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FORM OF APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION ORDER

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

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I/We attach copies of the following documentary evidence (including statements of witnesses) in support of this application

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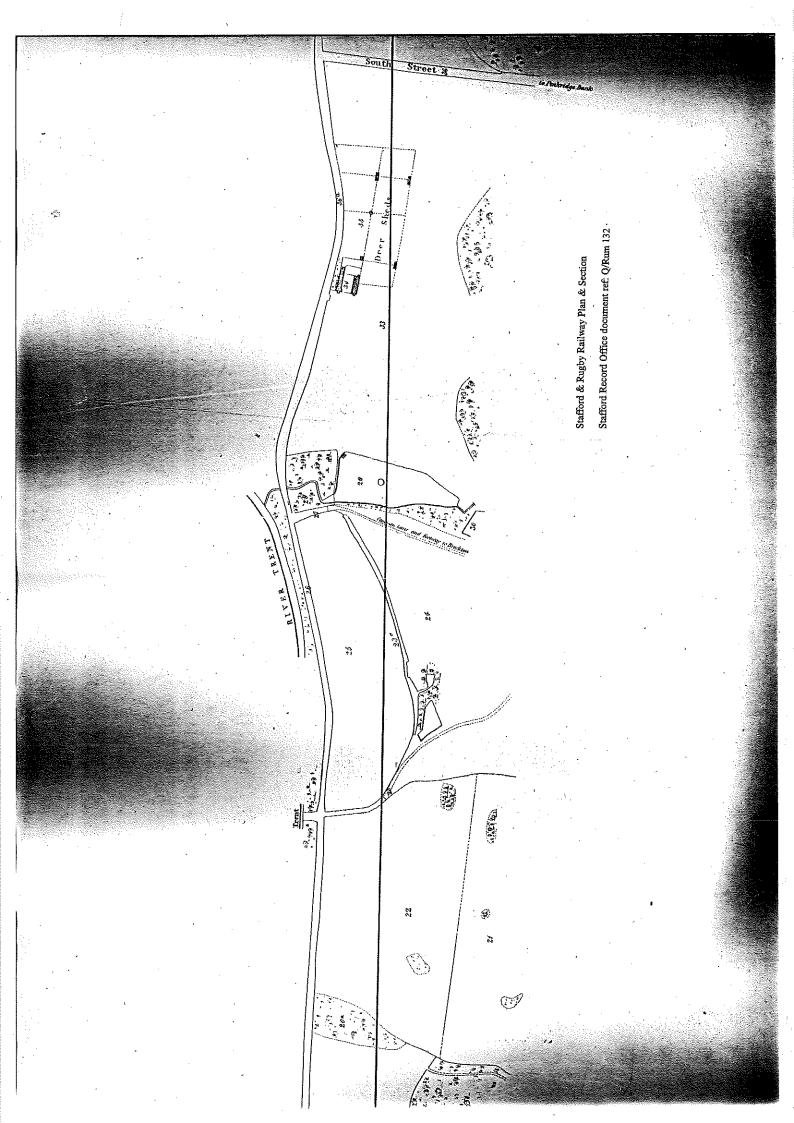
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Stafford and Rugby Railway with a branch Book of Reference

