to see. The path gave every impression of being a public right of way. The river edge railings along the entire route were very substantial and well-made and match those still accessible between the west side of Market Dock and the ferry. The section around the east side of Market Dock was lit with street lighting which also gave the impression that it was under Council/public management. The lamp standards are still in existence and bear their local (Council?) serial numbers. The pathway was still fully walkable until the conversion of the Call Centre/Utilities building into apartments started in 2017. We had always remarked that the place was just part of a development long game and always earmarked for expensive 'riverside living'. The views are just too good to waste on the public. Once the apartment conversion was complete, the section alongside the car park between the apartments and the Sea Scout building (currently the latest subject of a planning application) was still accessible and I walked along it to the to the apartments where further access was barred by a wooden fence. I then had to walk around the flats and was able to rejoin the river edge path at the Public Garden. I naively expected the full riverside path to reopen once the apartment development was complete. The pathway could be seen still intact between the buildings, but access was never returned to the public. The pathway within the footprint of the apartment complex was then developed into the current gardens for the ground floor occupants in around 2019 and shortly afterward the area that had been a Utilities building carpark next to the Sea Scout building was fenced off and ripped up (including the pathway) leaving only the lighting stanchions which are still there. The area here had been perfectly presentable but was deliberately made to look derelict and remains fenced off. At that point I think I remember still being able to walk around the east side of Market Dock but that was closed off with the metal gate in late 2020. I wasn't aware of the plan to develop a marina at the dock to start with - it was just too ludicrous a proposition. Now I know of the land grab I am dismayed at the prospect of the loss of the path. As I understand it this stretch of land containing the England Coast Path is not protected by Coastal Access legislation and if it is private property, it may be developed. How it came to be private property - is an interesting question that needs answering. Though a landowner has a right to develop such land, it is expected that he should take into account the effect on the designated pathway but he has denied any effect on paths or previous rights of way. I think that if this murky development goes ahead the least the Council could do would be to make planning permission conditional on reinstating the pathway as a boardwalk along the frontages of his various exclusive enterprises in recompense to the public and I have expressed that opinion in the call for comment on the latest planning application.

The map supplied shows all of the points mentioned in my description.  
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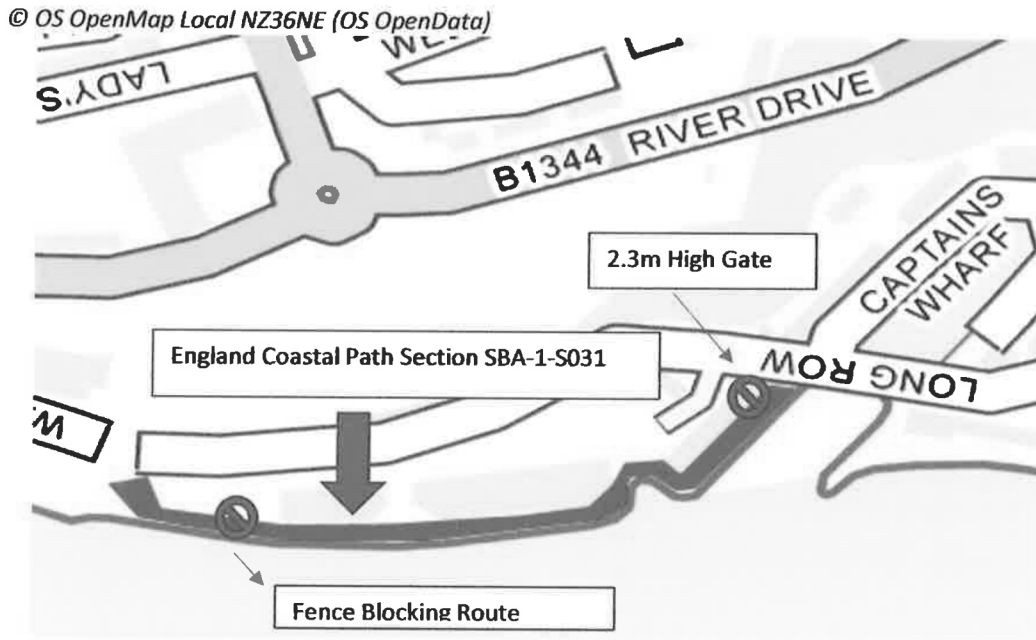
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Public Right of Way Supporting Letter

My Name: [Redacted] .....

