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Dear Helen,

I wanted to write in support the permanent adoption of the permissive path around Chantry Farm.

I am a walker and rider, often with my 13yr old daughter. Until recently there was no useful access from Beaminster up to Buckham down on a horse. Now there is, we love it and support this for several reasons.

I understand it has been suggested that the existing bridleway be re-opened instead of going round the farm through the field and up the stream. This would mean access to and from the bottom of the bridleway where it leaves the farm takes you in front of open garages and past the entrance to the farmyard.

This area is potentially a noisy bottleneck, particularly for two riders and carries risk to any horse rider, even before you've got into (or out of) the bridleway so I'd rather go round the field and up the stream through the wood and onto the top heathland with all its space and views.

It looks like the bridleway contains mud, flowing water and loose rocks on its floor which would be dangerous to ride on, whilst the permissive field route around the farm is dry, wide and stable under foot, with beautiful open views of the surrounding hills.

I think there is zero benefit in opening up the bridleway and I can't see any rider or walker wanting to use it in preference to the permissive path we've enjoyed for family walks with dogs and occasional rides for the last 18 months or so - it is sunken, dark, with difficult access and potentially dangerous for riders, particularly youngers, if having to pass dog walkers in there.

Because the permissive path is open, wide and usually dry there is ample room for riders, walkers and their dogs. Please leave the bridleway well alone and make the permissive path a permanent piece of the ride up to Buckham Down from Beaminster.

V best, S

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