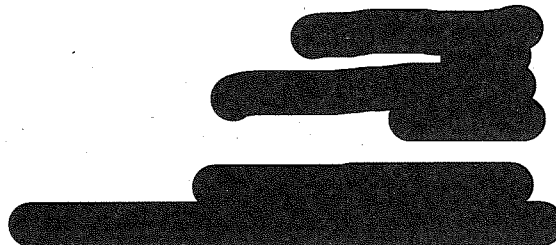


APPENDIX "N"

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County Councillor for Keele, Knutton & Silverdale



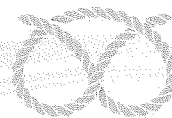
**Re: LH610G Section 53 Application Public Right of Way Between Lymes Road and A525
Keele Road.**

Dear Panel,

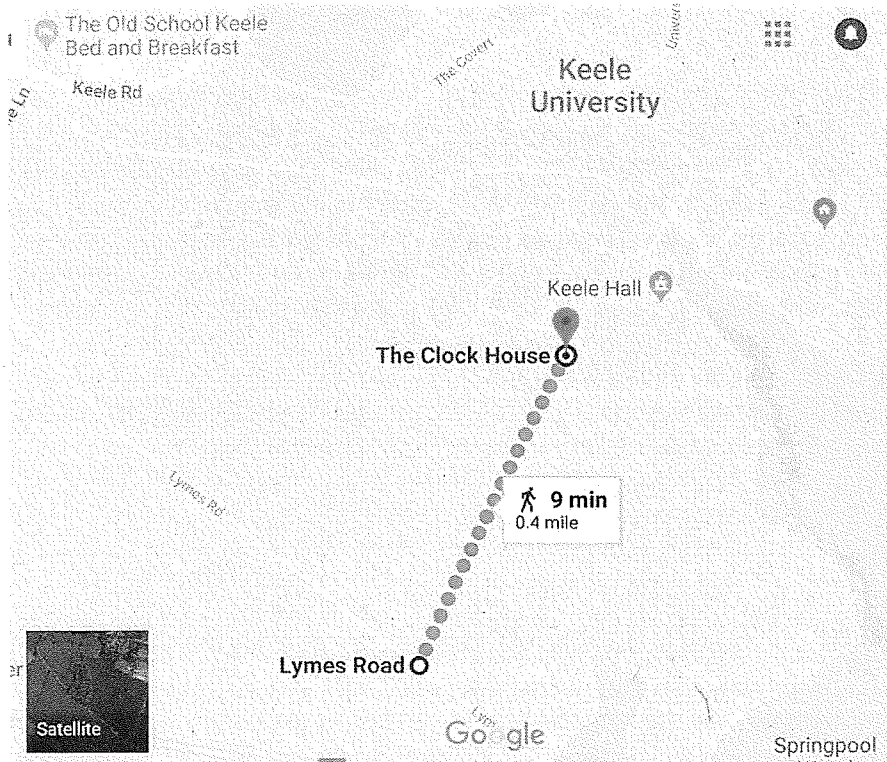
Please accept this as my statement in respect to the application by Mr Reay with regard to the above detailed public right of way (LH610G). In preparation for this statement I have spoken with Mr and Mrs Summerfield (Paddocks Farm), Mr Phil Butters (Keele University), and the associated residents of Church Plantation and the Covert. I also declare an interest as an employee of Keele University, though employed in an academic capacity and receiving no monetary or preferential gain for the contents of this statement.

Having spoken to all landowners regarding this application they have expressed a unanimous opinion that the footpath followed by this public right of way would present significant infringement on their business operations, result in detrimental living conditions for residents and fail to provide an aesthetically pleasing route for walkers. Further, given the route indicated passes through a number of university buildings, including more than one halls of residence, a number of residents' properties, including a number of obstacles (fences and walls) the resulting footpath is highly unlikely to be used. It is worth noting that a very slightly detoured route can be taken passing through Lymes Road, onto Three Mile Lane, and along Keele Road to the A525.