My Address: [Redacted] .....

Town/City: [Redacted] Postcode: [Redacted]

Email Address or Phone No: [Redacted] .....

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**MY USE OF THE ROUTE** (Please continue on a separate page if required)

I have used the Route since 2002

Due to my age and lock down due to Covid 9  
 have not been down the Route for 2 yrs - when I was  
 finally allowed out the path way had been closed  
 off.

I always seen other people and spoke to them  
 as I now live on my own and this walk broke  
 my loneliness up.

I am disappoed that the one walk I done in  
 the past I can no longer use

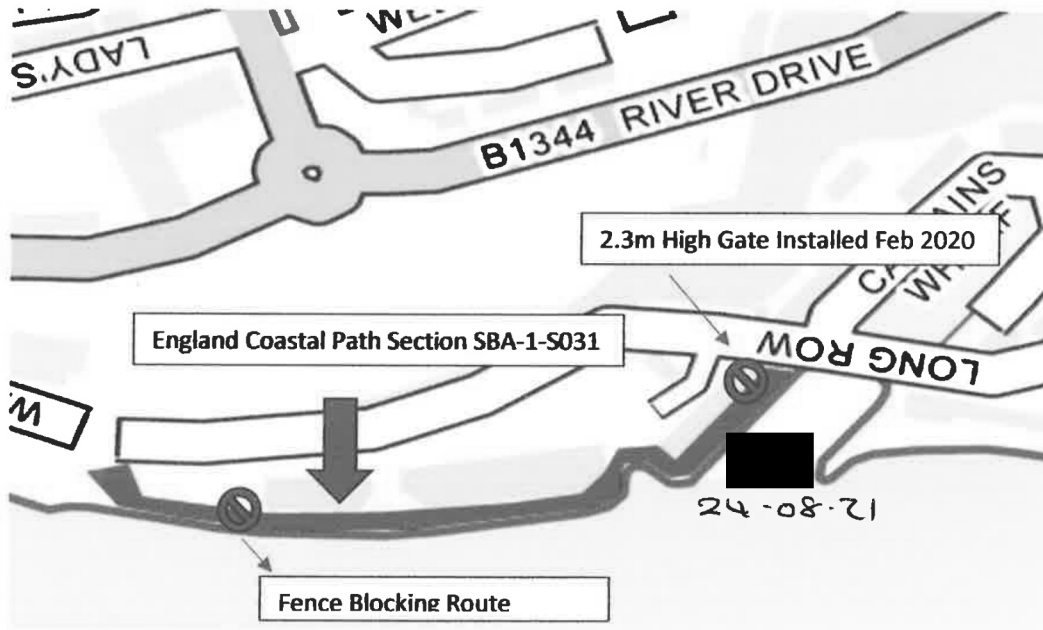
Date: 24/08/21

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Town/City: [Redacted]

Postcode: [Redacted]

Email Address or Phone No: [Redacted]

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MY USE OF THE ROUTE (Please continue on a separate page if required)

- ① 2002 - Dec 2019 - walking
- ② Route closed
- ③ Couple Times a month depending on weather
- ④ Yes
- ⑤ This walk route was/is popular with people to walk along the river.

