

Kind Regards

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Subject: Broxhead Common Signage

Dear Mrs Comber

Thank you for your e-mail. We have considered the matters you have raised.

I note the observations you make about the effect of the sign at 'the top of the hill' facing the gap. Our considered view is that the sign is set back from the road and does not pose a safety risk, or impede access, for equestrians.

The erection of signs is part of the day-to-day management of the site and as such, is not a matter which we would, or do, normally consult the public on. I am sorry that you are dissatisfied with the lack of consultation, but please be assured that no provocation was intended.

I note your comments about the illegality of the signs. We have no evidence that Broxhead is a common to which section 193 of the Law of Property Act 1925 applies and, therefore, no reason to believe that the interpretation of 'air and exercise' as extended to equestrian access (as reported in the Billson case) should apply to Broxhead Common. If you have evidence that section 193 of the 1925 Act does apply to Broxhead, I would be very pleased to receive it. Your request for SoS consent is being dealt with as a separate matter as a request for information.

The money to pay for these signs comes a service wide budget to ensure that clear and consistent information is provided to members of the public on all of our sites. Our research into our Countryside Access Plans indicates that clear, accessible information is a top priority for our residents. However, I will certainly ask the site manager to consider putting in the signage in the layby that you suggest.

In terms of the gates on the bridleways, if you have not already done so, then you may wish to report them via our online reporting system :

<http://www.hants.gov.uk/rh/row/problem-report.html> . If you have reported them, then they will be dealt with according to our priority guidelines:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/responsibilities-row/priority-guidelines.htm>

I hope this addresses your concerns. If you are dissatisfied with this response, please see our complaints information for further information:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/complaints>

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