
From: Craig Mitchell [redacted]
Sent: 21 February 2020 10:26
To: Piers Lindley
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Addition of Two Alleged Public Footpaths to the Definitive Map at Great Glen. My clients DS and BD Robinson

Dear Mr Lindley

Thank you for your email dated 28 January. I have spoken to my clients recently, and yesterday, Thursday 20 February I revisited the site. You should understand that my client has now sold the field fronting onto Oaks Road, adjacent to houses in Coverside Rd to the west, and adjacent to the Oaks Wood to the east, which is hatched in black on the plan attached to this email. Miller Homes Ltd purchased the land in December from my clients and are now on site developing it. The land is currently fenced with Heras fencing although a strip lying about 2 metres wide between the points A-B on the plan has been fenced off separately.

I walked from Point C to B on the plan, and then into the wood between points B and D. It was hazardous in the extreme because of mud, fallen trees and flooding. I did take further photographs from my entry at point C, along the farm track and then in the wood itself. The trees are old and despite tree preservation orders will either fall down in the fullness of time, or need to be felled professionally. As an example, I would not allow young children to access the woodland now because I believe they would be at potential risk of suffering injury. I will forward to you copies of some of the photographs taken.

At point D on the plan the muddy path exits the wood and goes directly into Oaks Road. There is no pavement there and from the wood, a walker is on the roadway in a couple of steps. When I was there several cars drove past me at speed, and in my opinion a driver cannot see a walker about to exit the wood, and a walker cannot see any car approaching. The dangers are obvious, and with children or dogs an accident could easily happen.

My clients believe that the land between points B-C and B-D on the plan should not be added to the Definitive Map for these reasons, and for the other reasons already submitted to you. If there is a determination to create public footpaths then it is my client's opinion that the route shown by a green dotted line, within the Miller land would be a far safer route altogether.

The existing footpaths C13 and C14 provide walkers with excellent access towards Burton Overy and Kings Norton and Gaulby. C14 can be accessed simply by walking along Oaks Road from Coverside Road, and then walking into the well signposted field where C14 starts. The route A-B-D would provide no more than a pleasant, but potentially dangerous, short recreational loop which could easily be replicated by walking along existing footpaths and roadways (Coverside Road and Oaks Road).

The proposed footpath from B-C is unnecessary and an intrusion onto privately owned farmland, gated, which provides the landowner with access into his land. C13 and C14 do the job perfectly well and in my submission these proposals do not reasonably and properly create any new public footpaths which add anything to existing paths shown on the Definitive Map.

Would you please confirm receipt of this email and the photographs when sent. Thank you.

Craig Mitchell

On behalf of Mr and Mrs DS Robinson.

On 28 Jan 2020, at 17:02, Piers Lindley <Piers.Lindley@leics.gov.uk> wrote:

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