Date: 24/8/21

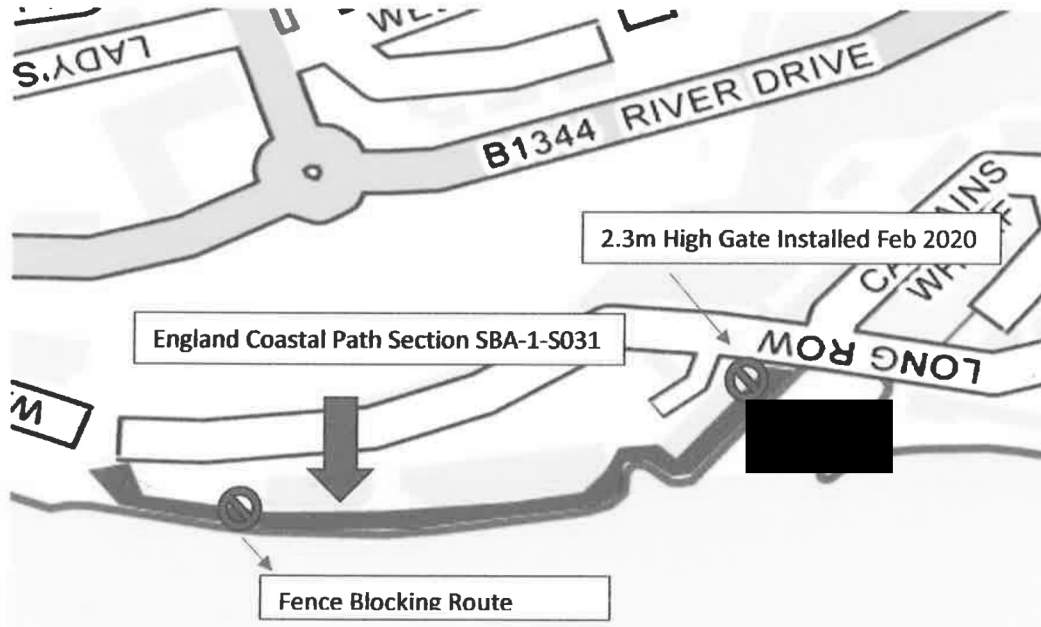
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INITIALED MAP ✓

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My Address: [Redacted]

Town/City: [Redacted] Postcode: [Redacted]

Email Address or Phone No: [Redacted]

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MY USE OF THE ROUTE (Please continue on a separate page if required)

I first used the walk way in 2003

I stopped using the route when it became blocked off

There were always people using the walk

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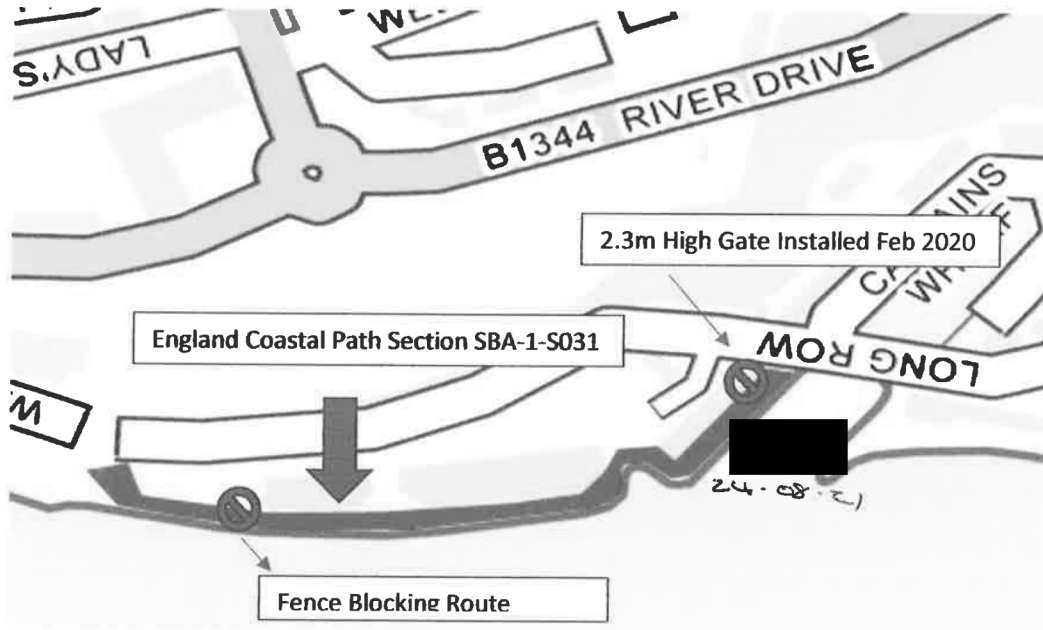
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My Address: [Redacted]

Town/City: [Redacted] Postcode: [Redacted]

Email Address or Phone No: [Redacted]

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MY USE OF THE ROUTE (Please continue on a separate page if required)

USED THE ROUTE WHILST TRAINING FOR LONDON TO PARIS CYCLE EVENT, 2016-2019 TRAINING ALSO STOPPED TRAINING ON THIS ROUTE 2019. WAS USING THIS ROUTE 2-3 TIMES A WEEK, USUALLY SAW 2-6 OTHER PEOPLE REGULARLY, SOMETIMES A PEAKING UP TO 15 PEOPLE WALKING/CYCLING

