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Dear Jayne,

Thank you for your letter dated 7th November 2024

I am responding on behalf of my brother Mark Forshaw of 176 Bescar Lane and myself, the proposed order route has always been part of the brook bank and a path has never been established, up until 2012 we allowed people local to Bescar Lane (at their own risk) to walk over our section of the land which you identify as D- C on the attached plan with the proviso that they acted responsibly which they did; hence we gave our support.

The emphasis being on local people acting responsibly.

Post Covid however we have had an influx of people from further afield using the footpath from Woodmoss lane to D who have neither respect of boundaries or for the crops and no interest in acting responsibly with fouling or keeping their dogs on leads. We currently have a tenant on our farm who has turf on the field adjacent to D and FP14 on your plan, dogs are left to run loose on the turf on a regular basis resulting in dog mess all over the turf.

Although the land adjacent to the proposed route from C to A does not belong to us, I think that it is important to point out to you that it has a different tenant than in 2012, who is farming it with sheep and cattle as opposed to solely cattle, if dogs were allowed to run loose as they are on the footpath and on our land they would definitely be a danger to his sheep.

It's equally important to point out that to establish a permanent footpath would disturb the wildlife which now inhabits the bank, it has been left undisturbed for nearly 13 years. In 2012 it was only walkable for certain times of the year, in summer it used to be impassable because of the grass growth, now with the passage of time it has grown up into a typical wild riverbank.

In view of these changes both Mark and I would like you to put on record that we are withdrawing our support for the 'order route' and would actively oppose it with statements and by attending any public inquiry.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention,

Kind Regards,

John & Mark Forshaw