Stafford Record Office document ref: Q/Rum 132

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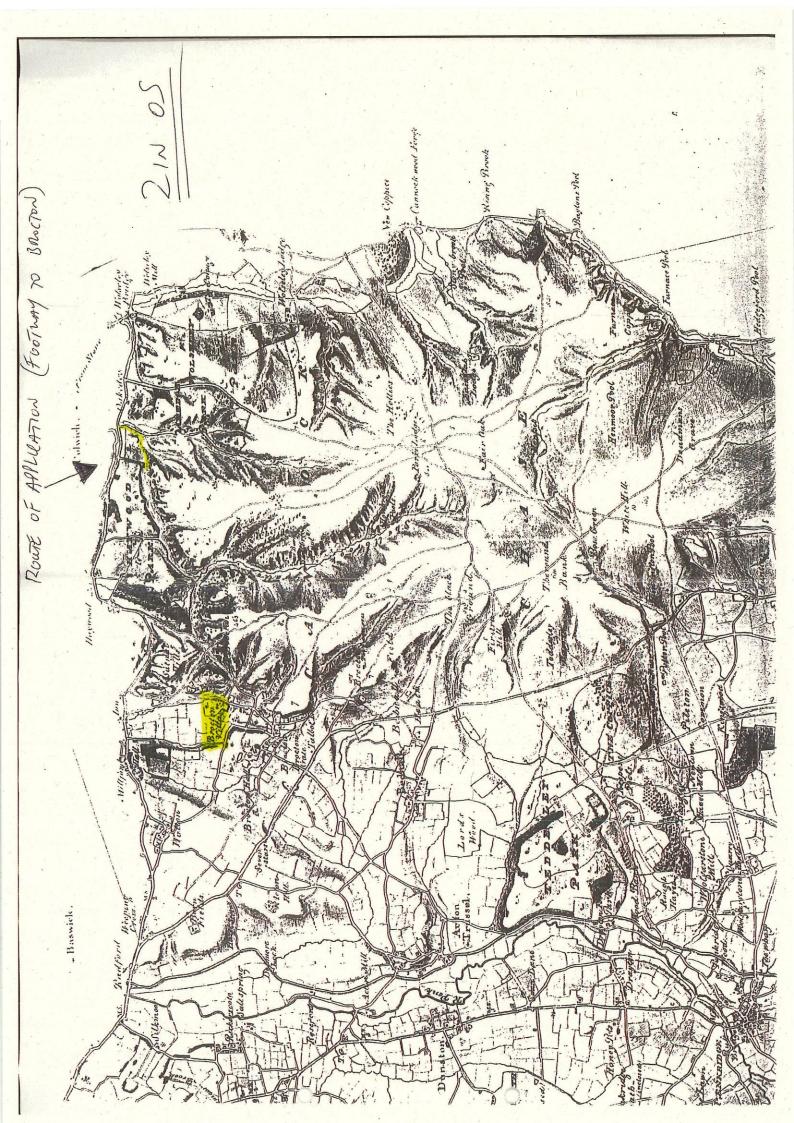
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