

Appendix F

Statutory consultees evidence

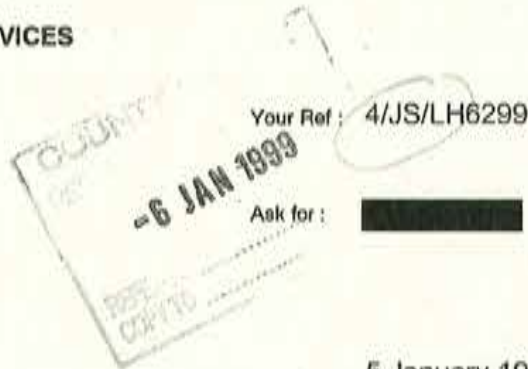
Lichfield District Council

DISTRICT COUNCIL HOUSE, FROG LANE, LICHFIELD. WS13 6YU



HEAD OF ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

Ref: WL/LLW/FP/WGG



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5 January 1999

Dear Sir,

ALLEGED PUBLIC FOOTPATH FROM HOPWAS HOUSE FARM TO THE A51

Further to your letter dated 8th December 1998, I would inform you that the District Council does not support Mr Reay's application in connection with the above. The evidence submitted by Mr Reay is not conclusive in my opinion.

In addition the footpath has never been used, there are ample footpaths in the area and a footpath should not be created running through a farmyard.

Yours faithfully,

Head of Administration Services

Director of Central Services
Staffordshire County Council
PO Box 11, County Buildings
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WIGGINTON AND HOPWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman :



Clerk to the Council :



(JAS)

6th January 1999

Dear Sir

Alleged Public Footpath from Hopwas House Farm
on the A.51


The above enquiry has been considered by local
councillors who are knowledgeable about the area.

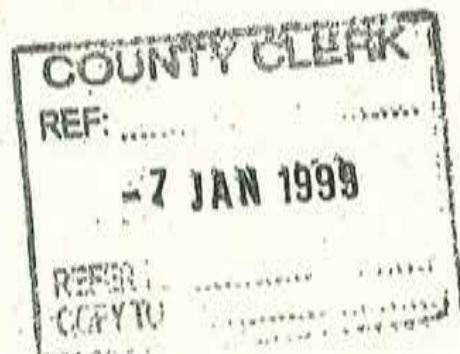
It would seem that the track, once walked and used
by cars, has fallen into a very neglected state..

There is no objection from this Parish Council
to this application.

Yours faithfully,



For the attention of 
Staffordshire County Council.
Director of Central Services.



Email from: Parish Clerk, Wigginton and Hopwas Parish Council

To: Stephanie Clarkson, Legal Officer, Staffordshire County Council

Dated: 5/4/2021

Thanks Steph,

The older residents [REDACTED] referred to were the 'older residents' he spoke to in 1985 when moving into the area [REDACTED]. I suspect that sadly the residents he spoke with may well have passed away. I will see if I can put something into our newsletter however the timeframe for response (21st May) will only give quite a short window as the newsletter will only be printed next week at the earliest and will then need to be hand delivered to 800 residents via our 5 councillors. I understand if the evidence timeframe is set in stone but if there is any chance of extending this timeframe by a week or two that would be helpful to give people a chance to see the article and provide a response; although I could appeal on social media there is a better chance of reaching our elder residents with the newsletter.

In addition with your permission I will contact the Tamworth and District Civic Society who I believe will be the people most likely to hold any documentary evidence or photographs of this kind in an easily retrievable format.

I am sure you are likely already aware but this footpath falls outside of the Wigginton and Hopwas Parish ward (albeit right on the border) and is situated within the Swinfen & Packington Parish Ward so they may have more relevant maps than I do.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

Parish Clerk

Tel: [REDACTED]

www.wiggintonandhopwas.co.uk

Email from: Parish Clerk, Wigginton and Hopwas Parish Council

To: Stephanie Clarkson, Legal Officer, Staffordshire County Council

Dated: 30/4/2021

Dear Stephanie,

We are about to publish a parish newsletter is this something we could ask our residents about to see if they have any documentary evidence for/against?

██████████ has said the following:-

When I moved to Hopwas in 1985 I can recall four of the more elderly residents of the village telling me that this used to be a pleasant walk through the fields when they were young. However they claimed that the two farms on the route had conspired to make it difficult for members of the public to use the path.

In more recent years I have experienced at first hand ██████████ a woman at Packington Farm who refused to let me walk down Packington Lane - despite this being shown as a public footpath on OS map Explorer 232.

I will bring this up with Councillors at our meeting next week & I will have a look through our records, and ask the previous clerk as I have only been in post for 18months and many of our older records have already gone to the county records office in Stafford.

Kind Regards,

██████████
Parish Clerk

Tel: ██████████

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Email from: A representative of Byways and Bridleways Trust

To: Stephanie Clarkson, Legal Officer, Staffordshire County Council

Dated: 21/5/2021

Dear Ms Clarkson,

Thank you for the copy documentation in this matter. Although I do not usually have any concerns for FPs, I support Mr. Reay's Application, which I see is dated 1998; it is to be hoped it will be dealt with in the near future.

Kind regards,

