PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF MAKING OF PUBLIC PATH ORDERS

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

BRIDLEWAY 7 MELBECKS (20.95/07) DIVERSION ORDER 2026

FOOTPATH 97 MELBECKS (20.95/97) CREATION ORDER 2026

Bridleway 7 Melbecks (20.95/07) Diversion Order 2026

The above order, made on 27 January 2026 under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, will divert the section of public bridleway near Blakethwaite Old Smelt Mill in Gunnerside Gill that runs from grid reference NY 9367 0176 (point A on the order map) generally north north-eastwards for approximately 440 metres to join Bridleway 20/95/14 at NY 9382 0216 (point B), (total length 440 metres), so as to run, instead, from NY 9367 0176 (point A) proceeding in a north easterly direction for approximately 25 metres then northwards for a further 25 metres where it turns gradually eastwards for 15 metres to cross the watercourse by means of a natural ford. Once on the east bank the bridleway proceeds generally southwards for 45 metres then south eastwards for 35 metres climbing the hillside, switching to north eastwards for another for 53 metres and finally south eastwards for 42 metres to NY 9378 0175 (point C) where it joins Bridleway 20/95/14 (total length 245 metres), as shown on the order map. All distances are approximate. The order will not take effect unless and until it is confirmed.

Footpath 97 Melbecks (20.95/97) Creation Order 2026

The above order, made on 27 January 2026 under Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980, will create a section of public footpath near Blakethwaite Old Smelt Mill in Gunnerside Gill that runs from Bridleway 20.95/7 (as diverted) at grid reference NY 9369 0177 (point A) proceeding in a south-easterly direction for 7 metres over an historic stone bridge (1.1-1.2m wide) then a further 9 metres to Bridleway 20.95/7 at NY 9371 0177 (point B) (total distance 16 metres). All distances are approximate. This creation order will not take effect unless and until the above diversion order is confirmed.

A copy of each order and order map can be viewed at the National Park Office, Yoredale, Bainbridge during normal office hours until 6 March 2026, or on our website using the following link www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/path-orders . Alternatively please email C2C@yorkshiredales.org.uk or telephone 01969 652386 to arrange for copies to be sent to you free of charge.

Any representations about or objections to the order may be sent in writing to The Solicitor, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Yoredale, Bainbridge, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 3EL not later than 6 March 2026. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority may confirm the orders as an unopposed order. If either order is sent to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation, any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the order.

Dated 6 February 2026

CLARE BEVAN
SOLICITOR
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
Bainbridge

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

BRIDLEWAY 7 MELBECKS (20.95/7) DIVERSION ORDER 2026

This Order is made by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority ("the authority") under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 ("the 1980 Act") because it appears to the authority that in the interests of the public it is expedient that the line of the path described in paragraph 1 of this Order should be diverted.

North Yorkshire Council, Melbecks Parish Council and Natural England have been consulted as required by Section 120 (2) of the 1980 Act.

BY THIS ORDER:

1. The public right of way over the land situated near Blakethwaite Smelt Mill in Gunnerside Gill, described in Part 1 of the Schedule to this Order and shown by a bold black continuous line on the map contained in this Order shall be stopped up from the date of confirmation of this Order.

2. There shall from the date of confirmation of this Order be a public bridleway over the land situated near Blakethwaite Smelt Mill in Gunnerside Gill, as described in Part 2 of the Schedule to this Order and shown by a bold black broken line on the map contained in this Order.

SCHEDULE

PART 1

DESCRIPTION OF SITE OF EXISTING PATH OR WAY

Section of bridleway as shown on the attached map	Position	Approximate width
Marked by a bold black continuous line and shown as A - B	From grid reference NY 9367 0176 (point A) generally north north-eastwards for approximately 440 metres to join Bridleway 20/95/14 at grid reference NY 9382 0216 (point B). Approximate length: 440 metres	Not specified

