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Dear Helen,

I am writing regarding the ongoing dispute relating to the Bridal Way / Permissive route at Chantry Farm just outside Beaminster. I am getting in contact as I live just above Chantry Farm at [REDACTED], with my wife and two young children.

I wanted to offer my full support for the proposed diversion of the bridleway and footpath to the permissive path. I have been using the permissive route regularly over the past 18 months with my young family, and it has become our preferred—and in many cases, the only practical—way to walk between Beaminster and the surrounding countryside.

The existing bridleway and sections of the old footpath are, extremely difficult to use. The ground is waterlogged, uneven and slippery, with high collapsed sides that make it narrow and unsafe. It is, in my opinion unpassable. I would not feel comfortable taking my children or our dog along this route; the steep gully, blind corners and the point where it emerges onto a farm track used by large machinery pose obvious risks.

In contrast, the permissive path provides a dry and much more accessible route. It offers a gentler gradient, better footing, open visibility, and far more enjoyable surroundings, including the woodland stream that my children love.

Since it was opened, we have found it to be consistently safe and pleasant in all seasons. Sharing this path with horses has never caused any difficulty because of its width and firm surface.

The diversion also avoids the need for walkers or riders to pass directly through the Hazelhurst's farmyard. This seems sensible to me as it reduces risk to any walkers / horse riders from usual farming activities in the yard. Having grown up with horses, I know that you would always try and ride horses and ponies as far from farm machinery as possible.

From my own regular use, I believe the proposed diverted path is not only more convenient, but also significantly improves public enjoyment, safety and accessibility. For these reasons, I am confident that it meets the necessary tests for confirmation. I cannot see any benefit in reopening the old bridleway in its current sunken, wet and unsafe condition, and I would not use it in preference to the permissive route that has already proved so effective.

Thank you for considering this representation.

Yours faithfully,

Duncan Campbell

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