

Olney Rugby Football Club

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Date: 23rd November 2012

Dear Sirs

Olney Rugby Football Club (the "Club")
Section 53 Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981
Application for a Definitive Map Modification Order

Thank you for your letter of 22nd October 2012.

It is in the Club's opinion that the only reason a pathway was ever requested along points A-B-E-C-D was because points B-D were being claimed.

The Club would seek to argue that as a result of there being insufficient evidence that public right of way exists from B-D, there must therefore be a discrepancy as to the evidence supporting the use as a public right of way along the pathway A-B-E-C-D.

Furthermore, a public right of way already exists along the pathway marked FP04A in your aforementioned letter. Members of the public already use this pathway and then walk across the recreational grounds which belong to Olney Town Council and lead them directly to the river bank pathway.

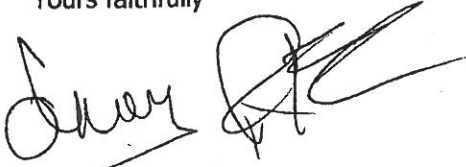
The issue the Club has faced for many years is dog fouling on the playing pitches. Whilst the Club has done everything within its powers to prevent members of the public walking across its private land, members of the public are still allowing their dogs to walk across the pitches and leave mess on the pitch. There have been several occasions where players of Olney RFC and other rugby clubs have fallen in dog mess and on two occasions two players of the Club had to be taken to the hospital as a result of dog mess. Our primary concern is that if a public right of way is permitted around the aforementioned proposed route, the number of people walking across the Clubs land will increase and as a result, so will the amount of dog mess on our pitches.

We have been trying to locate the previous owner of the Club's land since we received your letter of 22nd October 2012 to obtain a statement or affidavit to support our views which we believe would be in the interests of the public for such statement to be submitted. Unfortunately we have been unable to obtain a statement before today's date and would ask for the Council's permission to grant us a short extension to see if we can get a statement/affidavit submitted as evidence in support of our case.

We hope you will take this information into consideration but if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact our honorary secretary, Mr Jordan Glackin.

We look forward to receiving your confirmation as to whether or not a short extension will be granted to obtain a statement form the previous land owner.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Olney', followed by a stylized flourish or second signature.

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