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March 25<sup>th</sup>.05

Dear Sarah Handsley,

**Re: Application to register land at Peasehill, Mere as a Village Green**

Thank you for your letters of 17<sup>th</sup>.& 23<sup>rd</sup>.March. Our comments are as follows:-

The fence referred to in Mr.Parfitt's declaration was erected last August as stated in his objections. Use of the land continued and is continuing. (Recently used tracks were surely evident on your site visit.)

The fence is of barbed wire which should only be used to restrain stock and is illegal on at least other 2 counts – a) it is stranded illegally b) it is obstructing the footpath we drew your attention to in our application evidence.

We understand it is a tenet of English law that one should not gain legal advantage by an illegal act. In which case, how can the WCC solicitor justify abandoning our inquiry when originally it was stated our application met all the legal requirements and we had provided proof of a number of inaccuracies in the objector's case?

As pointed out in my e-mail of 23<sup>rd</sup>.March we feel strongly that due to the Regulatory Committee electing to go for an inquiry, our application should be deferred until the final appeal judgement on continuing use is reached. How do you think the people of Mere will feel if the Peasehill application is not deferred and Lord Justice Carnwath's judgement is then overturned by the House of Lords?

To assist the Association in its press briefings I would like to receive the following information-

- a) the name of the Inspector you consulted on this matter as indicated in your letter of March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- b) the number of Regulatory Committee members who actually consulted all the evidence submitted in the original applications.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Adrienne Howell  
Hon Sec. Old Hollow & Shreen Water Residents Assoc.