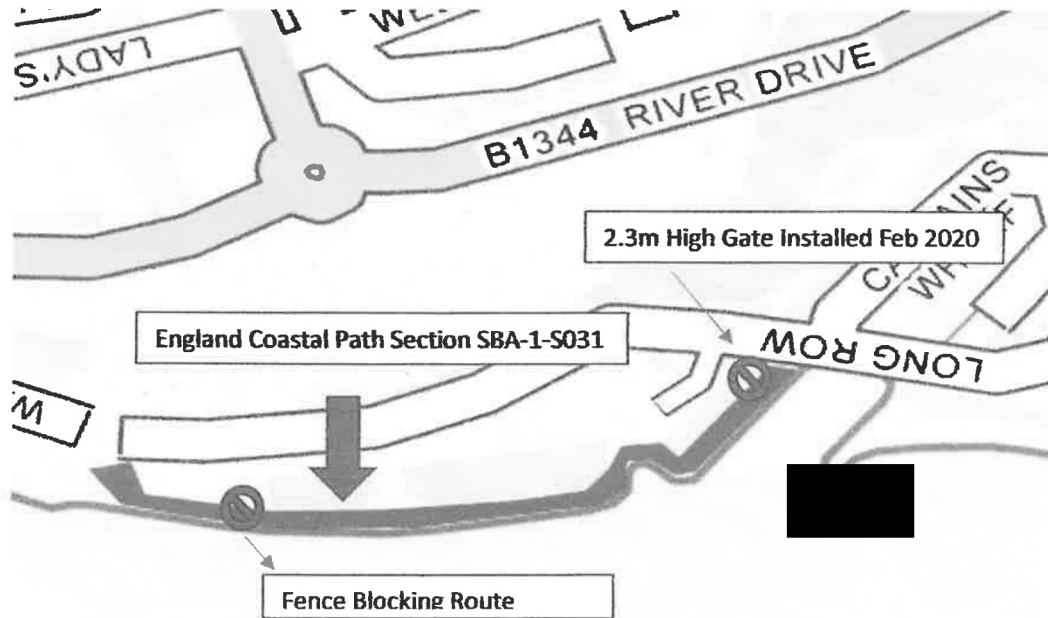
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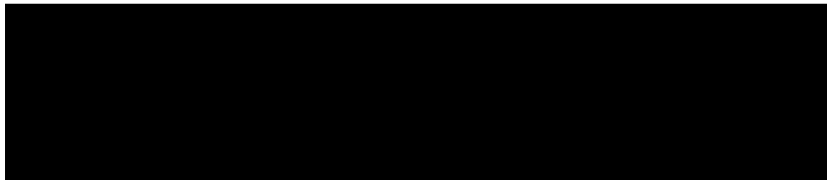
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MAP ✓

Public Right of Way Supporting Letter

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My Address:

Town/City:



Postcode:



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MY USE OF THE ROUTE (Please continue on a separate page if required)

I JOINED HEALTH WALK FROM  
 OCEAN ROAD COMMUNITY CENTER WHEN  
 I LEFT WORK 10 YRS AGO.  
 THIS WAS ONE OF OUR REGULAR  
 ROUTES. HAD TO STOP USING ROUTE  
 AS IT WAS BLOCKED OFF

