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Subject: Re: Footpath from East Lane (D20502) to D20503) Public Road east of Coombe Cottages Bradford Abbas through Saxon Maybank development. Objection

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Dear Madam,

I am writing to you as a long leasehold Owner of a property on Saxon Maybank site. The proposed route of the public footpath will run to the rear of my Property.

I object to the Order for the following reasons:

1. There is no evidence that a public right of way has come into existence through dedication by the land owners (freehold, leaseholders, licence holders) on Saxon Maybank.
2. Saxon Maybank is securely fenced with an electronic gate at the entrance (and a key code required) which prevents anyone other than owners and holidaymakers from walking across the site. There is also signs on the site which clearly show that there is no public access allowed through the site.
3. Any person accessing the site other than Owners and Holidaymakers have been challenged and have not been allowed to pass through the site as this is private property.
4. The footpath has not been used by the public at large for the last 20 years and so it cannot be presumed that a footpath accrues as of right. Any public using the site would be asked to leave as they do not have permission to cross the private site. Any general public accessing the site would be interrupted from continuing across the site and such people would be asked to politely leave. To my knowledge during my ownership no member of the general public has tried to walk across the site or even walk up East Lane.
5. The public at large have not used the footpath across the site for a continuous period of 20 years.
6. The public at large currently would not be able to use the footpath openly and would have to secretly climb over the locked gate (operated by a code) and/or break down the fences surrounding the Saxon Maybank site in the middle of the night or when the landowners on the site are away on holiday.
7. To my knowledge no permission has been given by any landowner of the site to allow the public are large to walk through.
8. I do not believe that there is sufficient evidence to show that rights of way for the public at large exist across the Saxon Maybank site. I therefore do not agree that the driveway through Saxon Maybank site has become a public right of way and needs to be added to the legal record.

Please acknowledge safe receipt of this email and its objection.

Yours faithfully,

Sally Humphreys

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