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Dear Andrew,

**CLAIM NO. 694 – Cradle Lane to BW 4 Broxhead Common avoiding C102 past Rifle Range**

Thank you for the updated claims list which arrived today and now includes the above claim which somehow seems to have escaped being on the previous list.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Rachel, as being new she may need your help in answering my query.

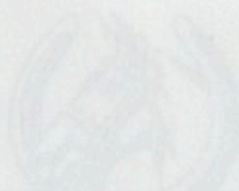
You explained to me at the BHS meeting last Monday that claims are dealt with in strict chronological order unless there is a planning application which may compromise their existence. You also regretfully admitted that in the claims department you are still understaffed and underfunded which results in an unsatisfactory service and one of which you could not be proud.

We had quite detailed correspondence regarding this last year when I tried to explain to you that this claim no. 694 was somewhat different to the others as it had been made in the light of Mr Justice Sedley's comments that this was a case that could be dealt with by discussion and agreement.

I think that any High Court Judge would find it lamentable indeed to see that discussion or agreement is impossible because Judicial Review is seen by you as an 'easy fix' for giving higher priority to the application to record a bridleway, (your letter dated 22.1.01), especially when that application was submitted to help the Hampshire County Council resolve the dangers this gun club gives rise to because of its proximity to the C102.

The Countryside Agency's Draft Access Maps show the suggested route for avoiding the immediate dangers on the C102, as being common land. Local people are still concerned with the affects of the loud sometimes unexpected bangs emanating from the gun club, especially one family with a 14 year old daughter. No other suggestions of how to increase safety of the road users has been put forward by County Surveyors or yourselves.





In the light of my backward moving claim I am seriously considering what more I can do to make you realise the dangers and unpleasantness which as Mr Justice Sedley said could be dealt with by discussion and agreement and which seems not to be the case.

Yours sincerely

Maureen Comber  
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Article Lane to BWS 4 Brokers Common avoiding C102 and Rifle Range

Thank you for the updated plans for which arrived today and now includes the above changes which now seems to have escaped being on the previous list.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Rachel, as being now she may need your help in answering my query.

You explained to me at the BHS meeting last Monday that claims are dealt with in order of logistical order unless there is a planning application which may supersede their criteria. You also repeatedly admitted that as the claims department you are still understaffed and underfunded which results in an unsatisfactory service and one of which you could not be proud.

We had quite detailed correspondence regarding this last year when I tried to explain to you that the claim no. 104 was somewhat different to the others as it had been made in the light of Mr Justice Sedley's comments that this was a case that could be dealt with by discussion and agreement.

I think that any High Court Judge would find it lamentable indeed to see that discussion or agreement is impossible because Judicial Review is seen by you as an easy fix for giving higher priority to the application to re-route a bridleway, (your letter dated 12.1.01), especially when that application was submitted to help the Hampshire County Council resolve the dangers this gun club gives rise to because of its proximity to the C102.

The Countryside Agency's Draft Access Maps show the suggested route for avoiding the immediate danger on the C102, as being common land. Local people are still concerned with the effects of the road sometimes unreported bangs emanating from the gun club, especially one family with a 14 year old daughter.

No other suggestions of how to increase safety of the road users has been put forward by County Surveyors or yourselves.