

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

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SM.3542 DCW/BH
FILE REF.

SUBJECT

FROM [REDACTED] Principal TO [REDACTED] Principal
Planning Officer, Design & Management Planning Officer, Recreation and
Tourism

CHV-A4647

Alleged Public Path from Crownpoint to
Deep Hayes, Cheddleton

Thank you for your Memorandum of 11th December with statements of public use from Cheddleton Historical and Archaeological Society.

I would consider that the path shown from Deep Hayes to the boundary of Park Farm to be acceptable as this trail formed part of the boundary between the Reservoir and the Wall Grange Works and served the sailing hut, now demolished, which may have been on an earlier site of farm buildings.

Whilst the policy within the Country Parks is to provide safe and visually pleasing walking and in fact the short spur which you refer to is in the line of a gated new path, I am inclined to resist its inclusion in the definitive map.

My reasons are that I do not think this spur is really referred to in any of the statements and that it was known that access to the reservoir, because of its nature, was not encouraged by the Water Authority other than to the licensed fishing club or the sailing club. Notice to the effect that the land was private were certainly displayed at Wall Grange entrance to the dam. Although a stile existed at the dam end of the spur, now replaced by a kissing gate, I believe this was for the use of the Water Board Officers who needed access to the field in which there were a number of boreholes with gauges which needed to be read. I am also informed by the Ranger, who was previously an instructor who used the sailing club, that the spur was not a recognised or used footpath at that time.

Perhaps you might also like to refer the additional spur to the Society and assure them of its existence as a path as part of the many more numerous walks now available in the Park. An access for the public from Deep Hayes to Crown Point would be of value to any future setting up of circular walks from the Country Park.

DATE 8th January 1988

SIGNED [REDACTED]

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

From COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

To COUNTY CLERK & CHIEF EXECUTIVE

My Ref SM 3542 DCW/DLW

Your Ref 2/MWB/jsy/19/11/2 & 19/11/47

Internal Ext

Date 29th August, 1990

Subject Alleged Rights of Way at Deep Hayes Country Park

Thank you for your letter of 20th August with enclosures.

I return maps showing the extent of the County Council ownership as it affects these allegations. I would wish to comment as follows:-

