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Your Ref : ROW/3232280

Dear Mr Richards,

Goodmanham Restricted ByWay No.7 and Market Weighton Restricted ByWay No.12

Thank you for your letter of 8th October informing me of the intention to hold a public inquiry into the Order to designate the above footpath as a restricted byway.

As well as appreciating the efforts of the Local Authority in this regard, I welcome the fact that you have kept me informed, although disappointed that the procedure has taken so long.

The actions of two new householders in blocking the path have prevented many people from the access to the footpath that they have enjoyed unhindered for many years. I can only vouch for the fact that I have walked this path without objection or hindrance since moving here in April 2000. However, it is clear that several local residents have walked here since the closure of the railway over 50 years ago.

The path links Market Weighton to a network of other footpaths in the Goodmanham area. As a designated 'Walkers are Welcome' town with weekly organised walks taking place, it makes sense to enable and encourage walkers to enjoy the advantages of such a link without the necessity of a more circuitous road route. There are also other Goodmanham householders who have enjoyed the road-free access to Market Weighton.

It is difficult to see how such a harmless and healthy pursuit can have negative impact on neighbouring properties. Indeed one would hope that the simple activity of walking in a safe environment would be encouraged rather than denied.

Therefore I hope the Inquiry will ultimately lead to the footpath being officially reinstated.

Yours sincerely, _____

✓John Bralant