PART 2

DESCRIPTION OF SITE OF NEW PATH OR WAY

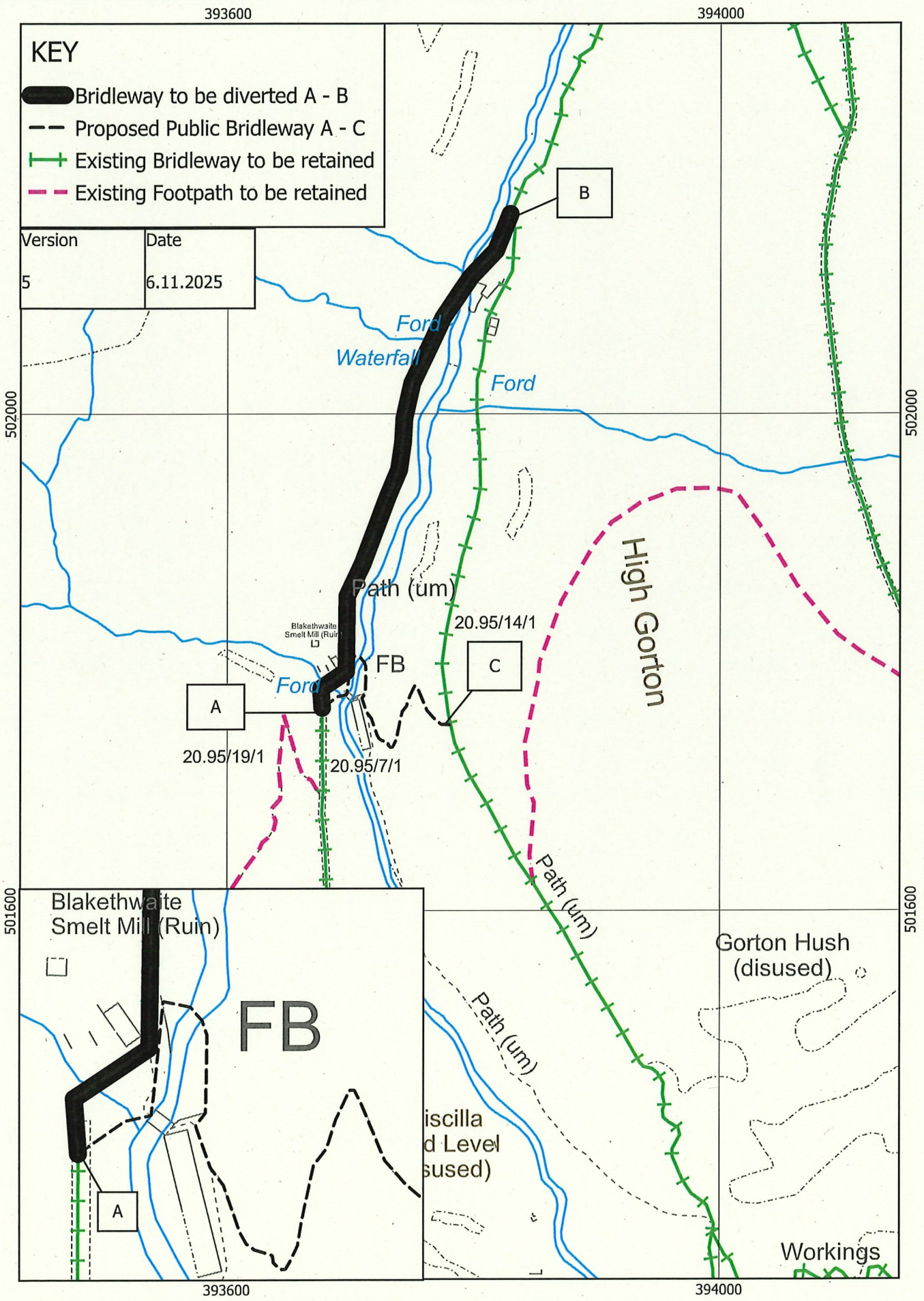
Section of bridleway as shown on the attached map	Position	Approximate width
Marked by a bold black broken line and shown as A – C	From grid reference NY 9367 0176 (point A) proceeding in a north easterly direction for approximately 25 metres then northwards for a further 25 metres where it turns gradually eastwards for 15 metres to cross the watercourse by means of a natural ford. Once on the east bank the bridleway proceeds generally southwards for 45 metres then south eastwards for 35 metres climbing the hillside, switching to north eastwards for another for 53 metres and finally south eastwards for 42 metres to grid reference NY 9378 0175 (point C) where it joins Bridleway 20/95/14. Approximate length: 245 metres	4 metres

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HIGHWAYS ACT 1980, SECTION 119
DIVERSION OF BRIDLEWAY NO 20.95/7, IN THE PARISH OF MELBECKS

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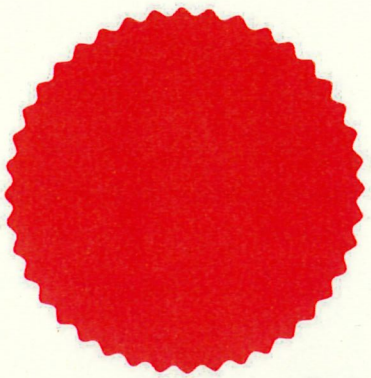
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THE COMMON SEAL of)
YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK)
AUTHORITY was hereunto affixed this)
27th day of January 2026)
in the presence of:-)



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YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY in exercise of the powers conferred upon it in that behalf hereby confirm the foregoing Order (without any modification) as an Unopposed Order

THE COMMON SEAL of)
YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK)
AUTHORITY was hereunto affixed this)
day of 2026)
in the presence of:-)

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER

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BRIDLEWAY 7 MELBECKS (20.95/7)
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