



For the attention of
Thompson Parish Council

We wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council and the residents of Thompson our grave concerns with regard to the Parish Council's Application for a Definitive Map Modification Order.

The Application is related to an alleged Public Footpath through our private property; We have undertaken lengthy and laborious research and have taken advice which more than suggests the Parish Council may find itself in a difficult position should the matter result in a Public Inquiry.

The Parish Council should be aware that it stands at risk of an Application for Costs of the Inquiry if the alleged evidence it relies upon demonstrates, at Inquiry, that it acted unreasonably when it claimed that an historic path existed through our private land but that it was omitted in error from the Definitive Map during its preparation.

The Parish Council is aware that no path is recorded on the Definitive Map through our private land and local residents are also well aware that we have always been tolerant of reasonable use based on permission. Challenging that permission by making an Application to record a Footpath for the use of the general public [as opposed to permissive use by local residents] will undoubtedly mean that should the Parish Council's claim fail [as the evidence suggests] the privileges at the moment enjoyed by the local residents will be withdrawn.

We would therefore respectfully request that the Parish Council seriously considers its position and withdraws its Application for a Definitive Map Modification Order the effect of which would be that the status quo would continue.

We are willing to discuss the councils alleged evidence in detail should this prove helpful in maintaining the reputation of the Parish Council, who we understand are elected to represent the interests of the Parishioners and not necessarily the general public.