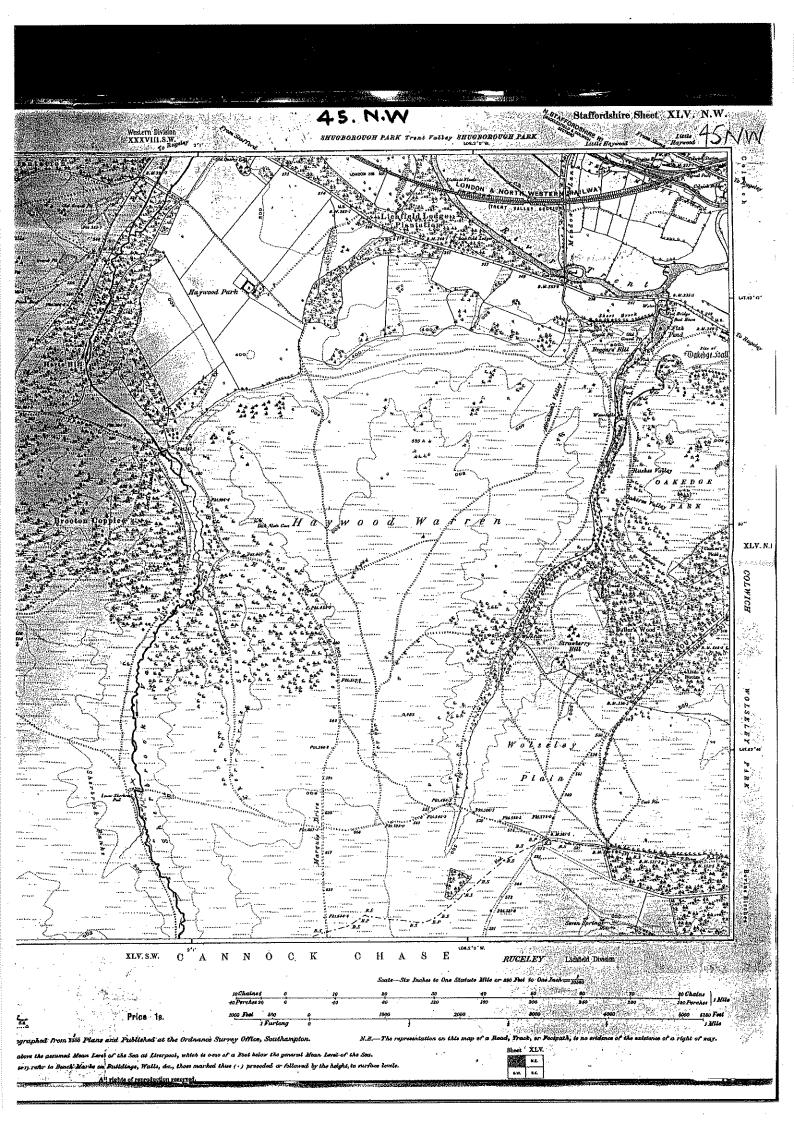
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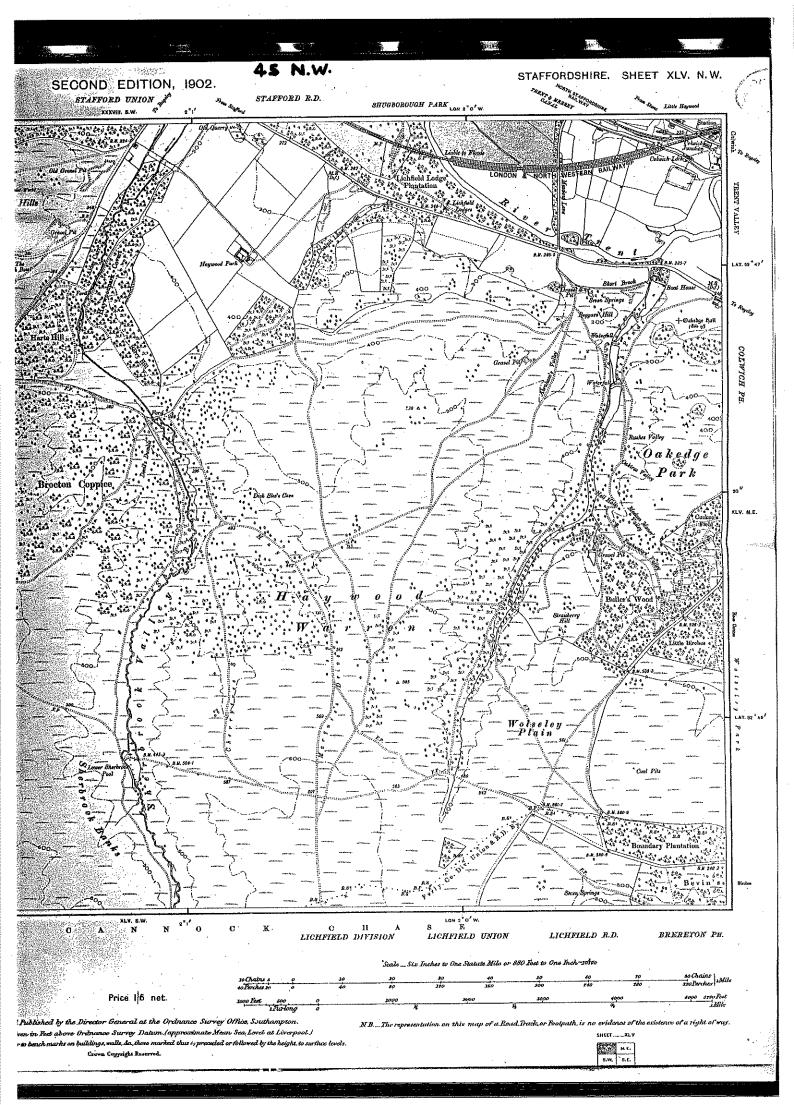
