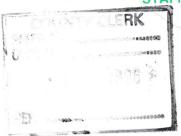


(3(5)The Ramblers' Association promotes rambling, protects rights of way, campaigns for access to open country and defends the beauty of the countryside.

STAFFORDSHIRE AREA





29th April 1996

Mr. Mike Bradbury, P.O.Box 11, County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford. ST162LH

Dear Mike,

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Your Ref: 4/MWB/jmg/19/11/159

After receiving a copy of your letter to Mr.Brian Rich, dated 15th April 1996, I walked the proposed bridleway.

Initially I considered that it would make an ideal upgrading .However, from Brookfield Avenue, walking South West for 120 metres, on Footpath 18, a new bungalow has been erected in the place of a timber shack. The path has been tarmaced for about 110 metres to the said bungalow and now already has vehicular access to it ,thus contravening the road traffic act of 88/34.

This is a steep gradient and a slippy metalled surface. Whilst I was in the area, I spoke to a He informed me that there have therefore been numerous reports of incidents of horses sliding and riders falling on this stretch .At the bottom of the slope, Staffordshire County Council have put a small notice in the hedge which is hardly visible ,stating Danger ,Smooth Surface, Horse Riders Advised to Walk. In my opinion, this is ridiculous. It needs to be visible on approach from both directions.

After having spoken to a number of residents in this area ,they seem to support a bridleway but are extremely anxious about the fact that it has become a traffic byeway. I also noted that Footpath 77, even though it is an unmade road, is also being utilised by a large amount of traffic to the residences and by people collecting children from the nearby school thus again contravening the road traffic act of 88/34.

Therefore as a representative of the rambler's association, purely for aspects of public safety, unless traffic is prohibited in this area, I fully repudiate the proposal to upgrade Footpath 77 and part of Footpath 18 ,to a bridleway .However , if an anti slip surface was provided perhaps a bridleway would be possible <u>just to the South West of the new bungalow.</u>

Yours Sincerely

Local Footpath Secretary, Ramblers Association

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL



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4th June 1996



tehnmledged 6/6/98 Mr. B. A. Price, County Clerk and Chief Executive, P.O. Box 11, County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford.

For the Attention of Mr. M. Bradbury

Dear Mr. Price,

ST16 2LH

Application for the Upgrading of Public Footpath Nos. 13 and 77, Endon and Stanley Parish to Public Bridleway Status

Thank you for inviting Staffordshire Moorlands District Council to comment on the application to upgrade the above-mentioned public footpaths to bridleway status.

The matter was considered by the Planning Committee on 30th May 1996, with the recommendation being that on the basis of the evidence so far, the County Council be urged to amend the Definitive Map by upgrading the route to public bridleway status.







Planning and Estates Department

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DATE: 22n April 1996

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042/255 Fp.s 13 & 77, Endon & Stanley Parish

YOUR REF: 4/MWB/lmg/19/11/159 GRID REF:

SOCIETY'S DECISION/RECOMMENDATION

Thank you for your letter of the 15th April 1996. Providing the surface of the paths is maintained in good condition for pedestrians the Society has no comment to make regarding the upgrading.

FURTHER COMMENTS

STAFFORD COUNTY COUNCIL P.O. BOX 11, COUNTY BUILDINGS, MARCIN STREET, STAFFORD ST 16 2LH.

ENDON with STANLEY PARISH COUNCIL

RFF.

Mrs. C.B. PLANT (Clerk to the Council)

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Mr.M.Bradbury PO Box 11 County Buildings Martin Street Stafford. ST16 2LH.

15th June 1996.

Your ref: 4/MWB/dp 19/11/159.

Dear Mr. Bradbury,

Application for Upgrading of Public Footpaths 13 and 77

Please accept apologising for the delay in replying to your letter of 12 April - we have been making local enquiries into the matter.

At a meeting of this Council held on Tuesday last it was resolved to support the application. It is essential that repairs are made to Footpath 18 as the surface is extremely dangerous to horse riders - the notice recently erected is insufficient!

Yours sincerely.

Parish Clerk.

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