Yorkshire Dales Active Travel Plan

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In June 2025, the National Park Authority approved its first Active Travel Plan.

The 10-year plan focuses on creating new routes and adapting existing rights of way for both recreational and everyday walking, wheeling, cycling and riding:



1. Strategic multi-use routes (e.g. Kirkby Lonsdale – Ingleton, or Garsdale – Hawes)

2. Local links, including safe routes to schools (e.g. Kirkby Malham school, Austwick - Clapham)

3. Village or town walking zones, including safe road crossings (e.g. Threshfield/Grassington)

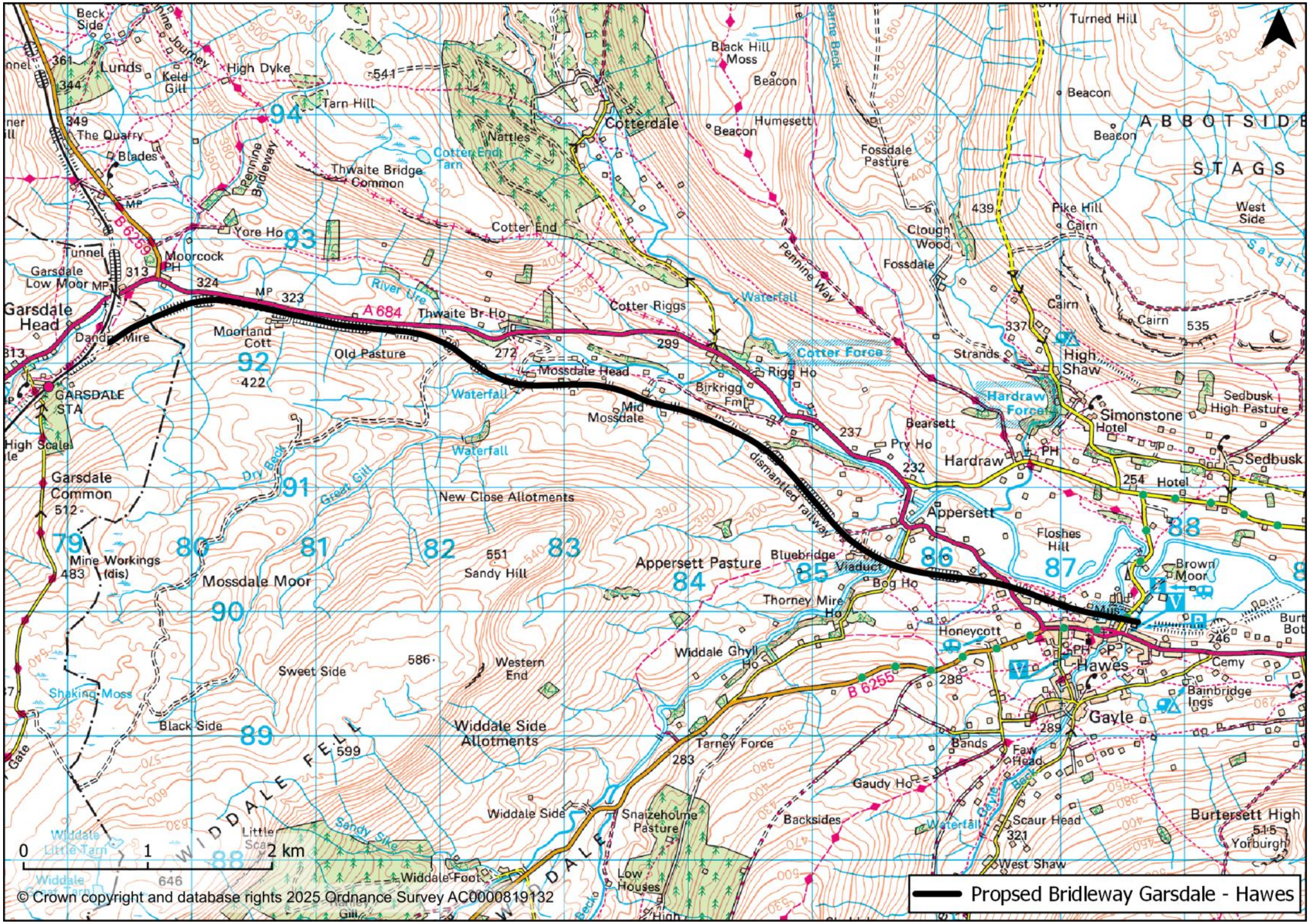
Garsdale – Hawes multi-use route

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The proposed route

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Progress to date

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- Early 2020 – Authority commissioned a feasibility study for establishment of the multi-use route.
- March 2022 – Authority approved the principle of creating the multi-use route, requesting a public consultation.
- June 2022 – Public consultation held with over 2,200 responses.
  72% of all respondents were supportive, 82% of those living or working in the National Park were supportive.
- Late 2023 – Agents appointed to contact landowners to discuss proposals with view to securing access through creation agreements.
- Sep 2025 – Authority approved officers to progress preparations to make a public path creation order

Creation Agreements

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- 10 (of 20) landowners agreed ‘in-principle’ to offer access
- 5 negotiations on-going
- Remaining landowners have clearly stated their objections or have been unresponsive
- Proposed route requires all landowners to agree



Public Path Creation Order

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What is a Creation Order?

What is the process?



Next Steps

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Continue dialogue with landowners



Consult with local highway authorities and other interested organisations, in advance of making creation order



Preparation and assessments for planning and other consents required