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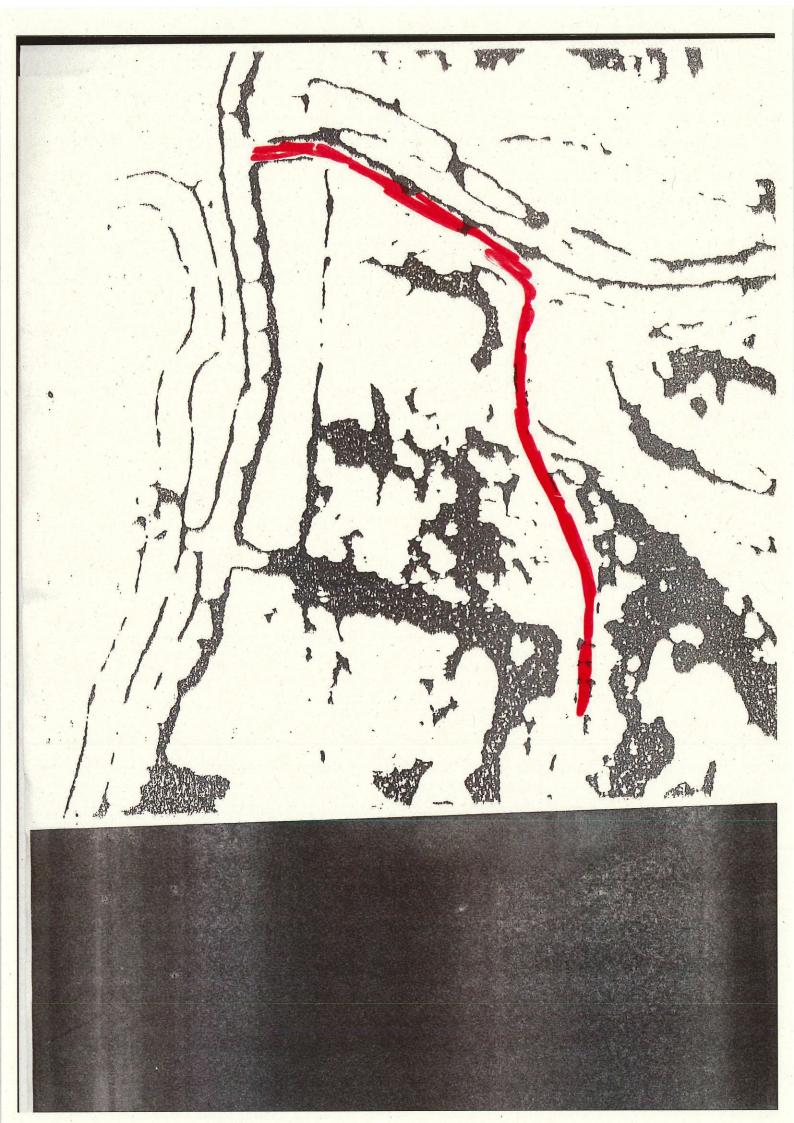
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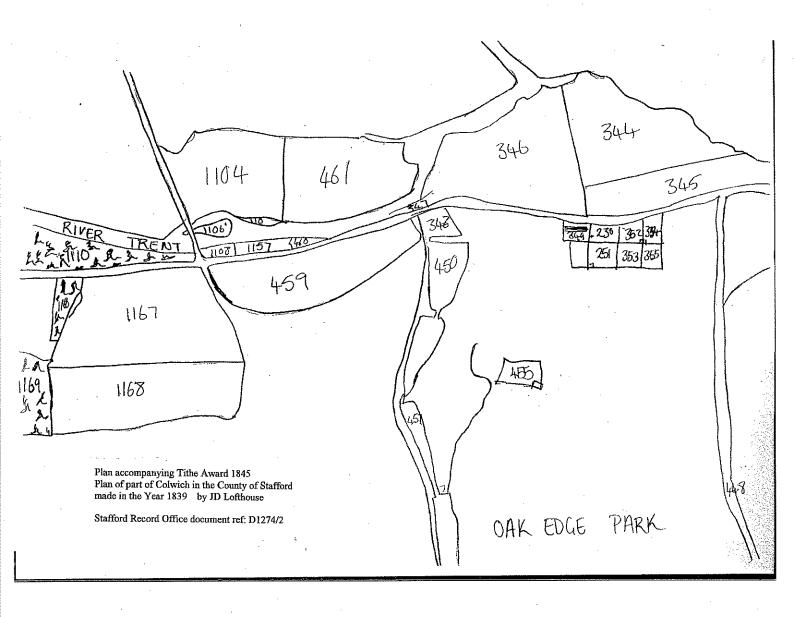




