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Wednesday, 23 January 2008

Re: The Croft Footpath/Dead Man's Alley

Lord Mayor,

With regard to the petition being presented to you at the Full Council Meeting tomorrow 24<sup>th</sup> January 2008, I wish to make the following points in support of the petition.

- If the Post Office at Clifton Green is to close and in the absence of a public transport link, residents will use this footpath to access the only remaining Post Office in Clifton at Crichton Avenue.
- The footpath links the shops at Clifton Green with the wider area of Clifton and Burtonstone Lane shops.
- Residents (abled and disabled alike) use the path, school children and parents as well as PCSO's and Police.
- The path leads from Clifton Green School into the Conservation area at Clifton Green.
- The path has historical local interest and existed since prior to 1852.
- Evidence of old brick work and timber frames are apparent at the Clifton Green end.
- The path has suffered serious anti social behaviour for many years such as: dropping of litter, needles, human and dog excrement, graffiti, lead theft from adjoining roofs, is badly lit and has neither dog nor rubbish bins. Indeed the footpath itself is in a very poor state of repair.

Local church members, PCSO's, ward councillors and residents have been cleaning up the path and trying very hard to make a difference to their community. Please support their efforts and this application.

Clifton Ward Councillors.

9 ROSSLYN STREET.

CLIFTON.

YORK.

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TUES. 22/1/08.

Dear Mrs Douglas,

I was interested to read in "The Press" about your interest in "The Croft." You will notice that I call that footpath The Croft. I have lived in Clifton for 68 years and have always known it by that name which all the old residents called it. The old buildings behind Birdie's card shop were not shops. They were cottages which were built in yards. There were six yards which I know of.

The one up the Croft, the name which I can't remember.

Iron Cottage, behind the bookmakers.  
Barkers Yard, behind the old cottages on the main street, No. 96-106.

Barkers Yard was approached up the roadway past the side of No 96.

Smiths cottages were behind the shops in Compton Street, in Westerdale Court with access through an archway. There were 2 more off Clifton Green.

One between the side of the Cottage Hotel and No 1 Clifton Dale, before the latter was built.

The sixth one was off the lower part of the Green about where the 2 bigger Houses are now. The names Bawle Yard + Hutchinsons Yard ring a bell but I'm not sure.

I know a gentleman living at Cobaldwick whose grandma lived in Barkers Yard at one time + he has a photo of her + her family when they lived there. One of his Aunties still lives at Cottingham.

Mrs Alice Stevenson, who lived at Guardian Court, in Waterlane could possibly tell you more as she was born and lived in some of those cottages over 90 years ago.

There are some photos of some of the cottages in the yards on the Council Website and most likely they will be named & shown on the original Deeds of Bindies. I know that Tony Day the owner of that shop after Bob Flower told me that when they extended the back of his shop they had found gates to the drains in the yard.

I have seen a booklet; I think it was a freemans publication which showed all the land from the main street right across ~~the~~<sup>to</sup> where Bremer St is

built and it was called Blifton Croft.  
 I can't remember the date of it but I  
 think it would be about 18 century.

I hope this can be some help  
 to you and hope that you can get the  
 name of this footpath know as  
 "The Croft"

I once asked former Cllr. Alan Jones to  
 try and get it known as such and his reply  
 "He couldn't do anything as there was no  
 record of it. The only record of Dead Mans  
 Alley is what the youth of the  
 estate call it. My girls and their  
 friends all went to school along  
 the Croft."

Yours sincerely

Maxine Todd. (Mrs.)

