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Dear Mrs Thomas

RE HORSERIDING BROXHEAD COMMON

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd November.

While I understand your desire to create circular horse rides on Broxhead Common the County Council must balance the interests of the horse rider with those of land management and nature conservation. The County Councils position as tenant of the land does not put us in any better position to provide a circular horse ride although the County Council is extremely sympathetic to your desire to remove the need for horses to use the Broxhead Road.

Could I ask you to provide me with a map indicating the specific route you have in mind. It would also be useful if you could indicate the number of local riders who are likely to use such a route. In order to progress any formal creation of a bridleway the County Council will need to prove the public demand for such a route.

As you are aware from the long running saga of the bridleway claim the legal procedures under which the County Council operates are time consuming and extremely expensive. I will need to balance the potential cost against the level of public use any created route will see before committing any further to your proposals.

Yours sincerely

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