

Email Submissions From Julie Turner – continued – dated 17/06/21

Hopefully this is my last email to you before tomorrow's CROW Panel meeting. This has been compiled by one of our researchers and I have just copied it over to you.

"As you know, because your draft reports for Bradnop 29 and Bradnop 30 were never received by Brian Smith, SMBG has only had a matter of days to investigate and comment on the conclusions reached in the draft reports for application LW602G and application LW604G. So, apologies if this communication appears belated. However, further information has come to light additionally to that we recently provided you with and asked to be put before the Countryside and Rights of Way Panel on Friday:

History Of The Recording of Bradnop 29 and 30

As you know and as we have already pointed out, Bradnop 29 and Bradnop 30 were claimed as Roads Used As Public Paths when the Parish Survey was conducted to create the first definitive map. A copy of the survey card details are attached for reference. Based on the current definitive statement, see second attachment, it states that the commencement point of Bradnop 30 is at Bradnop Footpath 29. But Bradnop 29 is a definitive bridleway and not a footpath.

This is all suggestive of the definitive map having been modified at least twice previously, initially from a RUPP to a footpath and then from a footpath to a bridleway. However, your report does not provide any information regarding if, how, why and when this may have happened. It also does not explain what evidence was found to support any previous modifications that appear to have been made. Can you please provide this information to us and include it within the material to be presented to the Countryside and Rights of Way Panel on Friday?

Ownership of Bradnop BW 29

Sections 10 to 13 of the draft report refer to two landowners of Bradnop BW 29. In fact there is only one current landowner recorded by Land Registry as the proprietor of Bradnop BW 29; shown as B to C on Appendix B of the draft report. Attached is a copy Land Registration boundary plan confirming this assertion. So, there seems to be some inconsistency as Land Registry shows the whole of Bradnop 29 to be registered in the ownership of single proprietor, shown within the boundary marked around land plot reference number 23302624. It is possible that some land may have changed ownership since the statements in Appendices G(i) and G(ii) were made. However, we feel it is most unlikely that Mrs Susan Barlow is or ever has been the freehold owner of Bradnop 29 as asserted in section 7 of Appendix G(i). By contrast the second and more likely asserted landowner confirms, in his evidence statement, that he believes and regard Bradnop 29 to be a public carriageway. Has Staffordshire County Council conducted any verification

*with Land Registry to confirm who actually owns the subsoil of Bradnop 29?
If, as we suspect, Mrs Barlow is not the owner of Bradnop 29 then the
ownership assertion made in section 7 of her statement is false and her
statements about the route should be disregarded.*

*Please can you ensure that this communication and attachments are presented
to the Countryside and Rights of Way Panel Members, together with the other
communications and materials we have sent you, in good time for Panel
Members to consider as part of the decision to be made for application
LW602G?"*

Our researcher has also attached a Google map image of the start of BW 29 at the end where it meets Ashenhurst Lane. The sign close to the BW fingerpost says "Strictly No Parking Beyond This Point". Unfortunately I cannot read the read of the sign from this image and must have missed it when I was driving along the route. BW 29 goes past Egg Well where there is a sign telling the history of this well so I suspect that people have been driving at least to this point on the BW to view this.

