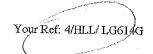
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## APPENDIX 6

BY FAX: 01785 215 153

25th July 1997

Dear Mr Gregory,



## Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Application for the addition of a footpath to the Definitive Map

Thank you for your letter of  $11^{\text{dt}}$  July with various enclosures regarding the application to add a footpath at Stretton to the Definitive Map. I am on holiday at present and will be replying to you in full on my return. I can confirm at this stage that I am the owner of the majority of the land in question and that I shall be objecting to the proposals for the footpath on the principal reasons of:

• The old footpath existing in 1827 was extinguished later and replaced by new rights of way

• The line of the old footpath would have become impassable when the new village drainage and sewerage systems were made. The existing bridge by Stretton Lodge was built to the west of the footpath in about 1860 when the footpath was closed

The County Council would have been involved in the new sewers and thus would have approved the
extinguishment of the rights of way (a necessity for the work to be carried out).

The unnecessary expense and disruption caused to the farmers.

There has been no usage of the proposed line of the footpath by anyone and the access to it has for the majority of the past 50 years (or more) been fenced across, obstructed by buildings and structures as well as locked gates.

I shall respond in greater detail on my return.

Yours sincerely

P.A.C.Monekton.