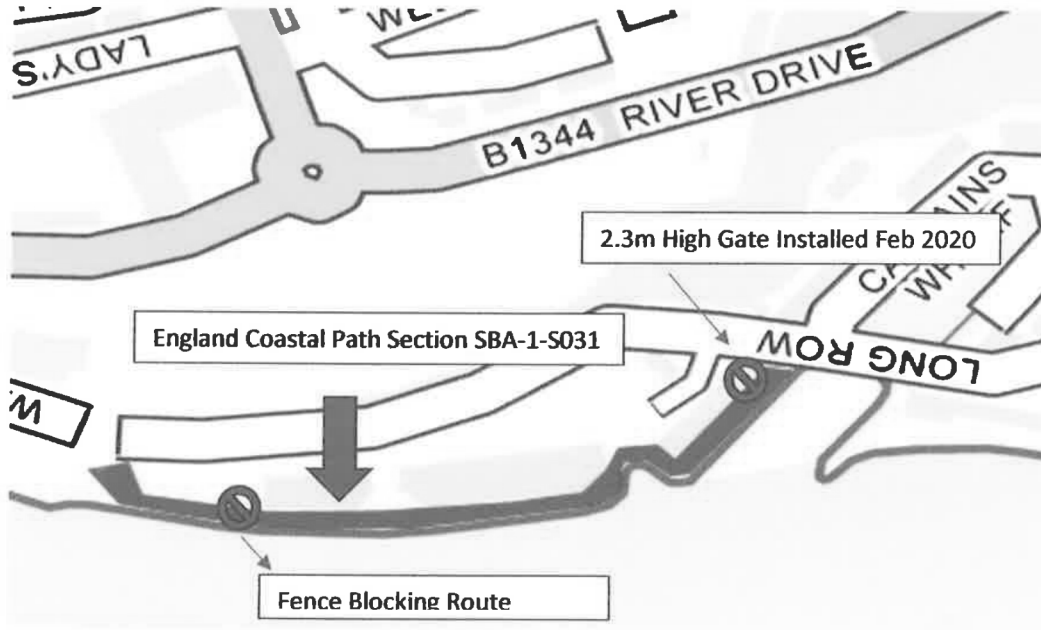
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SIGNED MAP ✓

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My Address:

Town/City:

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MY USE OF THE ROUTE (Please continue on a separate page if required)

We often walk along this route, especially with the dog. It should be public access as so close to the Riverside. Never should here been blocked off. See lots of people walking, alone & with dogs, who would use path.

Date: 28/5/21

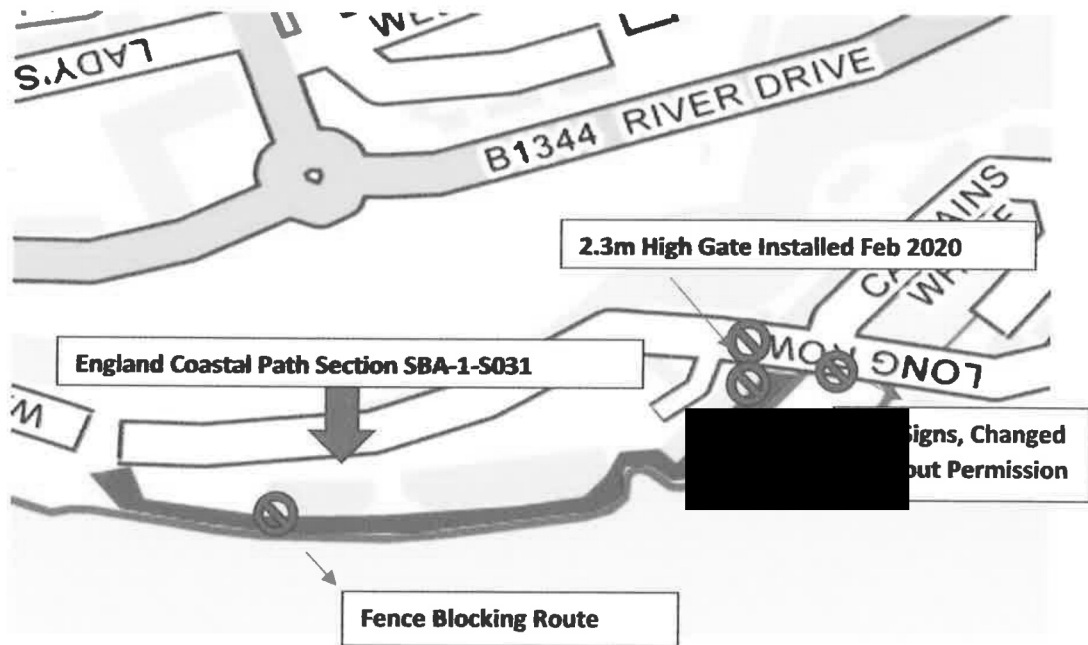
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INITIALED MAP ✓

Public Right of Way Supporting Letter

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My Address: [Redacted]

Town/City: ..... Postcode: [Redacted]

Email Address or Phone No: [Redacted]

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MY USE OF THE ROUTE (Please continue on a separate page if required)

For recreation  
Have walked along this riverside for years!

