

NATIONAL COAL BOARD

OPENCAST COAL ACT 1958

Notice is hereby given that the National Coal Board intend to submit an application entitled the Buck Head Application 1978 to the Secretary of State for an authorisation under section 1 of the Opencast Coal Act 1958 to work coal by opencast operations or to cause or permit coal to be worked by such operations and for an Order under section 15 of that Act suspending public rights of way. The land which the National Coal Board require to occupy in this connection and the rights of way to which the application for the Order relates and the alternative ways which the National Coal Board propose to make available are described below.

A copy of the application and of the accompanying map may be seen between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays, and 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturdays, public holidays excepted, at the Bishop Auckland Branch Library, Lightfoot Institute, Kingsway, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham.

Any objection to the application must be made in writing to the Secretary of State at Thames House South, Millbank, London, SW1P 4QJ, before 28th March 1978 and should state whether it is to the grant of the authorisation or to the making of the Order suspending public rights of way and the grounds of objection.

Description of Land

316 hectares or thereabouts of land situated in the Parishes of Cockfield, Evenwood and Barony, and Raby with Keeverstone in the District of Teesdale in the County of Durham. The land lies in two parts on either side of Esperley Lane (Class III road, No. 30) which runs from Esperley Lane Ends to Wackerfield. The northern part of the site is bounded to the south by Esperley Lane, to the east partly by the A.688 road, to the north by the class III No. 42 (Cockfield to Evenwood) road and lies east of Esperley Lane Ends. The southern part of the site is bounded to the north by Esperley Lane and lies to the east of Cockfield, to the west of the Sun Inn, to the north-east of Burnt Houses Lane and to the north-west of the A.688 (West Auckland to Barnard Castle) Road.

*Description of Public Rights of Way**Parish of Evenwood and Barony*

1. Part of Bridle Road number 2 which runs from a point on the class III road No. 42 (Cockfield to Evenwood) at a point about 180 metres north-west of Buck Head in a south-easterly direction past Buck Head then in a south-westerly direction to Esperley Lane at a point about 340 metres south-east of Esperley Lane Ends being that part which extends from a point about 50 metres west of Buck Head for a distance of about 675 metres to a point 10 metres north-east of its termination.

2. Part of footpath number 3 which runs from Alpine Terrace, Evenwood, in a south-westerly direction to Esperley Lane at a point about 260 metres north-east of Gordon House Cottage being that part which extends from a point about 190 metres south-west of Alpine Terrace for a distance of about 1,240 metres to the parish boundary at a point 15 metres north-east of its termination.

3. Footpath number 4 which runs from a point on footpath number 3 about 230 metres south-east of Buck Head in a west-north-westerly direction, past Buck Head and crossing Bridle Road number 2 for a distance of about 480 metres to its junction with the class III, No. 42 (Cockfield to Evenwood) at a point about 240 metres north-west of Buck Head.

4. Part of footpath number 5 which runs from West View, Evenwood Village, in a generally south-westerly direction past Park House to the parish boundary on Esperley Lane at a point about 260 metres north-west of the Sun Inn being that part which extends from a point about 60 metres south-west of Park House for a distance of about 715 metres to its termination.

Parish of Cockfield

5. Part of footpath number 34 which runs from the class III, No. 42 Road (Cockfield to Evenwood) at Blackburn Bridge in a southerly direction to its junction with footpath number 37 at a point about 70 metres east of the former Gordon House Colliery being that part which extends from a point about 150 metres south of its com-

mencement for a distance of about 270 metres to a point about 100 metres north-east of the former Gordon House Colliery.

6. Part of footpath number 36 which runs from Long Lane at the north-west corner of the allotments in a generally north-westerly direction to St. Mary's Church, Cockfield, being that part which extends from a point about 360 metres north of its commencement for a distance of about 340 metres to a point about 200 metres south-east of St. Mary's Church.

7. Two parts of footpath number 37 which runs from its junction with footpath number 38 at a point 160 metres east of the former Gordon House Colliery in a westerly direction to its junction with footpath number 36 at a point about 240 metres west of the former Colliery being firstly that part which extends from its commencement for a distance of about 40 metres and secondly that part which extends from a point about 60 metres west of the former Gordon House Colliery for a distance of about 180 metres to its termination.

8. Footpath number 38 which runs from Esperley Lane at a point about 260 metres north-west of the Sun Inn in a generally westerly direction past Gordon House and continuing in a westerly then north-westerly direction to its junction with footpath number 37 (referred to in paragraph 7 above).

9. Part of footpath number 39 which runs from Long Lane at the north-west corner of the allotments in a generally north-easterly direction to its junction with footpath number 38 at a point about 390 metres from its commencement being that part which extends from a point about 140 metres north-east of its commencement for a distance of about 250 metres to its termination.

10. Footpath number 41 which runs from Esperley Lane opposite Gordon House Cottage in a south-westerly direction for a distance of about 340 metres to its junction with footpath No. 38 described in paragraph 8 above at Gordon House.

Parishes of Cockfield and Raby with Keeverstone

11. Part of the footpath which runs from Esperley Lane at a point about 290 metres north-west of Gordon House Cottage in a generally south-westerly direction to the Staindrop to West Auckland Road (A.688) at a point near Keeverston Grange being footpath number 40 in the Parish of Cockfield which runs from its commencement in a generally south-westerly direction for a distance of about 680 metres to the north-west corner of Keeverstone Plantation from where it continues as part of footpath number 3 in the Parish of Raby with Keeverstone in a generally south-south-westerly direction for a distance of about 430 metres to a point about 410 metres south-east of Ivy Cottage.

*Description of alternative ways proposed to be made available**Parish of Evenwood and Barony*

12. From the point about 240 metres north-west of Buck Head, referred to in paragraph number 3 above, in a generally south-easterly direction for a distance of about 120 metres, then in a generally westerly direction for a distance of about 450 metres, then in a generally south-westerly direction for a distance of about 320 metres to Esperley Lane at a point about 110 metres east of No. 15 Esperley Lane Ends.

13. From a point about 190 metres south-west of Alpine Terrace, Evenwood, referred to in paragraph number 2 above, in a generally north-westerly direction for a distance of about 220 metres to the class III, No. 42 road (Cockfield to Evenwood) at a point about 310 metres west of Alpine Terrace.

Parish of Cockfield

14. From the point 360 metres north of the north-west corner of the allotments adjacent to Long Lane, referred to in paragraph number 6 above, in a generally westerly direction for a distance of about 205 metres, then in a north-westerly direction for a distance of about 150 metres, then in a generally north-easterly direction for a distance of about 205 metres to the point about 200 metres south-east of St. Mary's Church, Cockfield referred to in paragraph 6 above.

Dated 20th February 1978.

F. M. Johnson, Duly authorised in that behalf by the National Coal Board. (489)