Decision Report (Appendix C to planning committee report)

Fencing called use into question. Fencing erected 2011. Relevant period: 1991 - 2011

Witness	Name	Address	Years of Use	Route used
no				
1	Peter N Smith	71 Ham Green, Holt, Trowbridge, BA14 6PY	1985 – 2011	Application route
2	Martin G Moyes	The Old Manse, The Street, Holt, BA14 6RS	1982 –	Application route
			fencing	
3	Miss A Pryke	49 Leigh Road, Holt, BA14 6PW	1993 – 2011	Application route
4	Robert J Mizen	16 Leigh Road, Holt, Trowbridge	1980 – 2011	Application route
5	Martin Lewis	76 Ground Corner, Holt, Trowbridge	1990 – 2012	Application route
6	Jonathan Nibbs	273 The Gravel, Holt, Trowbridge, BA14 6RA	1955 –	Application route
			fencing	
7	Mrs A Nibbs	273 The Gravel, Holt, Trowbridge, BA14 6RA	1960 – 2010	Application route
8	Rodney Moody	Huckshards, The Gravel, Holt, BA14 6RA	1940 – 2011	Application route
9	Mrs P Earl	Fairlawne, 21A Leigh Road, Holt, Trowbridge	1960 – 2011	Application route
10	Patrick Ladd	76a Ground Corner, Holt, BA14 6RT	1935 –	Application route
			1940/50 and	
			2005 - 2011	
11	Mrs S Chapman	Brookfield Cottage, 76 Ground Corner, Holt, Trowbridge	1964 – 2012	Application route

No	Total years	Yrs in rel. period	Other users?	Nature of own use	Gates or Stiles	Signs?	Permission ?	Challenge?	Frequency of use	Landowner aware?
1	26	20	Yes, walking including exercising dogs	Walking and running	Not before 2011	Not before 2011	No	No	20 times per year	"Not sure, but I would expect the owners before 2011 were, since the field and its public use would be visible, if not from the house, certainly from the grounds of Holt Manor."
2	28 or 29	19 or 20	Yes – on foot	On foot	No	No	No	No	10 times per year	Yes "must have seen people walking this pathway."

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3	18	18	Yes – walking	Walking	No	No	No	No	Daily	"Yes. The route is in sight of the house so I would assume the owners must have been people using it."
4	31	20	Yes – walking	Walking	Gate and stile at point D and gate and stile at point B never locked	No	No	No	5 – 6 times per year	"Yes. Because of the number of people using same path."
5	22	20	Other dog walkers and ramblers	Walking	Stiles at D and B	No	No	No	Daily	"Yes. When he brought Holt Manor all footpaths and public right of way."
6	56	20	Yes, walking	Walking/running	Stiles at signed ends	No	No	No	Variable over years stated	"Yes. There have been a number of owners during the time I have used the way and over the years, a clear path has been etched in the terrain."
7	50	19	Yes, walking	Walking	Stiles at initialled points	No	No	No	Variable	"Yes. Footpath can clearly be seen."
8	71	20	Yes, walking	Walking	Only at boundaries	No	No	No	Many times	"Yes – because of significant numbers using the path."
9	51	20	Yes – also walking	Walking	No	No	No	No	Variable	"Yes. With position of house and grounds could hardly miss being aware."

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10	Kno wn path for 75 years	6	Dozens. Walking	Walking	Stiles at either end of route	No	No	No	30 times per year	"Yes. The owner was often met during our walks and conversation often took place."
11	48	20	Yes walkers or other dog walkers	Walking	Stile D and B	No	No	No	Daily	"Yes. When he brought Holt Manor with all footpaths."

Width of path

Witness	Width in
no.	metres
1	1.5
3	1.5
3	2
4	2
5 6	2
6	2.25
7	2
8	2 2 2
9	2
10	-
11	-

Mean width = 2 metres

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