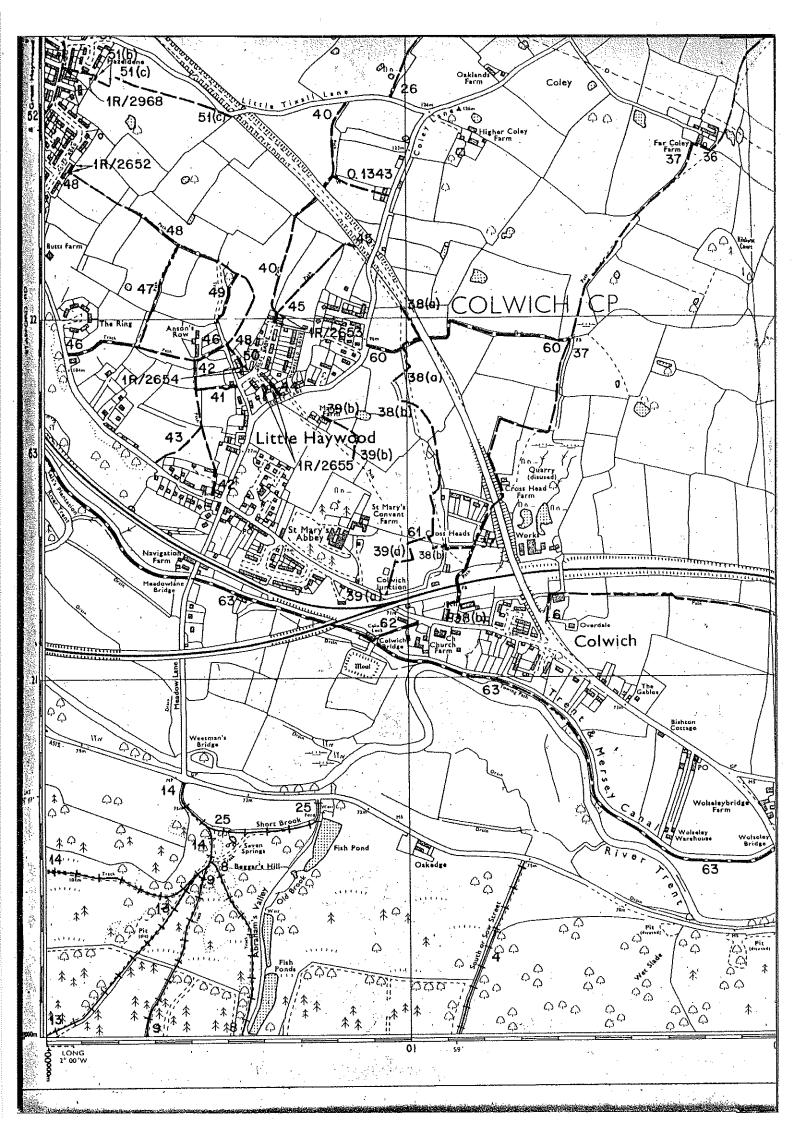
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Plan accompanying Tithe Award 1845
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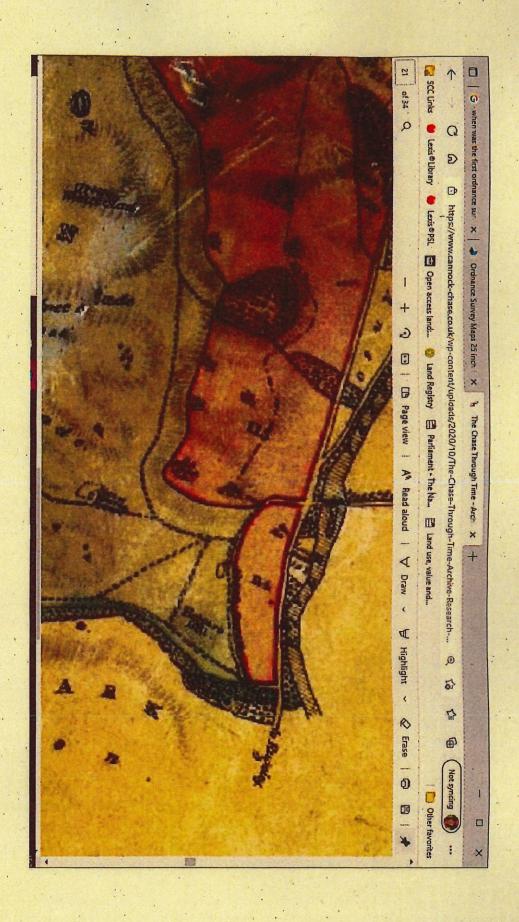
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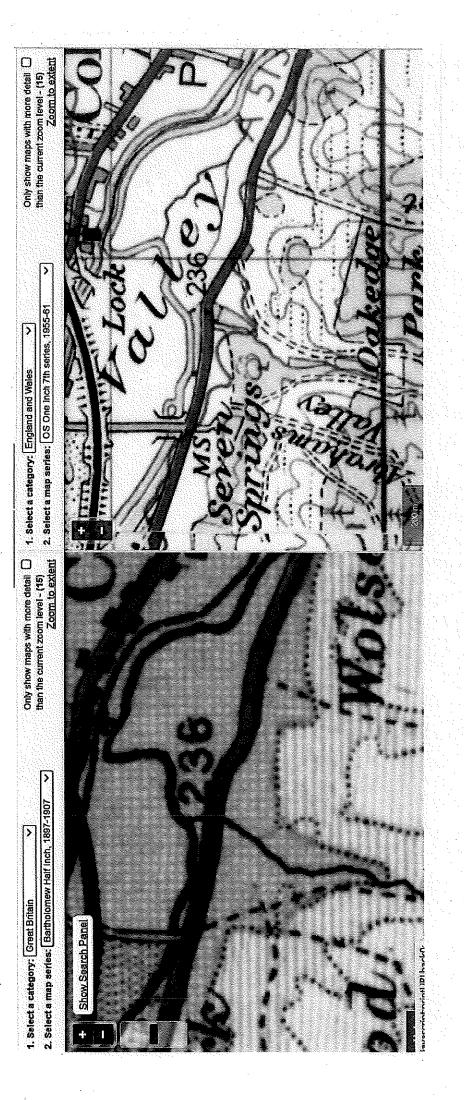
