Decision Report (Appendix D 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	Robert J Mizen	16 Leigh Road, Holt, Trowbridge	1980 – 2011	Application route
3	Jonathan H Nibbs	273 The Gravel, Holt, Trowbridge, BA14 6RA	1955 -	Application route but occasionally
			fencing	differs between trees
4	Angela J Nibbs	273 The Gravel, Holt, Trowbridge, BA14 6RA	1960 –	Application route
			fencing	
5	Rodney Moody	Huckshards, The Gravel, Holt, BA14 6RA	1940 – 2011	Application route
6	Martin G Moyes	The Old Manse, The Street, Holt, BA14 6RS	1982 –	Application route
			fencing –	
			thinks 2010	
7	Mrs P R Earl	Fairlane, 21A Leigh Road, Holt, Trowbridge	1960 – 2011	Application route

١	lo 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 and exercising dogs	Walking or running	Not before 2011	Not before 2011	No	No	12 times per year	"not sure, but I would expect the owners before 2011 were aware, since the field and its public use would be visible, if not from the house, certainly from the grounds of Holt Manor.
2	31	20	Yes, walking	Walking	Stile and gate and stile at each end	No	No	No	5 or 6 times per year	"yes, because of the number of people using it".
3	56	20	Yes, walking	Walking and running	Stile at east end, unique ladder stile at west end	No	No	No	"utterly variable"	"yes, throughout different ownerships during the last 50 years or so people have always walked this route and it is visible from parts of the manor garden."

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4	51	20	Yes, walking	Walking	Stile at east end and ladder stile at west end	No	No	No	"variable"	"yes, it has been a well used path during the time I have walked it (50 plus years)"
5	71	20	Yes, walking	Walking	Only at field boundary	No	No	No	3 or 4 times per year	"yes, obviously by number of people that I personally knew who used the path"
6	28	19	Yes – on foot	Walking	No	No	No	No	About 10 times per year	"yes, Mr Spreckley – a previous owner – let me put on a play at Holt Manor. I remember talking with him about walking, by various routes, to rehearsals"
7	51	20	Yes – also walking	Walking	No	No	No	No	"variable"	"yes, with position of house and grounds could hardly miss being aware."

Width of path – mean width = 2 metres

Witness	Width in
no.	metres
1	2
2	2
3	2 to 2.5
4	2
5	2
6	1.5
7	2