between 86-88 Clifton  
Clifton Green  
York

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NO:	SIGNATURE
Rachel Kenny	90 Clifton, York	635701	<i>Rachel Kenny</i>
John Kenny	3 Fern Cottage	624838	<i>J Kenny</i>
Helen Douglas	119 Cousin Ave	613052	<i>H Douglas</i>
M. Stephenson	6 Clifton Place	07749817423	<i>M Stephenson</i>
G B Williams	15 Clifton Dale	629431	<i>G B Williams</i>
T. P. COOPER	46 Grosvenor Terrace	-	<i>T P Cooper</i>
A. SMITH	11	11	<i>A Smith</i>
C. Tuttle	4, AVENUE TERRACE	340549	<i>C Tuttle</i>
J SPENCER-HALEY	16 HAVERTH CLOSE, YORK.	691256	<i>J Spencer-Haley</i>
C. Rushin	NO. 88 Holgate Rd, York	552323	<i>C Rushin</i>
Pm Ralston	10 MONK AVENUE	425741	<i>Pm Ralston</i>
G TIERNEY	8 GREENCLIFFE DRIVE	656179	<i>G Tierney</i>
L HOSLEY	128 Midd Rd	-	<i>L Hosley</i>
G. K. GIBSON	Mayby Road	619332	<i>G K Gibson</i>
M. Idle	Wilbarine Road	-	<i>M. Idle</i>
J. Spooner	WIGGINSON ROAD	421953	<i>J Spooner</i>
J STEVENSON	60 OSBORN	631506	<i>J Ste</i>
J STEVENSON	" "	"	<i>J Ste</i>
E CAINE	10 LAWSON DRIVE	01753252895	<i>E Caine</i>
M. JERRY	16 Kentmer Dr		<i>M Jerry</i>
G GREEN	14 Bede AVE	731591	<i>G Green</i>
K GREEN	" " "	"	<i>K Green</i>
B. Cuthbert	Melton Ave.		<i>B. Cuthbert</i>
J Willis	Abbot St.	07485262396	<i>J Willis</i>

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NO:	SIGNATURE
G Raven	38. FOTHERGILLS	636031	G Raven
CA Brown	29. Tennyson Ave.	340372	CA Brown
A Hawthridge	23 AVENUE RD		A Hawthridge
M East	56 AVE RD	524612	M East
A Boltwell	13 Newland ST		
N Brown	SHAW GRANGE		
B Johnson	41 AVE RD.		B Johnson
B Tensdale	51 AVE RD		B Tensdale
N Cotton	57 Ave. Rd		N Cotton
E Cotton	46 Ave. Rd.		E Cotton
B Doughty	39 FOTHERGILLS	670350	B. Doughty
M. Hewson	26 Avenue Rd.	639951	M. Hewson
Max Frost	37 Avenue Terrace		
D Carruth	Clifton vicarage	655071	D Carruth
H Thompson	31 Westcumbria Rd	628367	H Thompson
G Spence	17 LAWNSWOOD DRIVE	630628	G Spence
G Barber	49 WESTMINSTER ROAD	659633	G Barber
A Walls	Clifton Church Centre	762843	A Walls
P Walls	" " "	"	P Walls
N B. FOWLES	24 Avenue Terrace	638317	N B. FOWLES
D COX	36 BED AVE		D COX
A Ainsworth	8 Peterway	623684	A Ainsworth
B Ainsworth	8 Peterway	623680	B Ainsworth
J White	Hambleton Terrace	615436	J White

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ALISON	5 SPALDING AVENUE		A C Hadleigh
DANIEL TOMLINSON	11	—	D Tomlinson
Herman Kintson	104 GREENCLIFFE DRIVE, YORK	—	H. Kintson
Roy Morris	52 CROMBIE AVE	—	R. Morris
B KERLAN	36 KINGSWAY		B Kerlan
A Pinner	1 BARRIE AVE York		A Pinner
J LEE	15 LUMLEY ROAD	—	J Lee
G WEEEDY	8 Greencliffe Drive Clifton		G Weedy
Howard Dawson	31 Westbourne Rd.		H Dawson
K W King	149 YORK ACOMS <sup>CLIFTON COLLEGE</sup>	783024	K W King
Arthur Wainy	90 Clifton York		Arthur Wainy
Jean Calverley	Clifton Green School		Jean Calverley
Colin Gregory	3 The Avenue	—	Colin Gregory
SM Audrey	CLIFTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	627270	S M Audrey
Jean Anderson	Little Acorns Nursery	552365	Jean Anderson
Linda Whithead	7 ALBERT TERRACE		Linda Whithead
C. Ruston	clifton childrens centre Kingsway North	552323	C Ruston
AM PILGRIM	CLIFTON CHILDRENS CENTRE	552323	Am Pilgrim
Troxon	Little Acorns Nursery	552245	Troxon
Zanna	Little Acorns Nursery	552245	Zanna
Rachel	Little Acorns Nursery	552245	Rachel
Tamar	Little Acorns Nursery	552245	Tamar
Heidi Davison	Little Acorns Nursery	552345	Heidi Davison
Jarah Sawille	Little Acorns Nursery	552345	Jarah Sawille



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RYNLAH	2 CLIFTON PALLS		Jeanne Rynlah
Ms Sibley	110 Clifton		E. Sibley
P.N. Crowe	68 CLIFTON		P.N. Crowe
COXON	52 Burton green		J. Coxon
L. ELLIEMBY	115 Crombie Ave		L. Elliemby
2 FRANKS	19 Kingsway North		2 Franks

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