

Officers Opinion on Late Correspondence- Mere 78 DMMO

Photo of The Square, Mere , 1928.

This photo depicts the metal gates at the south end of the order route in 1928, with one of the gates being open. This photo is dated 1928 and as such would fall outside of the relevant 20 year period for consideration under s.31 of The Highways Act 1980.

Email from Leaping Frogs Nursery

The email from Leaping Frogs Nursery claims use of the route through gates from 2002 by some individuals to an unknown date. This email does not form a statement and the nature of use claimed has not been investigated by officers, i.e., if that use was as of right or by right, the frequency of use, the period of use, the precise route used, or if that use was interrupted or challenged at any time. This claimed use can be further examined at a future public inquiry.

This correspondence, the email and photo, will be sent as part of the papers of this case to The Planning Inspectorate for consideration. At a future public inquiry an independent inspector will have the opportunity to analyse and cross examine all the evidence given and offer the opportunity for any person to give oral evidence. The inspector will then be able to reach a decision to confirm or not confirm this order.