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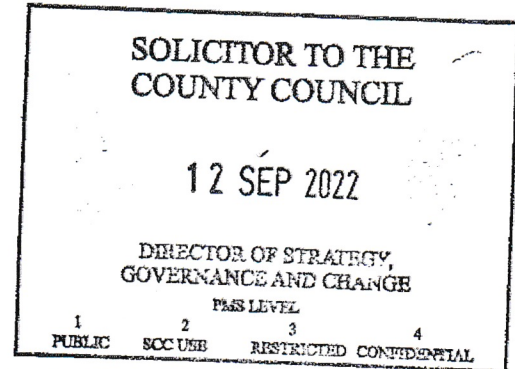


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Mr David Adkins,
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Dear David Adkins

Application to add footpath from Hulme Close across the field to the outer perimeter of Keele Golf Course – Section 53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

On 8 September, Silverdale PC considered your report for the Panel meeting due on 16 September and asked me to respond.

In the evidence statements made by the 16 independent contributors in the application, historic map evidence and other plans depicting the layout of the golf course were not included and therefore not taken into account in your recommendations. My report adds some documentary evidence to support the case made in the application. My report is attached and summarises historic maps, layout plans and other documents over the period 1900-2013 as follows:

1 Evidence for an Historic Public Footpath from Hulme Close land across the field to Spring Pond and continuing through the Golf Course to Keele Road: There is continuous Ordinance Survey Map evidence of a footpath in use from 1900, when the site was a mixed arable farm through to the development as a golf course in 1975. That footpath with Spring Pool at the centre crossed the land from north to south, following field divisions. Plans used in the application lacked any golf course features and it is remarkable then that historic field lines relating to prior agricultural use were shown clearly.

2 Evidence for a Public Footpath from Hulme Close Across the field to the outer perimeter of Keele Golf Course: There is good evidence from a re-appraisal of maps submitted in the application that an additional circumnavigation footpath became necessary after the 18 hole Keele Golf course was completed. There was also a Junior course, which might explain some variations to the circular footpath in doc. D.

Yours sincerely

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Henryk Adamczuk
Chairman