

ADDENDUM

Comments Received in Response to Draft Report – LK600G

Following the circulation of the Draft Report comments were received from landowners Mr Williams and Mrs Brookes.

Comments Received By Email From: Mrs Jane Brookes (landowner) – To David Adkins, Staffordshire County Council 05/07/21

“Dear Mr Adkins, thank you for the documents regarding the alleged footpath in Leigh parish which starts at our ground. I’ve read through it and I’m amazed ! I know that you have to remain impartial, but here’s a few of our concerns. 1) Its really quite difficult to walk through the boggy area as proposed. I’ve lived here for most of my [REDACTED] years and can’t get through without losing a Wellington. 2) There are curlews, field fares, snipe and lapwing in that area, plus an abundance of lady smocks. Are Natural England going to allow people to walk through it?, I very much doubt it. 3) I have the 1933 sale particulars from when the Bagot Estate was sold, all footpaths are marked and that isn’t, yet the Lord Bagot owned the estate in the period where you say the information comes from regarding a path. 4) There is a path through our back yard which is about 100 metres on one side of the proposal, which is walked perhaps once every five years and Leigh Lane on the other side, both come out at the same point and would take no longer as you would not get stuck. We would welcome a visit by the Panel to see what we are saying. I will be informing the relevant organizations who I am sure will not encourage things to go ahead. On another point, why this has taken 21 years to come out as we have heard nothing before about this until a neighbour informed us? Regards, Jane Brookes”

Response By Email to Mrs Jane Brooks (landowner) – From David Adkins, Staffordshire County Council 09/07/21

“Dear Jane, Many thanks for your comments – which I have read through very carefully and which I will of course add to the Report. I will also bring the points directly to the attention of the CROW Panel for their consideration and ensure each point is highlighted. I fully appreciate your comments regarding the somewhat protracted time frames, there is a considerable waiting list and applications are ranked in order of date, gradually moving up the list as they are progressed to Panel. In the original application there was no record of yourselves as landowners along the route, which is unusual and again for completeness I will highlight this to Panel. In the meantime thank you once again for submitting the said comments – which are appreciated – and I will of course keep you fully updated. Kind regards David”

Comments Received By Telephone From: Mr Williams (landowner) – To David Adkins, Staffordshire County Council 09/06/21

- The route is difficult to see and use on the ground.
- There are alternative paths in the area.

Summation on all Comments From: David Adkins 13/07/21

Although the comments are much appreciated, none of the points raised relate materially to the legal status of the route and as such are not, in this case, able to support or refute the application.

To clarify the point that the path is not on the 1933 sales particulars, although doubtless these are correct they are only a snapshot of the position in 1933. The application is based on historical evidence and the applicants case rests on information that predates this.