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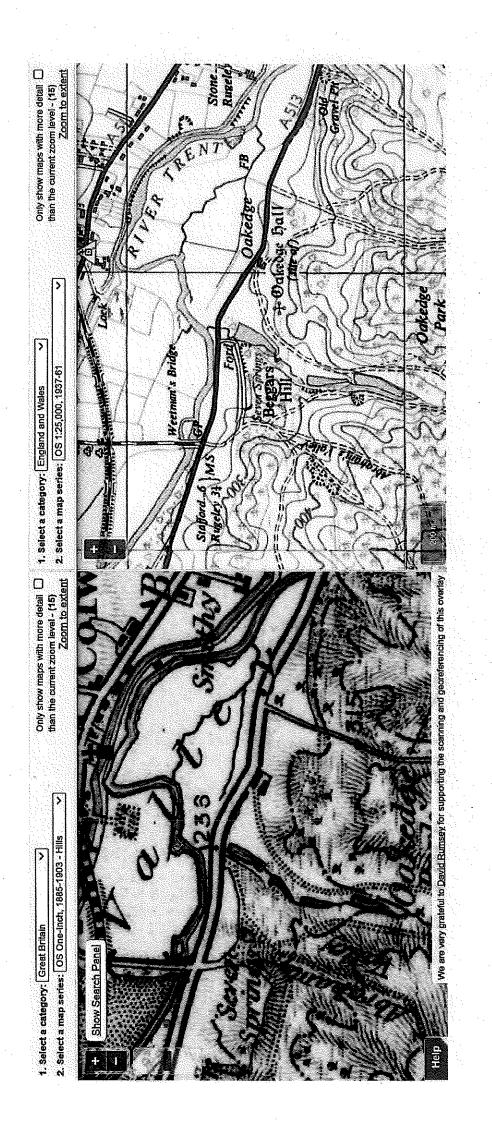
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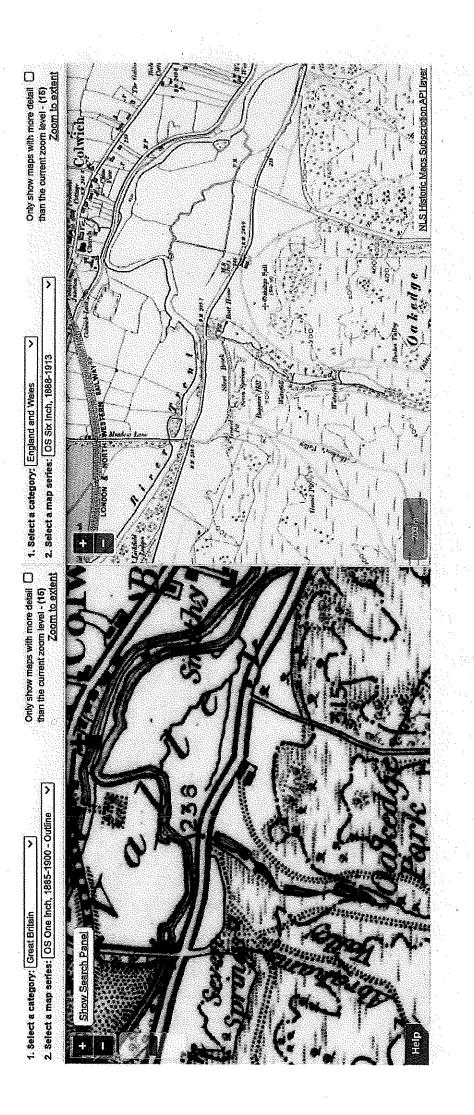
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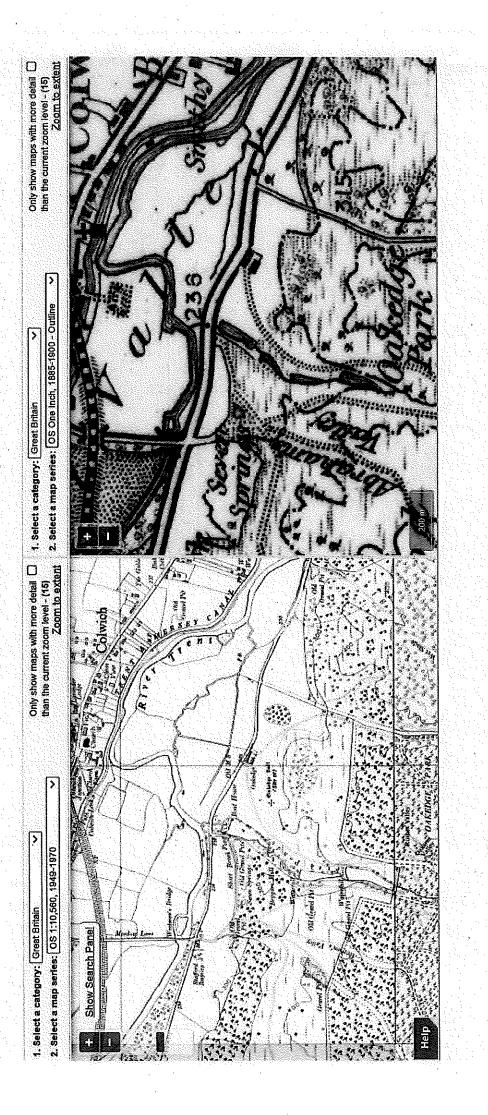
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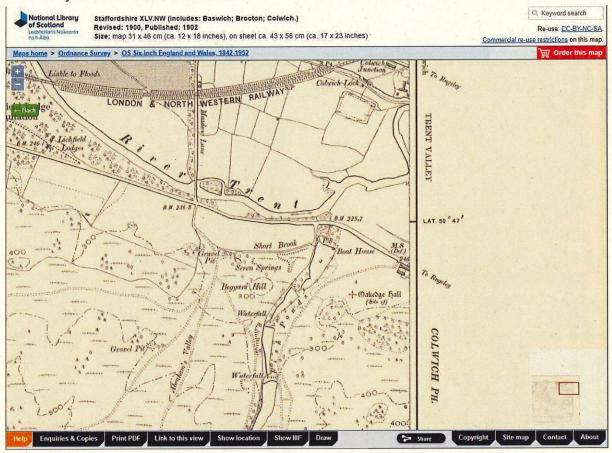




