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BATH
LYNCOMBE VALE
ROAD

Dear [redacted]

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1971: P.R.O.W. SUBMISSION
G.R. 75236340 TO 75126343 (200m)

I apologise for the long delay in replying to your letter dated 12th September 84.

I can confirm that the whole of the 'track' footpath shown as A through B and C to D on the 1:2500 map supplied by you is now a public footpath. This track has not been fenced or enclosed as far as I am aware and the final decision on accepted width would be a matter for commonsense and discussion at the time the Definitive Map for Bath is drawn up.

Mrs Trimby the headmistress of The Paragon School is very concerned for the safety of the many small schoolchildren in her care and also for the protection of the trees, shrubs and constructions from vandalism. Therefore she has expressed considerable interest in securing her private property from trespass. To this end a private gate and adjacent public stile may be provided where the 'track' footpath leaves the Lyncombe Vale Road and the Kissing gate restored or a stile substituted at the bottom of the other footpath. This together with measures to make the correct routes of the paths more obvious and minimise trespass from them would seem entirely reasonable in the circumstances.

Bath City Engineers Department actually erected the signs. They did so on Avon County Council's behalf. We pay for this work and any necessary future maintenance.

The Bath City Engineers Department were informed of evens and correspondence leading to acceptance of this public right of way by letter on 18th May 1984. There has been no reaction from Bath City Council.

Avon County Council as the Highway Authority are responsible for the maintenance of the surface of all P.R.O.W, in fact technically and seldom recognised is the fact that all such publicly maintainable surfaces are in our ownership. Any vegetation overhanging from the sides or gates, stiles and fencing are the responsibility generally of the landowner and not the Highway Authority.

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After many decades of neglect a start has now been made by us on reviewing Definitive Maps, where they exist, and extending coverage to the whole County. It is a very laborious process which with the restricted resources available to us will take some years. The first District under review is likely to be Kingswood but it is quite possible that Bath will be the next. There will be extensive publicity at the appropriate time.

Yours sincerely



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