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Your Ref:- MJ/WC/19/3
" " LET/WC/19/4

Dear Sirs,

Rights of Way County of Avon Reclassification order 3/1992
" 4/1992

Following from your communication and that of Mrs Tucker, dated 3rd December '92, I make the following points and refer you to my previous letters on this subject

The views of my Association members and myself, as their representative, is that whilst like ourselves, other persons may put their views, we believe the amended re classification to be incorrect, and that the committee should have stood firm on the reclassification as at 1/1990 and 6/1990.

There is no doubt these current tracks were once well used highways, and the several restrictions as to width (wicket gates) have been in place only in recent times.

We fail to see how BA 5/50 (3/1992) and BA18/26 (4/1992) can be segmented from main thoroughfare "Via Julia", stated in DESCRIPTION of ROADS, as a continuation of the OLD ROMAN ROAD

I repeat, that in other Counties, Roman Roads are still regarded as BYWAYS, in spite of their being constructed prior to the 12th century. viz: the Cotswold Way, Fosseyway, Ermine Way, Ridgeway, Harroway etc.,

The section of road from the A431 at Kelston and generally NE to T junction at Prospect Style, is regarded as a BYWAY.

It therefore follows that this route was one taken to reach North Stoke to the NW and Upper Weston to the SE.

I have driven a car from Upper Weston village, through this route, with no let or hindrance, within the past 40 yrs and I have also driven a motorcycle along the same route as late as the 1960's, when the route BA5/50 was fenced from the main field and access for animals was through two gateways to the Southern end of said field.

Members of the local TRF have also ridden this track recently (1991/1992). However access was difficult due to a locked gate, forbidding passage of even horses and their riders.

In respect of routes BA18/15., BA18/17 and BA 18/20. I will take the same line, as in the previous comments and also refer to my previous letters on this section of the Cotswold Way.

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In the 1940's and 50's, vehicular traffic used this route to obtain the Bath rd at Battlefields junction.

I have no documentary evidence as proof, but would say that my contemporaries who could have had such proof, are now unfortunately deceased, they used this route frequently at weekends. I remember, for I had an unfortunate argument with one of them in 1946, relating to viable passage; I lost.

As I have stated previously, the route from North Stoke village and Church, west along the Cotswold Way (agreed BYWAY), now ceases at point 172 712½-692½ and by the decision of your committee, could cause traffic (needing to pass over this route) to reach a dead end.

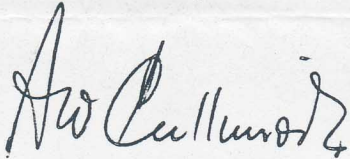
The route shown on the definitive map is a CRF (NO13) and as stated; VERY ANCIENT.

The carriage way (YOUR WORDS) carries on past Brockham Lane and thence to Lansdown Lane.

If then this track is a CARRIAGE ROAD/FOOTPATH the higher notation takes precedence; or may be your committee were unaware of this.

My members object most strongly to the propose action of reclassification to other than a BYWAY and would ask that our opinion be submitted to the Secretary of State for a decision.

Yours faithfully



A.W. Cullimore (Rights of Way Officer for Wessex Centre Auto Cycle Union).

Sunday 16th Gordano 9-30.

~~Wed~~ Wednesday 26th May 6-30 Radchester
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Sunday 13th June 9-30 Hilperton
Steve Cousins,

6-30 Globe Me 7th July