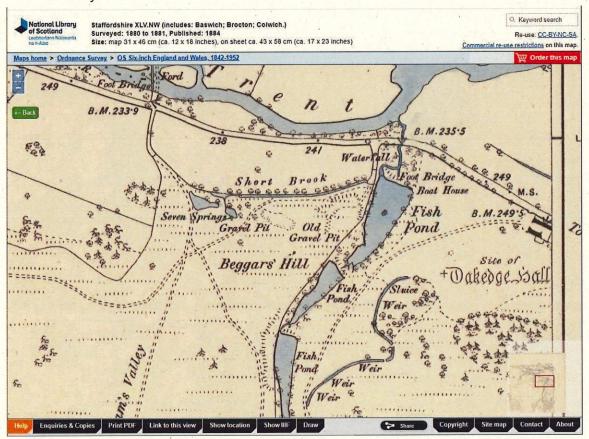




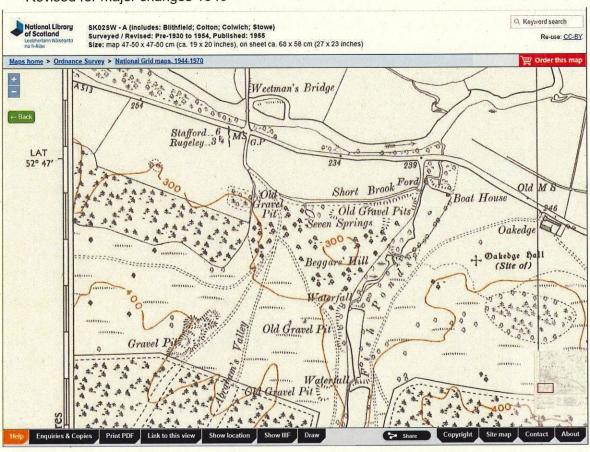
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INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This representation is made on behalf of Peter Till who owns part of the land crossed by the claimed route and land which is adjacent to the claimed route.
- 1.2 He is concerned with the application where it does not cross his land because he uses his land as a shooting school and the addition of a public right of way adjacent to his boundary would represent a hazard to users and increase the risk of an accident from the point of view of his customers.
- 1.3 We acknowledge that this is not material to the application but it is relevant to explain his interest given that the route does not cross his land.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 We do not agree with the recommendation to make an Order for the reasons set out below. We submit that the Council should reconsider its position and that the Order should not be made.
- 2.2 The test at this stage is that the route can reasonably be alleged to exist. This test would have to be satisfied for the whole of the route in order for the Order to be made for the whole of the route. In this case there is insufficient evidence in respect of the whole of the route for the Order to be made.

3. THE CLAIM

- 3.1 This claim for the addition of a public footpath was made in 1998 and is based purely on historical evidence. No user evidence has been provided. The historical evidence provided by the applicant was slight and poorly presented, consisting of a "deposited rail plan and book of reference 132 (1840)" and "2 in OS Sheet" for which no date is given or identifiable.
- 3.2 It appears from the report that, whilst the Ramblers Association and Byways and Bridleways support the application, no reason for that support is given and no additional evidence has been provided. It can be no surprise that these interest groups support the potential addition of a right of way to the Definitive Map.

4. THE ROUTE

- 4.1 For convenience we have divided the route into sections W to X (the existing stretch of Bridleway 25 included in the claim) X to Y (the extension in a broadly southerly direction and Y to Z (a broadly westerly section to Colwich 13).
- 4.2 There was no justification for the inclusion of W to X in the claim as it is already a bridleway on the Definitive Map.

5. THE EVIDENCE

5.1 OS map (1817)

- 5.1.1 The OS map referred to is said to date from the 1817 but no evidence has been provided to indicate why that is asserted. We have no reason to challenge it and no basis to accept it.
- 5.1.2 Ordnance Survey maps do not give any indication of the legal status of a route. They indicate the physical existence of features on the ground at the time of the survey, but that is all.
- 5.1.3 This map provides no evidence of the existence of the route, save that the first short section W to X is shown depicted in the same way as the road. The remainder of the route is not shown at all. A boundary line is depicted to the west of the fishponds (which remains visible on modern OS maps) but the route cannot be discerned as a physical feature on the poor quality copy which we have seen.
- 5.1.4 The arrow which is marked on the map in manuscript is in significantly the wrong location. There is a line drawn in highlighter on the map in roughly the location of the route but it appears not to relate to any discernible feature on the map. The map offers no evidence of the existence or status of the route.

5.2 Beau Desert Estate Map

- 5.2.1 This is said to date from the 1820s but no evidence has been provided to indicate why that is asserted. We have no reason to challenge it and no basis to accept it.
- 5.2.2 Whatever its date, this is an estate map prepared for a private purpose by the landowner. Whilst it may provide evidence of the reputation of a route, or of the existence of a feature on the ground at the time of the survey, it can provide no evidence of the status of the route. There is nothing on this map to indicate that the claimed route was a public right of way.
- 5.2.3 The first section W to X appears to be depicted in the same manner as the Rugeley Road and that part is already on the DM as Colwich 25. The

continuation south (equated roughly to X to Y) is shown by a pecked line and there is nothing to suggest that it was more than a private track within the estate. No conclusion as to its status can be drawn from the map but see the comments below at paragraph 5.3.9 with reference to the implications of the land being common land. It is most likely that it was not public.

5.2.4 There is no evidence at all on this map of any route which equates to Y to Z of the claimed route. There is a pecked line shown in an east-west orientation but it is not close to the location of the claimed route, being significantly further north than the claimed route and not reaching the location of the modern Colwich 13. Its status is not indicated so there is no reason to assume that it was public.

