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**Subject:** Broxhead - the decision

Dear Ken,

Further to my letter of October 2006 which I attach for your convenience, please may I now have the answers to the questions therein?

I attach also a page from the Planning Inspector's report received yesterday. Paras 38 and 42 are relevant in that the Inspector is saying that my claim for bridleways on Broxhead Common must fail because a permissive right already exists under the terms of the existing lease.

The County Council has claimed over very many years that access for horse riders on Broxhead is prohibited other than on the statutory bridleways, despite my protestations to the contrary. I had no other option than to claim the bridleways to highlight the error perpetuated by your land managers. The claim languished for six years in your offices before it was taken up for research and it has taken over two more years to follow the appeals process since it was turned down at Regulatory Committee. The Committee recommended that provision for horse riders should be made in the interim but instead 'no horse riding signs were erected all over the common, even on the claimed paths. In addition the common has become so overgrown on the alignment of a large proportion of the claimed pathways that the enjoyment of 'air and exercise' for horse riders has been completely denied.

In these lamentable circumstances please may I ask that appropriate steps are taken to restore the rights to 'air and exercise' to horse riders without delay. You will see from the Inspector's report that I had to stop using part of the common in the mid 1980's because of the neglect by your managers in clearing the

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overgrowth of gorse and scrub and their refusal to recognise the rights of myself and other equestrians. I would also request that the misleading signs are removed forthwith.

Yours sincerely

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