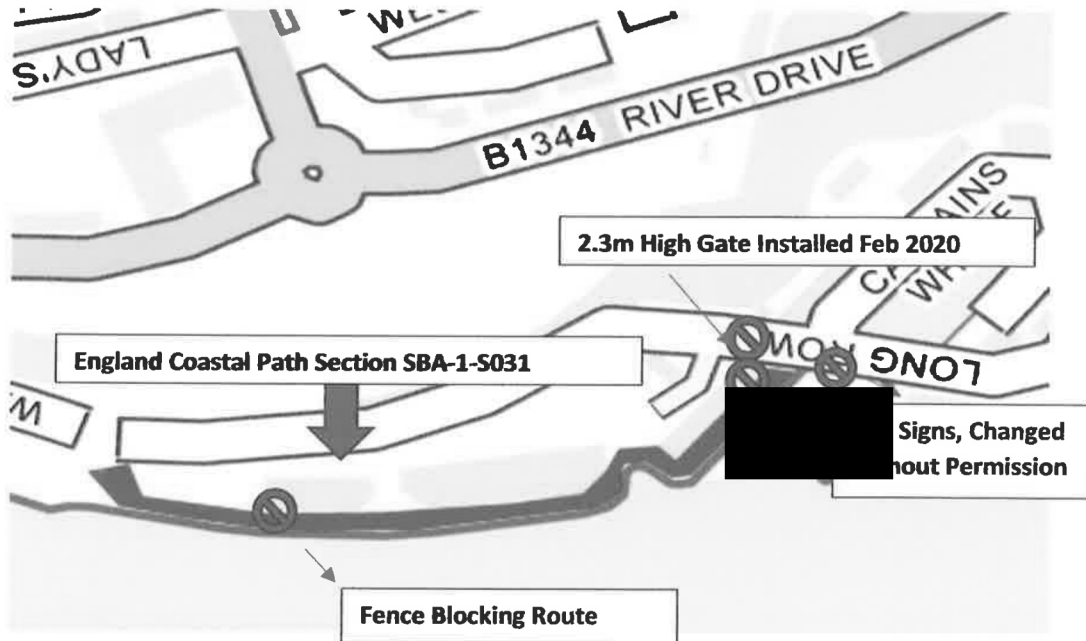
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EMAIL ATTACHED

Your Name:



Your Address:



Postcode:



Tel No: ..... (Optional)

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**MY USE OF THE ROUTE** (Please continue on a separate page if required)

I regularly used the route when walking my dogs. I would park at the Custom's House and walk along to the Groyne and back. It was always pleasant to walk alongside the river and watch the activities. I sadly lost my last dog in 2019 but would still incorporate the same footpath when I took up running from just after losing my dog until we went into the first lockdown in 2020.

It was only when restrictions were lifted and I returned to exercising in the area did I find that the area was closed off to public access. I used to walk from the Custom's House, past the Ferry Landing, and follow alongside the river all the way down passing in front of

the old Garlands call centre to Comical Corner. Since it was locked off I have been unable to access the area shown red on the map that was part of my regular exercise in the area

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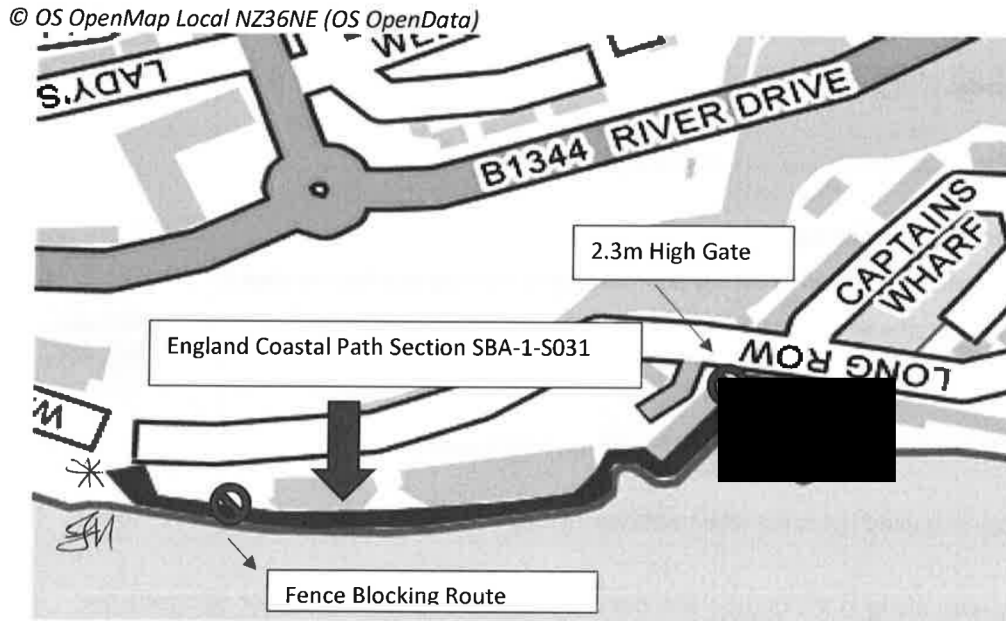


