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Temporary Traffic Regulation, footpath 407024 and unrecorded way generally used as part of footpath 407024, Anglers' Crag, Ennerdale and Kinniside 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

Works are planned by Lake District National Park Authority contractors to repair a collapsed revetment and address erosion issues on the footpath at Anglers' Crag. A temporary closure of the footpath has been applied for internally to enable these works to take place safely and efficiently.

Details of Decision

- a) That we make an order temporarily closing the affected section of footpath 407024 and the way generally used as part of it over Anglers' Crag (points A-B-C-D on the plan within the report) whilst path works are underway, to be in effect for six months, or until the works are complete, if earlier.

Details of alternative options considered and rejected

Do not make an order.

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 ORDER, FOOTPATH 407024 AND UNRECORDED WAY GENERALLY USED AS PART OF FOOTPATH 407024, ANGLERS' CRAG, ENNERDALE AND KINNISIDE PARISH

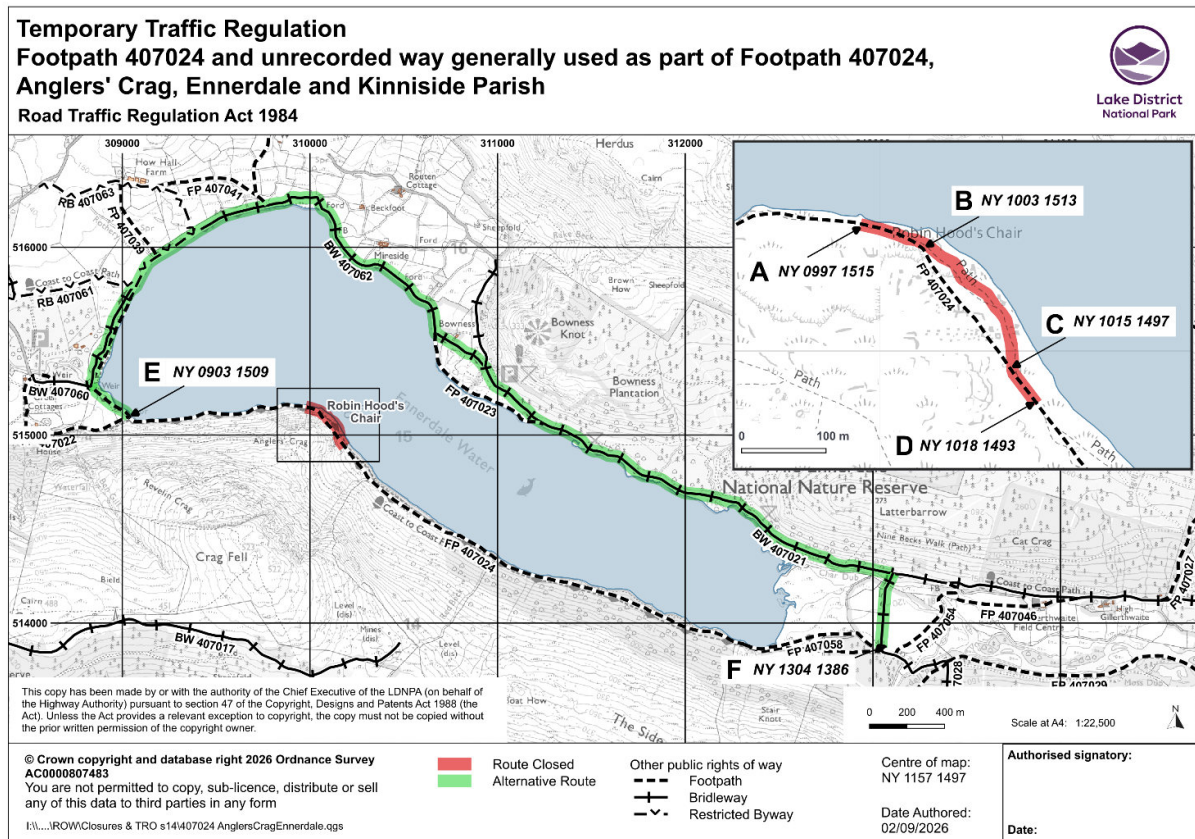
Summary

1. This report recommends the temporary prohibition of all traffic over a section of path at Anglers' Crag whilst works are undertaken on behalf of the LDNPA to repair a collapsed revetment and address erosion issues. The path will be obstructed much of the time during the works and there are exposed sections where a fall could result in serious injury. The path is part of the Coast to Coast National Trail.

