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Dear Mr. Smith,

Three Counties Bridleways Group

I was sorry to hear on the telephone today that you are unable to manage our meeting arranged for the 16th June. I write to confirm that Friday 30th June, at 2.30 p.m. on the tarmac strip on Hardings Ride will be a suitable alternative. All being well five of our Committee Members which includes myself, will attend.

There are two other matters outstanding which our Group would appreciate your help with and which you may wish to view as you are in the proximity. These are:

1. Four years ago I wrote to Mr David Pryke of your legal dept. One of the matters I mentioned was the need for user friendly handles on two gates across BW4 on Broxhead Common. Speaking to him on the telephone last week he clearly remembers writing to EHDC asking that the matter be attended to. So far despite further correspondence nothing has been done. This means that all horse riders find these gates difficult and some of us find them impossible so much so that they are forming an obstruction as people feel unable to negotiate them. We would be much obliged if you could have this matter attended to.
2. In 1996 we brought to the attention of your Council that the proximity of the Headley Park Rifle Range, to the road C102 was causing danger to the local horseriders. They denied responsibility which resulted in successful Judicial Review Proceedings in July, 1997. These proceedings were overturned on appeal but your Council did not receive costs and did admit that they may have a responsibility. Last year Ed. White of your legal dept. wrote and told us that this matter should be better pursued with EHDC under the new noise pollution legislation. This we did but find it does not relate to highway matters. The ball is back in your court therefore. In fact we think this is a matter which could easily be resolved and believe the money spent on the High Court proceedings could have been better used to overcome the problem, which needless to say still remains. If you have time therefore and if you are interested we would like to show you the problem and the possible resolution of it.

Yours sincerely

Maureen Comber
Hon. Secretary, Three Counties BWG