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## Friends Of Market Dock Path

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 August 2021 13:10  
**To:** Friends Of Market Dock Path  
**Subject:** Re: Evidence of use of public footpath  
**Attachments:** image001.png

Hi [REDACTED]  
No problem at all.  
I can confirm I have seen the map detailing the section of footpath in question.

My address is [REDACTED]

I also completed the downloadable form with written information about my use of the footpath and forwarded that to the Town Hall.

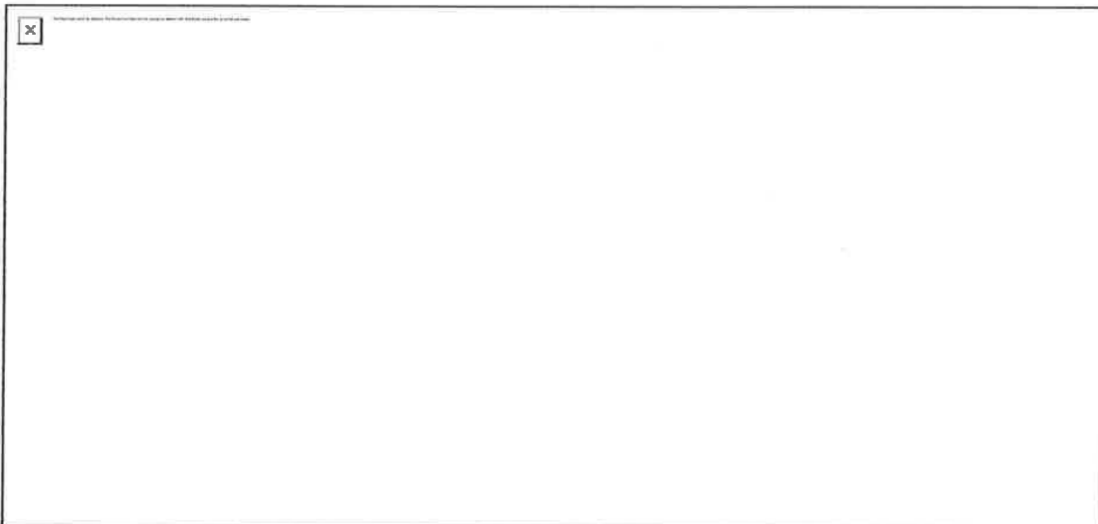
Hope this all helps  
Kind regards

On Sun, 15 Aug 2021, 13:04 Friends Of Market Dock Path, <[friendsofmarketdockpath@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmarketdockpath@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to send in your email explaining how you used the public path, so we can submit a public right of way supporting letter on your behalf please can you;

1. Provide us with your address and postcode
2. Confirm that you have seen the map below.



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 August 2021 12:33  
**To:** friendsofmarketdockpath@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Evidence of use of public footpath  
**Attachments:** FB\_IMG\_1628340195507.jpg; FB\_IMG\_1628340191049.jpg; FB\_IMG\_1628340184468.jpg

Hi

I regularly used to walk my dogs along to the seafront from the Custom's House taking in the whole footpath alongside the river. Although I haven't owned dogs now for a couple of years I used the same route when I started running, but like many, have been prevented from using a stretch of path due to the unlawful closure. I have found a couple of photos from one of my many dog walks which I attach as evidence.

Well done on your campaign!

Kind regards

[REDACTED]



