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- b) under general delegated authority, where the effect of the decision is to
 - i) grant permission or licence;
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 - iii) award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case ,
materially affects the Authority's financial position (£50,000 or over).

Temporary Traffic Regulation, Part of Footpath 201026, Ullock Moss Beck, Portinscale, Above Derwent Parish

Relevant section of Scheme of Delegation

PART 4 - DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS TO OFFICERS - ANNEX 4 - Functions delegated to Head of Ranger Service and sub-delegated to Ranger Team Leaders.

Rights of Way and Access Matters - All functions of the Authority under the Highway Acts (whether acting pursuant to its own functions or in pursuance of functions delegated to it by Cumberland Council) except for the making and confirmation of Definitive Map Modification Orders (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) and the decision to refer to the Planning Inspectorate of the confirmation of any orders under the Highway Acts where formal substantive representations have been made. "Substantive representations" are those which explain adequately the

nature of the concerns and meet the legal considerations defined by the Highways Acts and the Planning Acts.

Background

The footbridge over Ullock Moss Beck requires replacement.

Details of Decision

That we issue a Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice for part of footpath 201026 to enable works to replace the bridge.

Details of alternative options considered and rejected

Do not issue a Notice

Where a decision is made under an express authorisation, names of any Member(s) who have declared a conflict of interest

None

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Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice – Authorisation Report: 30 July 2026
Footpath 201026, Ullock Moss Bridge

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION NOTICE, PART OF FOOTPATH 201026, ULLOCK MOSS BECK, PORTINSCALE, ABOVE DERWENT PARISH

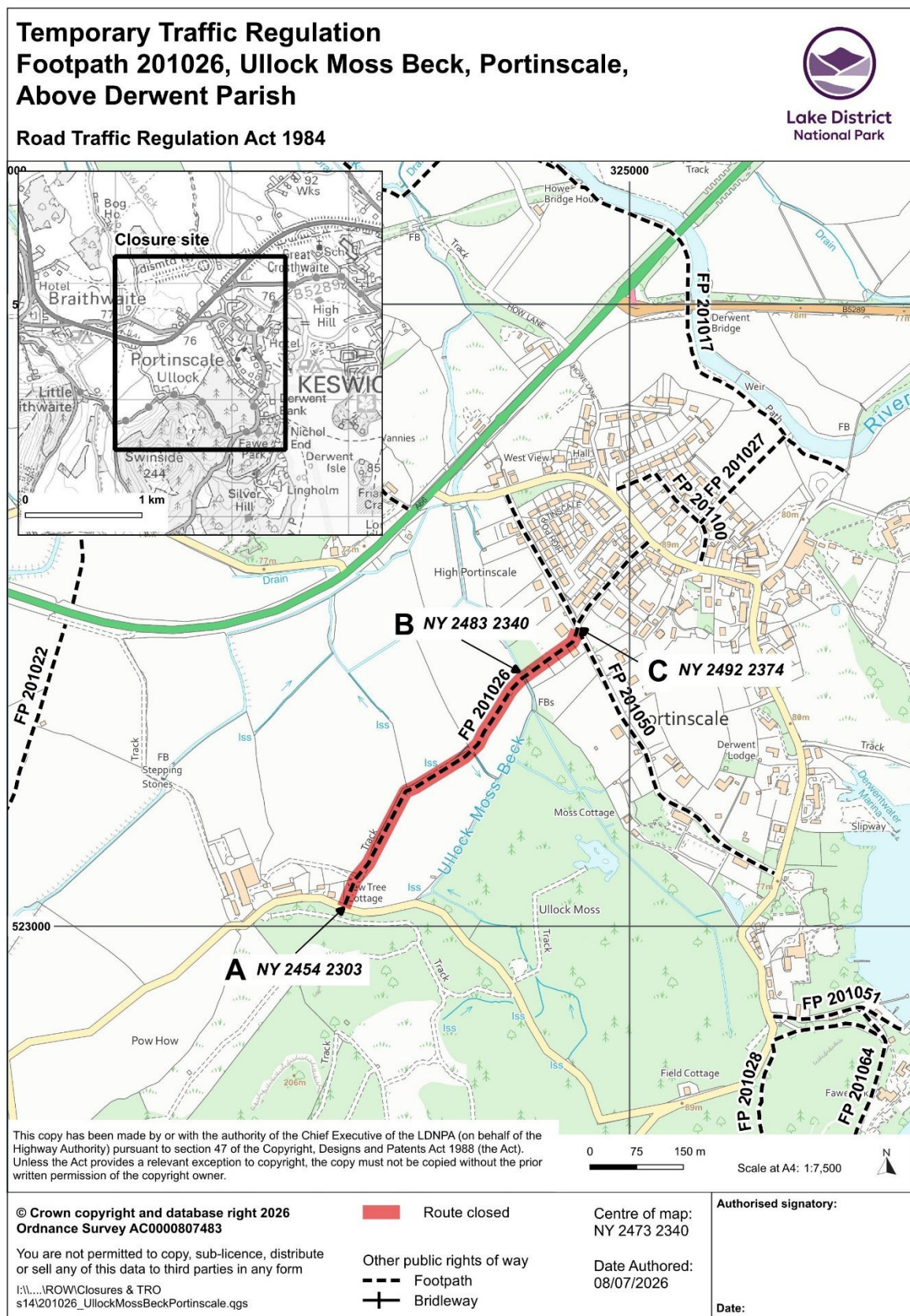
Summary

1. This report recommends the temporary prohibition of traffic on a section of footpath 201026 where it crosses the footbridge over Ullock Moss Beck, Portinscale, and its approaches, to enable us to carry out works to replace the bridge safely and efficiently.

