

Additional witnesses Codford (evidence submitted post Order)

APPENDIX 3

Witness No	Name	Years of use	How used	Comments
19	Rosie Thomas		Walking and cycling	Lived for “many years” in Codford. Her brother used it as well.
20	Karen Edwards	2002 – 2016	Walking	Walked the route regularly. Has no recollection of signage stating any intention of the landowner other than asking dog owners to clear up after their pets
21	Amelia Butcher	c.2000	Walking, cycling and riding	Lives on the corner of Church Lane and have used the Military Road for as long as she can remember. Learnt to ride her bike and ponies along here.
22	Victoria Restorick	1994 – 2016	Walking	Uses it when visiting her daughter and grand daughters
23	Lt Col P Andrews	1980s onwards	For Memorial parades and access to the farm shop in the 1980s and 1990s	
24	Richard Abbott	1988 – 1997	Regular dog walking and by car and bicycle to access the farm shop.	Never told the way was private or that use was unwelcome.
25	Rosemary Carley	2002 – 2012	Walked in a group twice a week	Walked freely with no restrictions
26	Chris Litherland	1983 – 1993	Drove a car	Lived at East Farm House and worked in Salisbury so used the route to get to work. Also recalls it being popular with walkers and dog walkers as well as vehicular for the farm shop
27	Sally Delius	2002 – 2016	Walked in a group	Part of a walking circuit. Only prevented from using the route in 2015.
28	Bernice Neville	2001 – 2012	Walked in a group	Part of a walking circuit. Unaware of any restrictions and were never approached with an objections

Relevant excerpts from submissions:

Mr M Cole 20.07.16

“I have parked on the small road below St Mary’s Church and exited out of the Army Road since the end of the 39 – 45 war, and have never had any comments from anybody for so doing”. “I can recall my own niece’s wedding in August 1976 but have no other dates as I have not kept a log of events attended. Never once have I been told that I cannot do this.”

Mrs E M Richardson – Aitken 21.07.16

I have lived in Church Lane, Codford St Mary for twenty nine years and ten months. For the most part my children were brought up here. Throughout that time we have been able to walk, drive and cycle without hindrance on all the public and farm roads in and around the village. My children learned to ride their bicycles on Church Lane and the Army Road and I regularly drove around what was known locally as 'The Circuit'."

Mr R Richardson –Aitken 12.07.16

"As I have stated previously I used the Military Road as a normal road using my motor car, commercial vehicles, bicycles and on foot often with my dog. At no stage was I ever challenged by anyone."

Mr D Shaw 25.07.16

"..in 1998 at which time it was a perfectly normal and regular activity to walk, cycle and drive up Church Lane, past St Mary's Church and down the Farm Road to the old A36 – and vice-versa. Our family (my wife and me, three children and five grand children) and our friends used it as a recreational route happily for the next dozen years or more..."

Mr B Nicholls 07.16

"My family and I arrived in Codford St Mary in 2000 while I was still serving with the Army. Our property is directly opposite Beanis Path and it became my early morning ritual to run, with my dog, along the path to St Mary's Cottage and then in front of St Mary's Church (point A to B as marked on the map). At this point I would turn into East Codford Farm on the farm road to the bridle path; returning the same way 45 minutes later." "On the weekends I would also cycle from A – C on the map, while on my way to the Great Ridge returning the same way."

Mrs D Shaw 25.07.16

"..having lived here since 1998 I have seen steady numbers of people from all walks of life using the road in the direction of East Farm via Church Lane, then past the church and down the concrete road to the Salisbury Road (Church lane – A – C on your plan). That is steady numbers of adults and children behaving perfectly responsibly and walking or cycling in the countryside." "Most importantly I have used the route up Church Lane, past the church and down the concrete road myself at least once a week from 1998 until being 'discouraged' to do so by the signs that appeared, if my memory serves me reasonably correctly, in 2009 or 2010..."

