

HEADLEY & DISTRICT BRIDLEWAYS PROTECTION GROUP

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Dear Mr Bide,

BROXHEAD BRIDLEWAYS - PARISH OF HEADLEY

1. HEADLEY BRIDLEWAY 46

I find your letter of 18th November '82 very disturbing. The reason you give for the joint application is incorrect. The real reason is quite obvious; it is an attempt to obtain retrospective consent for the unpermitted diversion of a bridleway which was effected by the fencing of a large area of Broxhead Common.

2. BRIDLEWAY 4

- a. As far as Mr Whitfield's part is concerned, the previous paragraph (1) also applies. The public use the current path not out of preference, but because they are prevented by the fencing from using the definitive route.
- b. The map is confusing. We were told by your officers, many months ago, that the definitive route of the southern part of HB4 was along the line of the Ross Farm fence and ended at Broxhead Motors' entrance. You now appear to be proposing that riders will lose some 30 yards of bridleway and be forced to use the busy B 3004 instead. I'd be grateful for clarification.

3. RATIONALISATION

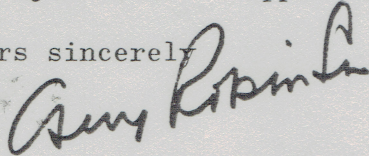
Our Group has attended meetings on site with members of your department, officers of HCC, EHDC, & HPC, together with Headley Parish Councillors and the landowner's representative a number of times during the last four years. These meetings were held specifically to discuss these routes. We repeatedly sought a quid pro quo in the form of an amenity through route - even if only permissive - in exchange for allowing the landowner to retain the fencing and gates that had been erected without permission. Such a route would reflect the historic bridleway network that existed

earlier and let riders avoid the dangerous roads and busy junctions surrounding Broxhead.

What is really needed is a rationalisation of Broxheads bridleways. We will be happy to continue to co-operate with the local, district and county councils and the landowners to establish a safe route for riders crossing Broxhead. We cannot, however, accept this piecemeal approach to the existing problems; it doesn't appear to have any relevance to the necessity of providing safe amenity through routes away from busy thoroughfares.

We object to this application.

Yours sincerely



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