Recommendation:

We issue a Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice for part of footpath 201026 to enable works to replace the bridge, as shown between points A and C on the plan overleaf

Map 1: Location Plan



Background

2. The footbridge over Ullock Moss Beck (point B on the map on page 2) needs replacing as the decking has suffered repeated failure, and the beams are beginning to deteriorate.
3. The channel is quite deep, so cannot be forded whilst the works are taking place, and as it is a narrow path on both sides there is no physical ability to put a temporary bridge alongside the works.
4. New concrete abutments are required – so there will be a few days where there is no way of crossing the beck at all, and the site will be unattended.
5. Consequently, it appears appropriate to issue a Notice temporarily closing the section of the footpath over the bridge and its approaches to enable the works to be carried out by our team efficiently, with minimal disturbance, whilst also protecting the public from reaching the site and inadvertently putting themselves at potential risk. Signage will be required at either end of the closed section of footpath to make users aware of the closure.
6. It is not expected that the works will take more than five days, in essence the working week beginning on 3 August 2026.
7. There is no suitable footpath alternative, other than walkers following the minor road network. We will not advertise this as an alternative, as Cumberland Council consider that roads without footways are not suitable alternatives to traffic-free footpaths for pedestrians without a full risk assessment.
8. Photos of the bridge from when repairs were done in 2025 are provided overleaf for context, and more can be seen on our Rights of Way Management System: [rowmans item: 23872](#).



Policy context

Links to Vision and Management Plan

9. The key outcome of the Vision for the Lake District National Park 2051 is that the Lake District is deeply valued by the nation as a thriving, working landscape, which is nature and heritage rich, climate resilient, and socially and economically vibrant. The Management Plan contains the policies and actions for achieving the aims of the Vision. One of the nine objectives is to 'Inspire people to understand, enjoy and care for the Lake District', and one of the best ways to achieve this is to have an easy-to-use rights of way network to enable people to explore the landscape, nature and heritage. An aim within the objective is 'Improving and maintaining the rights of way network'.

Links to Business Plan

10. There is no specific action or policy relating to temporary closures within the Business Plan, but they are a fundamental part of managing the rights of way network and ensuring efficient service delivery.

Options

11. The options are to:
- a) Issue a Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice
 - b) Do not issue a Notice

Proposals

12. I recommend option 11a. Closing the footpath will enable the proposed bridge replacement to be undertaken safely and efficiently. Path users will be made aware that the bridge is undergoing replacement preventing the likelihood of anyone attempting to use the new bridge before it is complete.

Stakeholder consultation

13. There is no requirement to consult when issuing temporary closure notices. We will send a notification email to our usual interested parties (Parish

Council, Highway Authority, user groups and so on) to make them aware of the closure. Site notices will be installed at either end of the closed section of footpath.

Demonstrating best value

14. **Challenged** – the challenge is for us to effectively manage the network and inform the public of relevant issues.
15. **Compared** – we have compared our processing of temporary closures to other similar organisations. We have no specific targets relating to them, but aim to process all requests in a timely fashion, without significant financial or staff implications.
16. **Consulted** – see paragraph 13.
17. **Compete** – processing Temporary Traffic Regulation Notices is not a competitive procedure. Cumberland Council can also process temporary closure Orders and Notices, but we appear the best-placed Authority to issue this Notice, especially as the closure facilitates our works maintaining the rights of way network.

Finance considerations

18. The cost of issuing a temporary closure Notice is approximately £340 (which covers staff-time, stationery and postage). As this work is to enable us to carry out maintenance on the rights of way network, it is appropriate that we meet all the costs from existing budgets and our own time.

Risk

19. The major risk associated is if we do not close the footpath whilst the bridge replacement works are underway. There could be a significant risk to any members of the public who attempted to use the new bridge whilst installation is ongoing. There would be additional hazards to members of the public during the works due to the use of machinery and equipment, and movement of materials, and for our staff in having to manage the approach of members of the public to the site whilst carrying out the works.

Legal considerations

20. The relevant grounds for restricting or prohibiting traffic on this path is within Section 14(1) or (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984; namely to enable works to be executed on or near the path.
21. The Head of Rangers has delegated powers to authorise the issue of Notices for the temporary closure of paths under the above provisions. This has been sub-delegated to the Ranger Team Leaders.

Human resources

22. The (legal) work involved in this proposal is approximately 6 hours from members of the Ranger team, and 0.5 hours from the GIS Officer. The work involved is part of our day-to-day duties, and most of it has already been undertaken.

Diversity implications

23. I have not identified any issues relating to diversity which would result from the issuing of this Notice, or a decision not to.

Sustainability

24. I have not identified any significant environmental, economic or social effects that will affect sustainability relating to this proposal.

Authorisation

Authorised by:

Signature



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