

## **OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **THE BOROUGH OF OLDHAM DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT**

#### **THE BOROUGH OF OLDHAM (FOOTPATH 156 SADDLEWORTH AND BRIDLEWAY 289 SADDLEWORTH) DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2025**

The above Order made on 11 December 2025, if confirmed as made, will modify the definitive map and statement for the area by upgrading to a bridleway that part of the public right of way known as Footpath 156 Saddleworth from Oldham Road, Dobcross (A62) to Thurston Clough Road, Dobcross, to be known as Bridleway 289 Saddleworth.

A copy of the order and the order map may be seen free of charge at the Reception Area, J R Clynes Building, Union Street, Oldham, between the hours of 8.40am to 5.00pm (Ref: AE/FD1/25). Copies of the order and map may be bought there at the price of £1.

Any representation or objection relating to the order must be sent in writing to the Environment Group Solicitor, Spindles Shopping Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1LF or email to [alan.evans@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:alan.evans@oldham.gov.uk) not later than 6 February 2026, and applicants are requested to state the grounds on which it is made.

If no representations or objections are duly made to the order, or to any part of it, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Oldham Council, instead of submitting the order to the Secretary of State (or part of it if the authority has by notice to the Secretary of State so elected under paragraph 5 of Schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) may itself confirm the order (or that part of the order). If the order is submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in whole or in part, any representations or objections which have been duly made and not withdrawn will be sent with it.

Dated 22 December 2025

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**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

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289 SADDLEWORTH) DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT  
MODIFICATION ORDER 2025**

This Order is made by the Oldham Borough Council under section 53(2)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the Act") because it appears to that authority that the Borough of Oldham Definitive Map and Statement require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in section 53(3)(c)(ii) namely that a highway shown in the map and statement as a highway of a particular description ought to be there shown as a highway of a different description.

The authority have consulted with every local authority whose area includes the land to which the Order relates.

The Oldham Borough Council hereby order that:-

1. For the purposes of this Order the relevant date is 1st June 2025.
2. The Borough of Oldham Definitive Map and Statement shall be modified as described in Part I and Part II of the Schedule and shown on the map attached to the Order.
3. This Order shall take effect on the date it is confirmed and may be cited as the Borough of Oldham (Footpath 156 Saddleworth and Bridleway 289 Saddleworth) Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2025.

**SCHEDULE**

**PART I**

**Modification of Definitive Map**

**Description of public right of way to be upgraded**

That part of Footpath 156 Saddleworth between Oldham Road, Dobcross (A62) and Thurston Clough Road, Dobcross as shown on the map attached to the Order shall be upgraded to a bridleway to be known as Bridleway 289 Saddleworth.

## PART II

### Modification of Definitive Statement

#### Variation of particulars of path or way

#### Amended entry for Footpath 156 Saddleworth

District and path number	Page Number	Status	Length	Description	Comments
Saddleworth 156	6	Footpath	2295 metres	Footpath commencing at Thurston Clough Road at GR SD97513 06380 and continuing in a generally northerly direction for a distance of approximately 1120 metres to GR SD97101 07348 at its junction with Shiloh Lane at Shiloh Farm. Then continuing northwards for a distance of approximately 182 metres to GR SD97112 07529 at its junction with Path No.142 then westwards for a distance of approximately 121 metres to GR SD96996 07560 at its junction with Path No.157. Continuing west and northwest for a distance of approximately 343 metres to GR SD96697 07715 crossing High Lee Lane and continuing northwest to GR SD96623 07788 to its junction with Path No 94. With (1) a branch proceeding southward for a distance of approximately 168 metres to GR SD96625 07621 at High Lee Lane and (2) a branch proceeding southeasterly for a distance of approximately 113 metres to GR SD96667 07683 at High Lee Lane and then westerly (in a V shape) for a distance of approximately 113 metres to GR SD96554 07689 at the former Lancashire County Boundary.	1.2 metres wide 13 stiles

#### New entry for Bridleway 289 Saddleworth

District and path number	Status	Length	Description	Comments
Bridleway 289 Saddleworth	Bridleway	376 metres	Bridleway commencing at GR SD97863 06256 Oldham Road, Dobcross A62 (the former Wakefield and Austerlands County Road) and proceeding in a north westerly direction along Quarry Lane for a distance of approximately 376 metres to its junction with Thurston Clough Road at GR SD97513 06380.	1.2 metres wide

THE COMMON SEAL of THE  
OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed this 11th

day of December 2025

in the presence of: -

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*Rebecca Boyle*

REBECCA BOYLE  
GROUP SOLICITOR



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