The statement by Keele University outlines evidence obtained from the University archives from the Sneyd Family papers outlining additional evidence not present at the time the report was prepared. I would recommend that the Panel, alongside officers, consider the contents of the Universities statement when determining the validity of the Section 53 application. **Should, in light of evidence, the Panel be minded to accept the section 53 application and request that an order be sought to add the footpath to the definitive map, I request the panel take into account the suggestions provided by a number of landowners to re-route the footpath.**



Suggested Redirection Lymes Road to Keele University Clock House via Clock House Drive



Lymes Road is an existing byway on the Definitive Map (Keele 11). Therefore, moving the northwards exit from Lymes Road to Clock House drive has no infringement on public access. Furthermore, moving the footpath to this location would remove the requirement for the footpath to transect the Paddock's Farm grazing field and farm house, properties at Church Plantation, The Covert, Holy Cross and Barnes Halls of residence. This redirection would provide a more aesthetically pleasing walk for users of the footpath, passing two historic buildings from the Sneyd estate, flanked by a plantation of indigenous UK tree species and passing the Keele University memorial tree garden.

Suggested Redirection Keele University Clock House to A525 Keele Road

Given the abundance of historic buildings, the national Cherry collection and grounds of Keele Hall; a more aesthetically pleasing route through the university campus could be achieved through a redirection of the Campus segment of the route. Should the Panel be minded to redirect this

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segment - a mutually agreed route could be discussed between the University, applicant, and Rights of Way officers at the County Council.

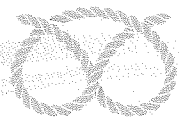
In summary, since the report was drafted for the Panel to consider the University has discovered further evidence within the Sneyd Family Papers contained within the University archives. Should the Panel be minded to accept the section 53 application, I request that the Panel consider a simple redirection avoiding a number of significant issues for resident and business landowners and providing ascetically pleasing route for walkers.

Best wishes,



Cllr Dave Jones
Staffordshire County Councillor for Keele, Knutton and Silverdale

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Cc: Keele_PC1; Graham Bibby; Jones, Dave (County Cllr)
Subject: Submission re LH610G Section 53 Application Public Right of Way between Lymes Road and A525 Keele Road.

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Dear Ms Wilde and Panel members,

LH610G Section 53 Application Public Right of Way between Lymes Road and A525 Keele Road.

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Newcastle Borough Council member for Keele and also as a member of Keele Parish Council writing on behalf of the Parish Council. Please accept this as a joint submission from myself as Borough Councillor and from Keele Parish Council.

Please note that I am also an academic employee of Keele University, which is one of the land owners affected by this section 53 application, and wish to declare this. But I have not discussed with Keele University any submission they may wish to make to you, and am not knowingly advocating any preferred course of action outlined in the submission from Keele University. I have not and will not be in receipt of any benefit (financial or otherwise) arising from this submission. I make this submission as an elected representative of the Keele residents that will experience adverse impact if this currently proposed route is instituted.

The Parish Council and I are making this submission on behalf of the Summerfield family at Paddocks Farm and the householders in Church Plantation, The Covert and elsewhere who will be significantly affected by this Section 53 application if it were to be approved in its current form.

We have discussed this Section 53 application with these affected parties and there is unanimous opinion that the route followed by this proposed public right of way in its current form would present significant infringement of their business operations, would have a significant negative impact for residents whose homes and gardens are traversed by the proposed route, and would provide a very unsatisfactory experience for walkers.

On its journey from the A525 to Lymes Road, the currently proposed route passes through a number of buildings on the University campus, including a hall of residence, as well as through domestic gardens and homes at Church Plantation, The Covert and Paddocks Farm. I am aware that these issues have been highlighted in more detail in separate submissions by the affected parties.

Should the Panel decide to accept the section 53 application and seek to add the Right of Way to the definitive map, I would ask that the Panel consider the impact of the currently proposed route on these homes and a crucial grazing field for a working farm. I would then ask you to vary the route of the Right of Way before it is implemented.

There are a number of much more viable, accessible and aesthetically pleasing routes between the A525 and Lymes Road which traverse the campus via an existing network of well maintained pavements, paths and walkways on campus and allow access to Lymes Road, but which avoid the inherent problems associated with the current proposed route. It is perfectly

feasible to create a route which takes walkers across the campus from the A525 in the vicinity of historic and listed buildings, a nationally significant collection of heritage cherry trees and then completes the route via the tree lined former drive that runs from the Clock House on the campus down to Lymes Road.

I think this would be a preferable route for all concerned and would strongly support discussions with Keele University to facilitate such a revised route as a matter of urgency.

Best wishes
Tony

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