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Dear ~~Mrs~~ Comber

Broxhead Common

Thank you again for your letter dated 17 September 2007.

As you say, the Inspector has reached a view about access on the common and how it relates to the existence, or otherwise, of a public bridleway. This is the Inspector's view and as such it is only binding as it affects the existence of bridleway rights. The County Council have taken account of the decision and with this will be talking to the owner about the provision of access for riders. The terms of the lease and the Inspector's decision refer only to the existence of 'permissive' access. Whilst the terms of the lease may allow for access and recreation it does not say that this must be provided nor does it specifically say that access for riders should be provided. We have noted the Inspector's view and we shall follow this up with the landowner with a view to providing access for riders.

I have noted your other points and agree that these matters do not prevent the provision of new access for riders where this can be achieved in a manner which is not harmful to the nature conservation value of the land.

We shall let you know how this progresses.

Yours sincerely

~~Ken Thornber~~
Leader

Cc: Andrew Smith, Assistant Head of Countryside