

Appendix I

Dear Msis/Mrs H Titchener,

re alledged footpath between Smallwood Manor and Buttermilk Hill Gate,
Marchington Woodlands (previous File LG650G)

You wrote to my father a Mr Wilfred Davies of Twenty Acres . Marchington Woodlands (Gorsty Hill) ST14 8PF , who is now been desesed for the past Eight years, concerning this matter . My Mother aged 88 years , can do without the stress of this , my father did ask for a site meeting twenty three years ago , but no response was given and the meeting never happened.

My mother Mrs Davies (nee Harvey) has lived at Twenty acres for eighty years and her father also, there has never been a footpath through their farm yard and no one has ever attempted to walk through the farm yard or even asked t do so .. People have walked along The old Burton Road The footpath comes out approx 20 yards below the farm yard entrance, it continues down the road approx 97 yards along Smallwood Manor Drive AKA The Old Burton Road which leads to Uttoxeter . At the entrance of Smallwood Manor drive , there is a walk way gate Which is nailed up to prevent access and should not be .

The original Smallwood Manor was built below the church before the church even existed . then the Manor was moved close to the now existing Samllwood Manor site , this was known as Long Chimneys , that was then demolished and a new Smallwood Manor was built over the footpath (Old Burton Road) it had a new much grander entrance and lodge accessed from the Marchington main road .

Tinkers Lane was a main junction, which took you to the Drovers Arm , in the Willow Wood (Moat Spring coppice) . The footpath takes you from the Moat to Tinkers Lane which comes out below Twenty acres . Someone seems to have drawn a red line through the map which suits them , they obviously are not aware of the area 's history . My ancestors go back to my Great Father in the Woodlands (Thorleys) on my fathers side, we know the lie of the land here very well and have done so for generations .

My mother of 88 years and her two sons strongly object to you making this new footpath through our farm yard we consider it be be an invasion of both privacy and security and is not beneficial to anyone. I have attached two photos for you to see.

Yours

Sincerely

Mr D W T Davies