

**APPENDIX E**

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR DAVID ADAMS DATED 22 MARCH 2017 –  
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**Green, Janice**

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**From:** David Adams  
**Sent:** 22 March 2017 16:09  
**To:** Valerie Wilkinson; Green, Janice  
**Subject:** Definitive Map Modification Order - Footpath no.9 Idmiston  
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Dear Janice

My name is David Adams and although a member of the Idmiston Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering group, I have stayed away from the Footpath/Right of Way debate until now.

As a Steering Group member, at the last meeting, under general information, Valerie (our chair) mentioned that the County Council hearing was on the 6 April and included the redacted letters of resistance and support, including one from the Parish Council. Having read these, I am writing to you as I believe 2 important items of information have been omitted that should be shared with decision makers.

My wife and I are keen walkers and often we walk along rights of way, many at the very edge of domestic dwellings and for short distances. This made me think that this is probably more about right of way, rather than a footpath. We have owned a property very close to this parcel of land since 2000 and therefore would like to make the 2 points below, about which I have first hand knowledge. I would like to raise with you that for some reason the following information has not been shared with you by the Parish Council.

1. During the Millennium tree planting celebrations, 2 trees were planted on this parcel of land by the Parish Council. To me this indicates that the landowner and the Parish Council saw this as a piece of land that could be used "without challenge" by the owners and that movement across it was "always free and took place openly". Subsequently the millennium trees were cut down - I believe, by the new owner who has owned the land for about 12 years. A fence was only erected at the time planning permission and right of way was initiated within the last 2 years. Beforehand the current owner cut the grass, maintained the land and we even discussed having a bench on the the grass. In addition, there is no pavement around this land, which is probably why it was always a cut across for people.

2. Before the Parish Council wrote to you objecting to the footpath, they had received a petition from 35 people complaining about a fence that had been erected preventing access across the land that had previously been enjoyed. This land, within the conservation area was also left to become overgrown. I am surprised that this information was not also passed as evidence for the hearing. I enclose a photocopy (the Parish Council have the original) of the complaint to the Parish Council, including the 35 petitioners.

I hope this is useful and adds some balance to the proceedings.

Best Wishes

David Adams

## NEIGHBOURHOOD COMPLAINT ABOUT PARCEL OF LAND ADJOINING BOURNE CLOSE AND THE HIGH STREET PORTON



We are all residents living along the High Street and within Bourne Close. For decades this small piece of land has been well kept and provided safe access for children, elderly and all pedestrians wishing to gain access to Bourne Close, the recreation ground and to and from the shop and surgery. As there are no pavements along the High Street and Bourne Close, this well established path across this land made it safer for everyone on foot.

It is now over 12 months since these 2 fences were erected, restricting pedestrian access across the land and creating an unsightly wasteland frequently seen to be used as a car park for tradesmen and others. We have all waited patiently while the planning process has been undertaken and now, many months later, the land looks awful and unsightly. We feel that it is depressing the neighbourhood, preventing families with children (2 families have moved into the neighbourhood with young children in the last 6 months) from using this route and is a depressing feature for us all.

Over the last 8 months, the owner (Mr Mark Jones) has been politely contacted twice and asked to remove, at least the larger fence and to please maintain the area, cutting the grass etc. Recently he was asked again and informed that if nothing was done it would be raised with the Parish Council. As there has been no response and nothing has happened re the requests, we the undersigned would collectively appreciate support from the Parish Council to formally ask the owner:

- To reinstate access across the land for public use
- To remove the larger fence and if a fence is necessary, please to erect just one that is less unsightly and more in keeping with the surrounding area
- To maintain the grass and keep the parcel of land's appearance in harmony with the neighbourhood
- To not allow vehicles to use the land for parking

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