

**MOYLE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ASSERTION STATEMENT**

**BO LANE, QUAY ROAD, BALLYCASTLE**

This statement with the accompanying map contains all relevant information.

**1. THE COUNCIL'S DUTY UNDER THE ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1983.**

The Access Order places each District Council under a specific duty to 'assert, protect and keep open any public rights of way' and 'compile and preserve maps and other records' of the rights of way in its area.

In effect the District Council must enforce the public's common rights of passage and to investigate and record where those rights exist.

It is with this duty in mind that the Council have researched the above laneway.

**2. ASSERTED PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY**

Moyle District Council asserts the laneway described as 'Bo Lane' as a public right of way.

**3. PATH DESCRIPTION**

The lane runs from the Quay Road (Grid Ref 11904105) to the Strandview Road (Grid Re. 11804123) as shown on the Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland Plan 8-8 SE 1.2500 map. The path runs approximately on a North West / South East axis for 205m. The route is approximately 4.0m wide at both ends of the land narrowing in the middle due to neglect of bordering hedges. The surface is of compacted stone for 65m at the North West access with the remaining 140m mainly being a worn track through overgrown flora and foilage. It is bounded on both sides by established hedges and entrances to private dwellings.

**5. OWNERSHIP OF THE LANE**

Ownership of the lane was believed to lie with the former Ballycastle Estate. Messrs Greer, Hamilton & Gailey Solicitors of Ballymoney claim that a Client of theirs who wishes to remain anonymous now has good Title to the said laneway. It is apparent that there are others whose property

adjoins the laneway have varying rights of access on foot or with vehicles independently of and without prejudice to any statements herein contained.

6. **EVIDENCE**


The status of the laneway was established by writing to all of the landowners adjacent to the laneway requesting a response as to an Assertion Order being made. Nine out of 14 requests were acknowledged as were to Public Rights of Way evidence forms and 4 letters expressing concern about the current closure of the access.

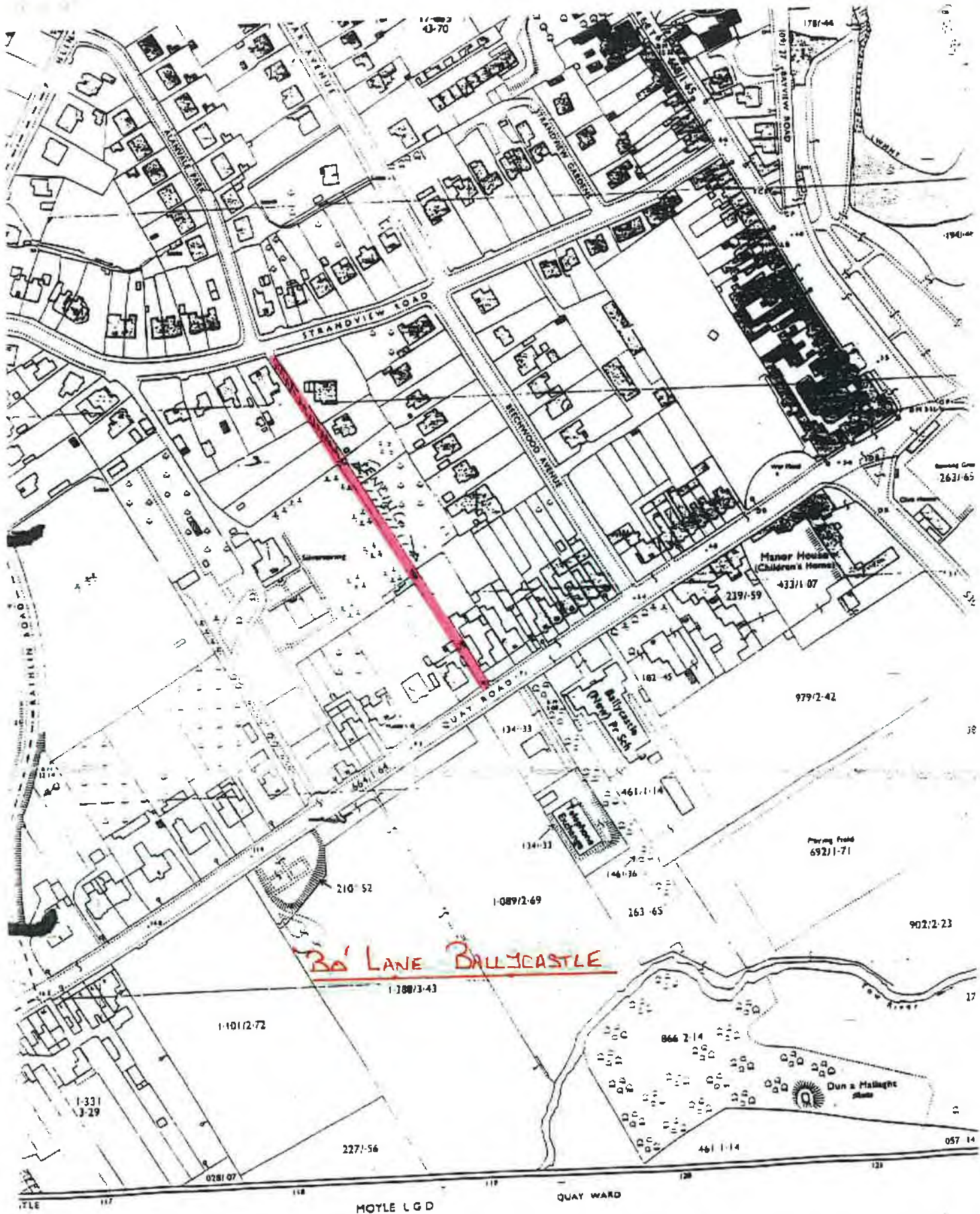
One reply was via Greer, Hamilton & Gailey Solicitors representing their Client who allegedly owns the Freehold to the laneway. They have stated in the course of correspondence that their Client has no objection in principal to public access being declared subject to agreement upon certain conditions relating to the use thereof.

The route or laneway is shown clearly on the 1922 Ordnance Survey Map which is itself a revised version of the 1904 Ordnance Survey findings.

Dated this 8 day of JULY 1998

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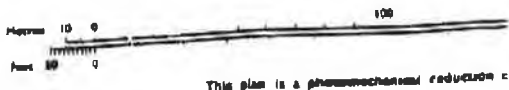


30' LANE BALLYCASTLE

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in meters above Mean Sea Level at Belfast  
to feet, multiply by 3.281

Proposed railroads  
approx. 1.5m path  
unproposed tarmac work



This plan is a photomechanical reduction of