Mr D Richardson-Aitken 25.07.16

" In my previous letter I pointed out that my friends and I played, cycled and roller skated along the Military Road it was very much part of our country playground." "From 1968 until 2008 I lived in Church Lane so I feel that I am in a position to report on the use of the Military Road and the church front road and its uses for all types of traffic."

Mrs R Thomas 22.07.16

“..for many years I lived in Church Lane at Codford.” “I can assure you that my brother and I cycled, walked and roller skated on the road. We also walked freely over all the farmland around Codford and in so doing obtained a great love of nature and the countryside.” “In my experience the Military Road has always been open for all the people to enjoy.”

Ms K Edwards 27.07.16

“I have walked this pathway regularly since moving to Codford in 2002. This is the most accessible walk in our area...” “With regard to signs, I have absolutely no recollection of seeing any signage to state any intention of the landowner other than a notice asking dog owners to clear up after their pets.”

Ms A Easterbrook 18.07.16

“I am 19 years old and have lived in Codford all my life. I live on the corner of Church Lane and have used the Military Road past St Mary’s Church for as long as I can remember. I learnt to ride my bike as well as ponies and walk our dogs along this road.”

Ms V Restorick 21.07.16

“I have been using this road for the past 22 years, when staying with my daughter in Codford. During this time I have walked and continue to do so, with my two granddaughters and family to church and back down to the High Street on the old Military Road.”

Lt Col P D D J Andrews 25.07.16

“As a member of the committee that organises the ANZAC Memorial Parade and Service held annually on ANAZAC Day in the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery close to St Mary’s Church in Codford, I was concerned that the landowner had declared the Church Road and the military Road to be closed to all traffic. This caused great problems for those attending the event in 2015...”

Mr R Abbott 21.07.16

“I lived in Codford from 1988 until April 1997, when I moved out of the village. It was my habit to walk my dog along many routes throughout the village, the Army Road being one of the most popular.”

Mrs R Carley 22.07.16

“From 2002 until 2012 I lived in Codford..” “ During those ten years I walked with a small group on average twice a week on a circuit around the village. This route invariably took in the loop of what is known as the Military Road. In the early days we sometimes used the circuit through the farmyard opposite East Farm House until the owner gated this off.” “We walked freely and without any restrictions placed on us by the landowner.”

Mr C Litherland 22.07.16

“I lived in Codford for ten years from 1983 to 1993, during that time my home was at East Farm House at the end of Church Lane. I worked in Salisbury and invariably drove to my place of work using the road in front of St Mary’s Church and the road leading to the main village road which I knew to be called The

Army Road.” “At this time I remember the Military Road was a busy thoroughfare used by farm traffic, delivery vans used by West Country Fine Foods and general vehicular movements by people going to the church and to the Farm Shop. The road was also used to park cars by people attending funerals and weddings. I also recall the roads known by me as ‘The Circuit’ was heavily used at the time of the ANZAC services held in the Commonwealth War Graves cemetery that is close to Church Lane.” “...the area was popular with walkers and those exercising their dogs...”