a) Deep Haye to Denford

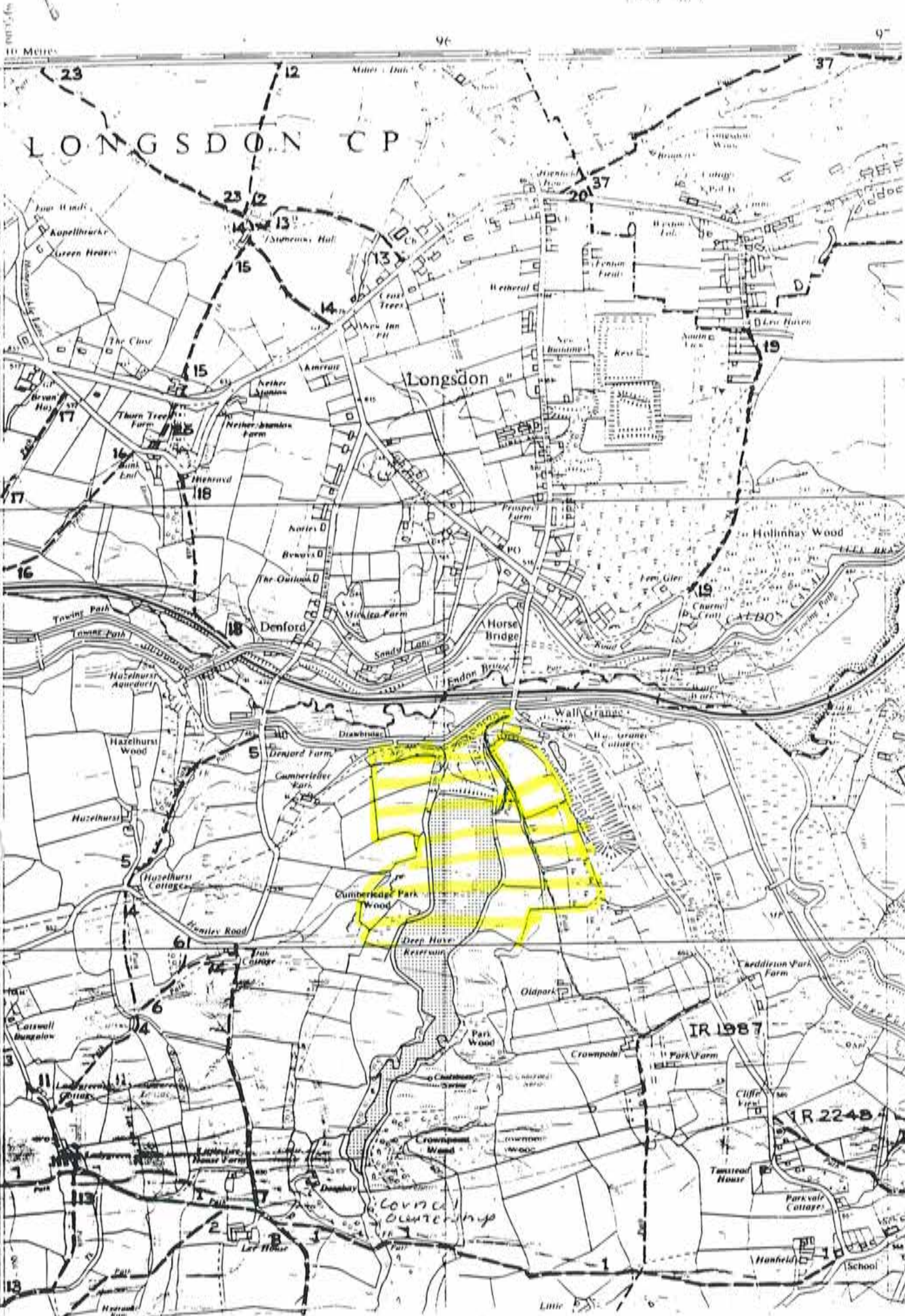
It is not specified what the application is for as I would consider it could not be a byway open to all traffic and would be dangerous as a bridlepath as the path is on a steep bank against the canal and nor would it be possible to obtain the minimum width for a bridlepath.

The path has not been used beyond the County ownership for some 13 years as most walkers move to the Hollybush Public House and use the easier walking on the canal towpath. Where the existing path passes through the County Council land it is part of a waymarked route for visitors to the Country Park.

b) Deep Haye to Crown Point

This would be a useful footpath to augment the present network. The Spur to the Old dam could not have been a public path as access to the reservoir was not available to the general public and the path was a service track for measurement instruments via the adjacent field. The path is part of a waymarked route within the Country Park and there would seem to be no case for this Spur to be incorporated as a public path in view of the necessity to close areas in Country Parks in terms of high fire danger.





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CORNER COUNCIL

From: DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL AND
CORPORATE SERVICES

CENTRAL SERV.
To: DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
For the attention of [REDACTED]

My Ref: PM/JW

Your Ref: 4/OTS/LA647G

[REDACTED] Ext. [REDACTED]

Date: 28 January 1999

Alleged Public Footpath between Crownpoint and Deep Hay, Cheddleton

I refer to your memorandum of 20 January 1999 in respect of the above.

I have now consulted with [REDACTED], formerly Ranger for Deep Hayes Country Park. The effect of [REDACTED] evidence is that during the period 1972 to 1980 the Stoke-on-Trent Youth & Community Sailing Club was based at this location. Access was denied at all times without the consent of the Commodore, who arranged for appropriate persons to gain access in his presence.

As far as the spur footpath is concerned, this gave access to borehole sites which I understand to have existed since 1950 approximately until the reservoir ceased to function in 1980.

It is therefore my conclusion that no user claim can be made relating to this period.

The previous comments from the field manager reflect the fact that there would be no objection to a public path on the lines indicated on amenity grounds.

His comments do not, however, reflect the historical evidence which I have been able to assess.

Should you require any additional information, I will arrange to see you, together with [REDACTED], who has some 25 years' experience of this site and its environs.

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for Director of Cultural and Corporate Services