

Mrs Comber

Thank you for sending to me, a copy of your recent e-mail to Councillor Kemp-Gee.

I have noted your comments, and have asked to see a copy of Councillor Kemp-Gee's response.

Ken Thornber  
Leader

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**From:** Maureen Comber [mailto:m.comber@btinternet.com]  
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**Cc:** Thornber, Cllr T K  
**Subject:** Broxhead Common

Hi Mark,

I am still waiting for a decision on my claims for bridleways on Broxhead Common. You will remember that I appealed to the Government Office for the North East and the correspondence is still active.

Whilst out riding on Broxhead today I noticed that tree trunks had been embedded in the ground with the picture of a horse shoe with a red line through it, on just about all available tracks including my claimed ones. Although there are no words. the picture may infer that the path may not be ridden on.

I say it is totally out of order to do this when the appeal is still active and no decision has been made.

Who is responsible?

What is the reason for this gross piece of discrimination?

There is no evidence that horses are detrimental to heathland in fact the contrary. Why else do they fence commons and then put ponies and/or cattle on them?

This common has been so neglected over the last 40 years that there are few paths left as the others have all grown over. Prohibiting the three or four remaining ones is akin to banning riders on the whole of the common.

If they can't police a 30 mph speed limit on country lanes - the reason given for leaving them at 60 mph - how on earth do they propose to police this?

I would be grateful if you can get to the bottom of this for me.

Yours ever

Maureen