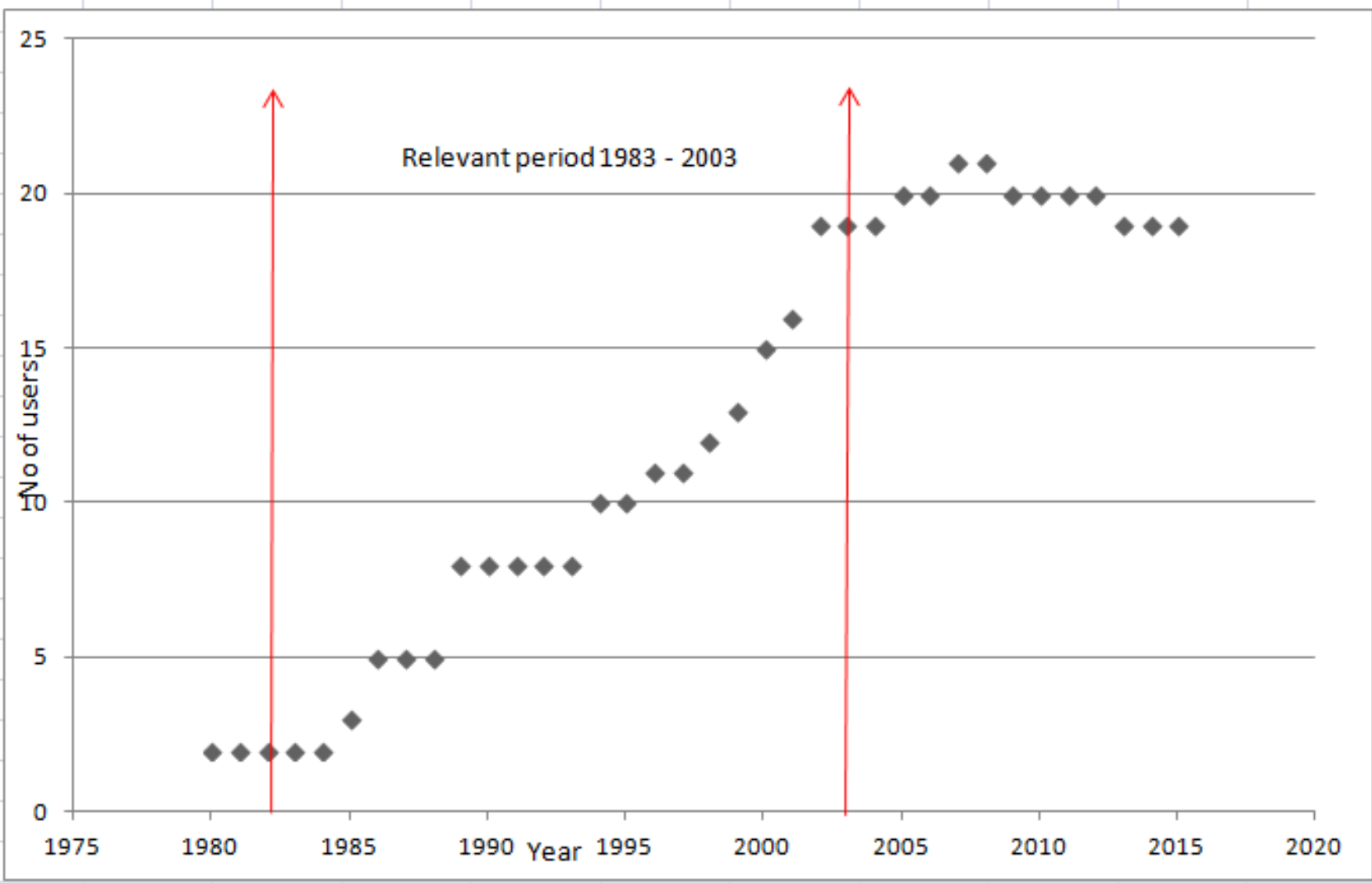
Mrs S Delius 23.07.16

“I arrived in Codford in 2002, my husband had been living in the village since mid 1988. Shortly after my arrival I teamed up with a group of other middle-aged ladies who were interested in taking regular exercise by walking a reasonable distance within easy reach of our homes in the village.” “We used a circuit of almost two miles, which included what is known as the Military Road approaching St Mary’s Church, normally twice a week, unless weather conditions were very unfavourable for over ten years..”. “We were never prevented or discouraged from using that route by Mr Stratton or his employees.”

Mrs B Neville 21.07.16

“I belonged to a ladies fitness group from 2001 until approximately 2012. Once or twice a week we would walk a circuit around Codford. This invariably took in the loop of the Military Rd in front of St Mary’s Church to the High Street. This was especially so after the owner closed the gate into the yard opposite East farm House. We were unaware of any restrictions and never once did any member of the Stratton family approach us with any objections.”

See Over for graph showing use on foot:



NB Chart excludes users whose only use was by car