

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 are described below. A copy of the application and of the accompanying map may be seen between the hours of 2.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays, excepting public holidays, at the Public Library, London Road, Chesterton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs.; and between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays, 2.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays and 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Thursdays and 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturdays, excepting public holidays, at the Public Library, High Street, Silverdale, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs.; and between the hours of 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 2.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays and 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturdays, excepting public holidays, at the Public Library, Knutton Lane, Knutton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs.

Any objection to the application must be made in writing to the Secretary of State at the Department of Energy, Thames House South, Millbank, London SW1P 4QJ, before 29th November 1982, 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

The land which is about 265.5 hectares (656.2 acres) in extent, is situated in the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme in the County of Staffordshire, part lying within the parish of Audley Rural in that Borough. The land is about 3.5 kilometres north-west of Newcastle-under-Lyme and lies to the south of the A52 (T) road and north of Silverdale Colliery. The land comprises two parts north and south respectively of the unclassified road known as Apedale Road, Apedale:

- (a) The main part of the land lies to the north of Silverdale Colliery, Gorsty Farm and Jovial Colliers Farm, to the west of Knutton, Hooters Hall Farm and Chesterton, to the south of Apedale Road, and to the east of Watermills Wood and Alsagers Bank.
- (b) The remainder of the land comprises a corridor running north-westerly from Apedale Road to an area, including the former Miry Wood Quarry, which lies to the north of Miry Wood and Burgess's Wood and to the south of Wood Lane and Woodhouse Farm. Part of this land lies within the Audley Rural Parish.

Description of Public Rights of Way

1. Part of Footpath No. 44 (Audley Rural Parish) which runs in a generally south-easterly direction from Miles Green Road, Miles Green to Apedale Road, Apedale, being part which extends from a point about 360 metres south of the property known as Wood Lane Liberty Club and Institute for a distance of about 340 metres to a point about 250 metres north-north-west of the dwelling known as Apedale House.

2. Part of Footpath No. 49 which runs in a generally south-westerly direction from a point about 40 metres north-west of Watermills Monument at its junction with Footpath Nos. 45 and 46 to its termination at its junction with Footpath No. 50 at a point about 225 metres south of Watermills Farmhouse, being the part which extends from a point about 35 metres south-east of Watermills Monument for a distance of about 820 metres to its termination.

3. Footpath No. 50 which runs in a generally south-easterly direction from a point about 110 metres south-west of Watermills Farmhouse for a distance of about 860 metres to its termination at its junction with Footpath No. 55 about 95 metres to the south-east of the site of the former Grubbers Ash Farm.

4. Part of Footpath No. 51 which runs in a generally north-easterly direction from High Lane at a point between the dwellings known as The Uplands and Red Roofs to its termination at its junction with Footpath No. 50 at a point about 90 metres north-east of The Uplands, being the part which extends from a point about 50 metres north-east of High Lane for a distance of about 55 metres to its termination.

5. Parts of Footpath No. 52 which runs in a generally southerly direction from Apedale Road, Apedale, to its junction with Footpath Nos. 53 and 68 at a point about 425 metres south of Apedale Mine, being the part which extends from a point on Apedale Road about 100 metres west-north-west of the dwellings known as Burley Bridge Cottages for a distance of about 60 metres to a point about 85 metres west of Burley Bridge Cottages, and the part which extends from a point about 65 metres south-south-west of Apedale Mine for a distance of about 365 metres to its termination.

6. Footpath No. 53 which runs in a generally south-westerly direction from its junction with Footpath Nos. 52 and 68 at a point about 425 metres south of Apedale Mine for a distance of about 875 metres to its termination at Blackbank Road at a point opposite the dwelling known as number 14 Blackbank Road.

7. Footpath No. 54 which runs in a generally north-easterly direction from its junction with Footpath Nos. 55 and 57 about 105 metres to the east-south-east of the site of the former Grubbers Ash Farm for a distance of about 885 metres to its termination at its junction with Footpath No. 52 at a point about 170 metres south-west of the dwellings known as Burley Bridge Cottages.

8. Footpath No. 55 which runs in a generally south-westerly direction from its junction with Footpath Nos. 54 and 57 about 105 metres to the east-south-east of the site of the former Grubbers Ash Farm for a distance of about 235 metres to its termination at its junction with Footpath No. 56 at a point about 220 metres to the east-north-east of the dwelling known as number 4 High Lane.

9. Part of Footpath No. 56 which runs in a generally north-easterly direction from High Lane at a point about 85 metres south-south-east of the dwelling known as number 4 High Lane to its termination at its junction with Footpath No. 50 at a point about 50 metres south-south-west of the site of the former Grubbers Ash Farm, being the part which extends from a point about 55 metres north-east of High Lane for a distance of about 350 metres to its termination.

10. Footpath No. 57 which runs in a generally easterly direction from its junction with Footpath Nos. 54 and 55 about 105 metres to the east-south-east of the site of the former Grubbers Ash Farm for a distance of about 370 metres to its termination at its junction with Footpath Nos. 53 and 62 at a point about 605 metres to the south-south-west of Apedale Mine.

11. Footpath No. 58 which runs in a generally south-westerly direction from its junction with Footpath No. 53 at a point about 610 metres to the north-west of Schoolground Farm for a distance of about 450 metres to its termination at Blackbank Road at a point about 560 metres west of Schoolground Farm.

12. Footpath No. 59 which runs in a generally southerly direction from its junction with Footpath No. 53 at a point about 445 metres south of Apedale Mine for a distance of about 330 metres to its termination at its junction with Footpath Nos. 60, 61 and 62 at a point about 615 metres west-south-west of Hooters Hall Farm.

13. Footpath No. 60 which runs in a generally southerly direction from its junction with Footpath Nos. 59, 61 and 62 at a point about 615 metres west-south-west of Hooters Hall Farm for a distance of about 550 metres to its termination at Blackbank Road on the west side of Schoolground Farm.

14. Part of Footpath No. 61 which runs in a generally northerly direction from Blackbank Road at a point opposite Oak Road and then in a generally north-westerly direction from the western end of Cotswold Avenue to its termination at its junction with Footpath Nos. 59, 60 and 62 at a point about 615 metres west-south-west of Hooters Hall Farm; being the part which extends from a point about 105 metres west-north-west of the western end of Cotswold Avenue for a distance of about 590 metres to its termination.

15. Footpath No. 62 which runs in a generally south-easterly direction from its junction with Footpath Nos. 53 and 57 at a point about 605 metres south-south-west of Apedale Mine for a distance of about 320 metres to its termination at its junction with Footpath Nos. 59, 60 and 61 at a point about 615 metres west-south-west of Hooters Hall Farm.

16. Footpath No. 63 which runs in a generally southerly direction from its junction with Footpath No. 59 at a