5.3 Railway Maps

- 5.3.1 These are said to date from the 1840s but no evidence has been provided to indicate why that is asserted. We have no reason to challenge it and no basis to accept it.
- 5.3.2 Two maps have been included. They have the same Records Office reference number, but they appear to be of different scales and the information included is not the same. As set out below, it seems that the larger scale plan is the one referred to in the book of reference. No reliance can be placed on the smaller scale plan unless or until its origin is established and the discrepancies between that and the book of reference are explained.
- 5.3.3 The report refers to the book of reference but does not set out what it says and a copy was not included with the report. The book is essential to fully understand the maps and having been requested, copies have now been provided by the Council and are appended at Appendix 1 for ease. Page 49 of the book of reference indicates that parcels 27 and 23 are public highway. This numbering makes sense when compared to the map on the larger scale and those parcels equate to BR25. The numbers do not make sense when referenced to the smaller scale plan so it cannot be the plan that is referred to in the book of reference. Page 47 appears not to assist the matter one way or the other as it relates to parcel 1 which is not numbered on the plan.
- 5.3.4 On the larger scale plan parcel 27 is enclosed at its southern end and there is a distinct difference between that and the narrow pecked line extending South, which crosses the common and has been given no separate parcel number. It cannot be concluded from the map and book of reference that there is any public right of way extending South from the parcel which is now part of BR25 (parcel 27).
- 5.3.5 It is notable that the map apparently resulting from the railway survey does not support the alignment of any feature X to Y as claimed and shows no

evidence of the existence on the ground of a feature on alignment Y to Z. It is not possible to extrapolate from the information and to assume that there is any continuation of the route shown or make any assumption as to its alignment. It does not contain evidence that the indicated route was public.

- 5.3.6 The larger scale map (apparently referred to in the book of reference) shows present day Colwich 25 depicted in a similar manner to the Rugeley Road, and a continuation to the South with pecked lines i.e. depicted distinctly differently from the highway. It is aligned to the SSW (unlike the claimed route) and is much narrower than the Colwich 25 section. It shows the legend "Common Lane and Footway to Brockton". This feature extends only to the southern end of the first fishpond to the west and does not include the claimed section Y to Z at all. It is impossible to draw any conclusion as to its continuation (see paragraph 18 of the report) and most certainly, there is no reason to assume that it bends to the west and follows the route Y to Z.
- "Common Lane" has no accepted meaning, but may refer to an access to the common. This does not, however, indicate that the route was or was likely to be, a public route. The conclusion drawn by the officer that because the land was common land at the time that these maps were made, it is reasonable to assume that the route was public, is seriously in error. Common land was not owned in common by the public, it was private land and there was no general right of access for the public. Common rights holders (not the general public) would have a right to take certain benefits from the common, often grazing, firewood or similar. The common rights holders were a limited group of people and it may be that "Common Lane" was a route for the use of the landowner and/or the common rights holders to access areas which they were entitled to use, not a route for public use.
- 5.3.8 The railway map provides no evidence of the existence of Y to Z. and no evidence that any route approximating to X to Y was public. On the contrary, the distinction from parcel 27 (W to X), suggests that it had a different (very likely non-highway) status.
- 5.3.9 On the smaller scale plan (origin and status unknown) the legend "footway to Brocton" appears (roughly X to Y) but there is no indication as to its status and absolutely no suggestion that it turned to the west to join the present day Colwich 13. The alignment is SSW and it is not adjacent to the boundary with the land to the east where the fishponds are located.
- 5.4 Additional Map Evidence not Identified by the Council
 - 5.4.1 OS Maps 1880 to 1881, 1878-1872 Revised 1900, 1885-1900, 1888- 1913, 1937 to 1961, 7th Series 1955-1961 and 1945-1970 (All attached at Appendix 2)

- 5.4.1.1 There is no evidence of the route on these maps except for W to X, which is already a bridleway.
- 5.4.1.2 This indicates that from at least 1880 there was no feature on the ground representing the line of the claimed route.
- 5.4.1.3 The line extending south from W to X is a boundary line which continues to be depicted on OS maps today; it is not a track or path.
- 5.4.2 Bartholomew Map Half Inch 1897-1907 (Appendix 2)
 - 5.4.2.1 There is no indication of the claimed route on this map.
 - 5.4.2.2 Bartholomew's maps became a trademark series. The maps were popular and influential, especially for recreation, and the series sold well, particularly with cyclists and tourists. If the route had been for public use and in existence it is likely that it would be shown on the map.
- 6. CONCLUSION
- 6.1 There is insufficient evidence to determine that the route is reasonably alleged to exist.
- The evidence is weakest in respect of Y to Z in respect of which there is nothing to indicate any feature.
- 6.3 In respect of X to Y there is some evidence that there was at times a feature on approximately that alignment, but there is no evidence that it has ever been a public right of way.
- 6.4 This route cannot be reasonably alleged to exist and Order should not be made.

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13 October 2021

Appendix K

Email from Ramblers Association

From: A Bell

To: Stephanie Clarkson

Date 3/6/2021

Alleged Public Footpath between Public Bridleway 25 and Public Bridleway 13, Stafford

Hi Stephanie

Regarding a proposed upgrade for a footpath between Bridleway 25 and 13 we support this amendment.

Regards Alan Bell.

Appendix L

Email from Byways and Bridleways Trust

From: M Rowley

To: Stephanie Clarkson

Date 6/7/2021

Alleged Public Footpath between Public Bridleway 25 and Public Bridleway 13, Stafford

Dear Ms Clarkson, Thank you for your letter of the 3rd June, and apologise for the delay in responding. I support Mr.Reay's application.

Regards,

Michael Rowley