Recommendation:

We make a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order temporarily closing the affected section of footpath 407024 and the way generally used as part of it over Anglers' Crag (points A-B-C-D) whilst path works are underway, to be in effect for six months, or until the works are complete, if earlier.

Location Plan



Background

- Our North Area Ranger (and Coast to Coast National Trail lead) is overseeing works by an LDNPA contractor to repair the path over Anglers' Crag and improve its resilience to erosion and has requested a temporary closure to facilitate this – the affected section is shown on the plan between points A-B-C-D. This route forms one of the 'braids' of the Coast to Coast National Trail alongside Ennerdale Water.
- The works will involve stone being lifted to site by helicopter – it may be necessary for this to be placed directly onto the walked route of the path (stone will need to be landed on level areas). Contractors will then be working on the path which is very constricted with a steep drop to one side in places (see photos). At times there will be no clear route along the used path. There is a concern that if the footpath were to remain open throughout the works there would be a risk that users could slip or fall from exposed sections whilst

attempting to avoid or get around the works. At times the contractors will be using roped fall arrest systems which may need to be set up across the path – presenting additional hazards to workers and the public. This is a very popular route – managing access with bankspersons would make the works far less efficient, and at times the factors mentioned above would still present obstructions and practical difficulties with use of the path.

4. The Local Access Forum and Wild Ennerdale Partnership Manager responded to our consultation on the closure with requests for additional detail regarding the need for / nature of the works. Our Northern Area Ranger provided information from the invitation to tender regarding the rationale for these works. She highlighted that this route was formerly a Fix the Fells route, and that the aim of the work specification was similar to their typical projects – repairing a damaged revetment, landscaping out side paths which have developed and creating a short section of pitching on a section prone to erosion – with a view to improving the future sustainability of this path.

Photo 1 – pitching to be added from approximately point this photo was taken from up to the section of bedrock



Photo 2 – collapsed revetment with side route joining from below



Photo 3 – side route which has developed to side of section of bedrock



5. It is expected that the works will take up to six weeks, taking place some time between mid-November 2026 and the end of March 2027 – avoiding busier times of year will minimise disruption. Separately to these works, a closure of the bridleway (407021) along the north shore of Ennerdale Water is anticipated to be in effect in November (provisionally 10 – 13 November) to enable Forestry England (FE) to replace Smithy Beck Bridge. We will avoid both closures being in effect at the same time to minimise disruption.
6. A suggested alternative route is shown on the plan (between points E and F) via the public rights of way skirting the northern side of Ennerdale Water. Other alternatives are possible / logical using other rights of way and surrounding open access land, depending on individual start points and destinations. Signage will be erected both on the affected route and junctions with potential alternatives, and at nearby likely start points for walks in the area. We will also inform the National Trail Partnership Manager and suggest that information about the closure is added on the National Trails website.
7. At some times during the closure period it may be possible for the path to be made available outside working hours. Additional signage will be used to advise when the path is open or closed.

Policy context

Links to Vision and Management Plan

8. A key outcome of the Vision for the Lake District National Park 2006 – 2030 is a landscape which provides an irreplaceable source of inspiration, whose benefits to people and wildlife are valued and improved. Our Partnership's Plan is the Management Plan for the Lake District National Park which contains our policies for achieving the aims and desired outcomes for the Vision.

Links to Business Plan

9. 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

10. The options are to:
- a) Make a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order
 - b) Do not make an Order

Proposals

11. I recommend option 10a for the reasons set out in the Background section. Closure of this path will enable our contractors to safely carry out the planned works to repair and reduce future erosion of this path. Refusing to make an Order would appear unreasonable given the potential hazards to users and workers if the path remained open whilst works were underway, and it would significantly impact on the efficiency of the works. During the closure signage would be used to advise the public when it is safe to use the path.

Stakeholder consultation

12. We have carried out a consultation with interested bodies and individuals, including Cumberland Council (the Highway Authority), the Parish Council, Local Access Forum and various user groups.
13. We received the following responses:

Name of stakeholder	Consultation response
Forestry England	Thank you for sharing this plan.

