

Stephen Tipping

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To: Stephen Tipping
Subject: Section 53 - WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 - Addition of a Public Footpath at Sketchley Lane, Ratcliffe Culey in the Parish of Witherley and the Borough of Hinckley and Bosworth

Your Ref: IV/LQ/ST M1109

Dear Mr. Tipping,

Thank you for your letter dated 14 February 2019 concerning the above.

I have now had a chance to study the documents which you arranged to be sent to me, following my request. I would make the following observations:

My family have lived in the area since the 1760s and in Ratcliffe Culey for over 100 years. Before my parents were married in 1952 my Father lived at 12 Sketchley Lane with his parents, brother and grandfather. This property is still owned and occupied by my Aunt. I believe this property is registered at the Land Registry under Title Number LT428061. Under this title the owners of this property had the right to use the water pump which was situated in the front garden of 14 Sketchley Lane until the 1970s. I believe the pathway in question was used for access, during earlier times, to the water pump before mains water was available.

Looking through the other documentation relating to this alleged footpath there does not appear to be any evidence to suggest there was ever a public footpath in existence, other than the fact that several people used the path without permission previously, if the Public Rights of Way evidence forms are to be believed.

In recent years if anyone has tried to use the path either Miss Boyt or myself have been out and told them it was not a public right of way.

As mentioned to you previously I do not see the need for this footpath to be created as there is already access to the footpath T34 via Main Road (opposite the Gate Inn and adjacent to Mr. Hunt's farm). This is currently already well used by villagers and others.

In addition grass snakes have occupied the area in question in the last few years.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Karen Horton (Miss)k

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