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Dear Sir/Madam

#### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request ID: REQ03910 (Review of REQ03881)**

We thank you for your correspondence requesting a review of your recent Freedom of Information request relating to access to public right of way via Carvell Close, off Browns Lane.

Your original request was as follows:

**Ordnance survey mapping shows a public right of way to be accessed at OS Grid Ref: SP29858 82191. Per the map, I should be able to access the public right of way via Carvell Close, off Browns Lane. However, this is not possible due to home owners having fences blocking access.**

**Could you tell me whether this path has been blocked lawfully and if it has, under what section of law. If the path is blocked deliberately, is it a criminal offence under Section 137 of the Highways Act 1980. Either way could you tell me how I may lawfully access this public right of way?**

The Council responded on 6 March 2018 with the following:

We advise that there is no public right of way recorded from the parish boundary to Brown's Lane via Carvell Close.

On the 7 March 2018 you requested a review of our response:

**I would like further clarification on this matter. OS maps clearly marks a public right of way and whilst I am aware that this does not necessarily mean there is a right of way, I am wondering how this confusion came about and how it can be resolved. I would like a more detailed and considered answer to my request that**

**sheds light on how it is that OS think there is a right of way at the grid reference quoted and why you do not.**

We have therefore looked at your request and the response provided and have liaised with the service area as part of this review.

The service area has checked the information and have confirmed that there is not a public right of way recorded from the parish boundary to the Brown's Lane via Carvell Close. Looking at the current 1:25000 OS mapping it does not show a public footpath running from the parish boundary to Brown's Lane via Carvell Close.

The Council does not hold any information about the OS mapping data and so this information is not held by the Council and we are advising you as per Section 1(1). However to advise and assist it would appear that you will need to contact the OS directly to check their records and obtain any further information.

<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/>

Should you wish to make any further requests for information, you may find what you are looking for is already published on the [Council's web site](#) and in particular its FOI/EIR [Disclosure log](#), [Council's Publication Scheme](#), [Open Data](#) and [Facts about Coventry](#).

If you are still unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk).

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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