	On behalf of Forestry England we are happy with the proposed diversion route and understand that the works proposed will improve safety for walkers.
Local Access Forum representative request for additional information	Could you provide some detail about the nature and scale of the work proposed on Anglers Crag. We have had some concerns expressed about 'landscaping' and whether there are to be 'improvements' to what so far is the wild side of the lake. Could you clarify to what extent the objectives are just to make the path safe, repairing collapsed sections, and how much it is about improvements and making it safer for users of the C2C or even ensuring the usability of the C2C on this side of the lake. Further detail about the works would enable an informed judgement as to whether or not they are appropriate.
Local Access Forum final response	The Cumbria and Lakes Joint Local Access Forum (C&LJLAF) welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the consultation on the above proposals. We appreciate the need for these repairs and the need for the temporary closure. Also we understand the alternative route as described is an unavoidable and necessary lengthy diversion. Initially we had some concerns about the extent of the landscaping and improvements to the unrecorded way on this, the wilder side of Ennerdale. Following the detailed works programme from you and Jo Willmott we are have no issues with this and have further comments to make. Thanks for the extra information.
National Trust Ranger	Thanks for sending this over. I'll contact Neil Hardisty the farmer who owns land over Anglers Crag to let him know of the footpath closure.

Open Spaces Society	Not surprised this needs work. It has proved a nightmare for some people to find their way over the crag!!!! I was never happy about this path forming part of the “braided” C2C because of the state of the unsustainable surface. In a recent note to UUplc regarding the removal of Ennerdale dam I have suggested they investigate the construction of a PROW on the margin of there lake edge that would be exposed once the water levels were lowered below the crag. Perhaps the npa might consider the pros and cons of this idea. In the mean time but of luck to this involved with this tricky work.
National Trust Wild Ennerdale Partnership Officer	Thank you for this information. With regard to the proposed works at Anglers Crag, would you be able to provide more details please, so ideally a method statement along with risk assessment, copy of insurance and a habitat regulations assessment? I can then pass these on to relevant colleagues at National Trust and Natural England. I think some of the LDNPA team did a site visit a few weeks to scope this work so it's having the detail on what's proposed that would be helpful.

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** – we have carried out the required consultations.
17. **Compete** – processing Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders is not a competitive procedure. Cumberland Council can also process temporary closure Orders, but we are the best-placed organisation to make this order, particularly as it is being made to facilitate path works by our contractors..

Finance considerations

18. The costs of a temporary closure Order are approximately £1,060 (which covers staff-time, stationery and postage) plus the cost of two newspaper adverts. The advert costs will initially be met by the LDNPA, but will be reclaimed, along with staffing costs, through Natural England funding for works on the Coast to Coast National Trail. As we will also be making a temporary closure Order for FE's works at Smithy Beck Bridge at around the same time it may be possible to combine the notices for these closures – a more efficient use of public money.

Risk

19. The major risk associated with this is if we do not make an Order. As discussed in the Background section there would be potential hazards to both members of the public and our contractors if the works were to take place without a temporary closure in effect.

Legal considerations

20. The relevant ground for prohibiting traffic on this path is within Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984; namely to enable works to be executed on or near the path (Section 14 (1)).

21. The Head of Ranger Service has delegated powers to authorise the issue of Notices and the making of Orders for the temporary closure of paths under the provisions of Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. This has been sub-delegated to the Ranger Team Leaders.
22. Part of the path generally used at Anglers' Crag differs from the line recorded on the definitive map (by up to around 30 metres) – therefore part of this closure would be for the unrecorded way generally used as the route of the public footpath. We consider this section to qualify as a 'road' for the purposes of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (which the closure Order would be made under). Section 142 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 defines a road, for the purposes of the Act, as, 'any length of highway or of any other road to which the public has access'.

Human resources

23. The work involved in this proposal (just the temporary closure aspect) is approximately 15 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

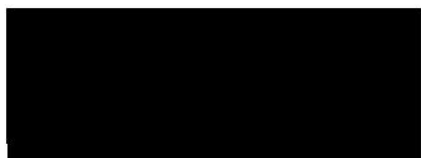
24. I have not identified any issues relating to diversity as a result of the making of a TTRO, or a decision not to.

Sustainability

25. I have not identified any significant environmental, economic or social effects that will affect sustainability. The planned works should increase the future resilience of this path to erosion.

Authorisation

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