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Dear Miss Fraser,

**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981: ALLEGED PUBLIC  
BRIDLEWAY BETWEEN TRENT WALK AND FIDDLERS LODGE,  
INGESTRE, AND ALLEGED PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY BETWEEN  
HANYARDS LANE AND INGESTRE PARISH BOUNDARY**

Thank you for your letter of 25 October.

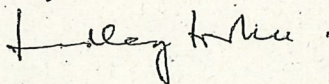
I can see no reason why this stopping-up order is not as straightforward as it appears. Presumably Earl Talbot was fed up with the general public passing in front of Ingestre Hall so persuaded his fellow justices to stop up the section of the Stafford-Ingestre bridleway in front of the house and substitute a much longer section of route through his own land but away from the Hall. The substitution of a greater length of route may have been presented as a magnanimous gesture but it of course resulted in a substantially longer route from Ingestre to Stafford via Hopton, rather than the shorter Hanyards route.

There is no doubt to me that the length of bridleway stopped up is only the 739 yards in front of the Hall from Dog Kennel Gate to Tixall Park Gate. The length fits in very well with the accurate modern maps if you relate it to the scale. The residue of the bridleway from Littleworth to Hanyards is not affected by the Order and presumably continued as a bridleway serving Hanyards but of no use as a through route.

I hope these remarks are helpful and help to solve whatever the current issue is.

I enclose an invoice for £20-00 for considering the matter and producing this reply which I hope is acceptable.

Yours sincerely



**Dudley Fowkes**

