



## Summary of CRNo 229277

Received 04-Jun-2015

Call Type: Public rights of way Miscellaneous

Location: Kissing gate at entrance to village from Ditton Meadows  
FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 548121 260350

Recorded by: Online Reporting

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Customer Details:

Anonymous

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Description: The fence which has replaced the kissing gate blocks a very long-standing and well-used right of way. In 15 minutes I have just watched over a dozen people using the path. The diversion is much less pleasant as it is away from the river, it uses a water meadow which floods, and it runs dangerously near the ditch, into which it will be easy to slip when the grass is wet. Apparently the reason is to stockproof the boundary. This is nonsense: a kissing gate does that perfectly adequately (has a cow ever negotiated one?).

History (may be printed on the next page)

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05-Jun-2015 9:22

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

Dear

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Our contractor has slightly raised the ground level, on the legal line of the Public Footpath, next to the hedge. This has a small section of fencing and gates at either end should stop cattle damaging the area. However, as the field is part of the water meadow it is expected that at certain times of the year the Public Footpath is likely to become waterlogged or impassable.

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Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

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08-Jun-2015 8:22

Recorded by

Event: **Further Contact Received from Customer**

Action:

5/6/2015  
Email from customer  
Dear Mr Gaskin

Thank you for your reply. I should have said that I  walk to Fen Ditton three or four times a week. Your point about the water meadow becoming impassable when wet is a clear indication that the route is unsuitable; and as I said, the kissing gate was already stockproof. I will leave the Ramblers to make formal application about the right of way as they know the technicalities better than I. I have no doubt their local footpath secretaries will attest that they have been using the path on the river side since 1965..

Yours

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08-Jun-2015 8:26

Recorded by Peter Gaskin

to Peter Gaskin

Event:

Action: MOBINSF

Email to customer

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Yours

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## Summary of CRNo 172810

Received 07-Feb-2013

Call Type: Public rights of way Damaged path surface

Location: FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 547858 260275

Recorded by: Karen Champion

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Customer Details:

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Description:

Mud at ditch point, hard for people to run through. Thank you for looking in to this.

On the map provided, roughly where the word 'path' is printed, there is a black line which I think signifies the hedge. It is the only hedge that the path passes through on this stretch. There is a gap in the hedge about the width of a farm gate. There is some hard footing in the centre of the hedge itself, but the relatively narrow gap funnels all the 'traffic' into one small area on both the east and west sides of the hedge, and it is here that it has become very deep and boggy. The path is popular with walkers and joggers and also gets a lot of usage when there are events on the river, such as bumps week. The problem started in our wet Summer, was exacerbated by the cattle who stayed late into the year and has now got considerably worse through the winter. At present the mud comes ¾ of the way up my knee-high wellies – so it is well over the top of walking boots and running shoes. I've twice helped people who have lost their trainers in the mud – it is just so deep and sticky that as you pull your foot up your shoe stays behind.

To get around the problem some walkers and joggers have taken advantage of a very small, unintentional gap in the hedge further along, but this too is now very boggy.

It has made the path impassable to anyone not wearing wellies – and I'd anticipate further damage to the hedge as people try to find another way round. Without some sort of hardcore to fill the area in I suspect it will become a recurring problem whenever there is rainfall and I'm certain it will not be fit for purpose if it rains in 'bumps' week.

Kind regards,

History (may be printed on the next page)

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**07-Feb-2013 16:59**

Recorded by **Karen Champion**

to **Karen Champion**

Event:

Action: **MOBINSP**

**inspected.River conservators could deliver material in 500KG bags 1 tonne at a time for spreading.Approx 3r sq each side of hegfe**

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**07-Feb-2013 16:59**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action: **MOBINSP**

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**08-Feb-2013 15:13**

Recorded by

Event: **Additional Information**

Action:

**Definitive line is not the walked route through the mud, route runs in field away from the river view.Checked b S Thoday. Section 31 applies.**

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**11-Feb-2013 13:17**

Recorded by

Event: **Additional Information**

Action:

**Second inspection photos show the definitive route behind the hedge is flooded and needs boardwalks and several bridges. Whole route is currently flooded, so number of bridge points is harder to assess. need to speak to  for Bidwells and customer.**



## Summary of CRNo 229012

Received 02-Jun-2015

Call Type: Public rights of way Miscellaneous

Location:

FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 548042 260335

Recorded by: Online Reporting

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Customer Details:

Anonymous

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Description:

**Bottom of High St, footpath 2**

**I am protesting about the sudden change of direction of a long-established footpath from the bottom of Fen Ditton (FD) High St to Cambridge. It has been carried out without any notice or warning**

sometime around 2005 the old wooden kissing gate was replaced by a metal one. Both of these opened into the first field and speaking with   
 all have said that was the direction of this path for at least 25-30 years.

Now it may be the fact that a public footpath is shown on CCC online maps being in the second field and someone has decided to reinstate it even to the point of putting in a small footbridge, but as you can see from the photo below, already it is flooding.

Reading section 31 of the Highways Act 1980, on rights of way, the fact that this path has been used for over 20 years makes it a Right of Way and as both the old wooden kissing gate and the next metal kissing gate were constructed by the county council with access to the riverside field, also condone the riverside route. And, at the same time

**the landowner has also condoned this.**

History (may be printed on the next page)

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**02-Jun-2015 12:18**

Recorded by

Event: **Additional Information**

Action:

**Email from Rob Kemp**

**Hello Peter,**

**Our records show that this land was covered by S31 from 08/04/1999, therefore any DMMO claim would have to be from April 1979 or before.**

**Regards**

**Robert Kemp**

**Asset Information Definitive Map Officer**

**Direct Line:**

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**02-Jun-2015 13:28**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:



Email to customer

Dear

Thank you for contacting me about Fen Ditton Public Footpath Number 2. I have attached a map showing the legal line of the Public Footpath for your information. Please note that this is a drawing taken from the Definitive Map, which is held within Asset and Information at Cambridgeshire County Council. You will see that the legal line of the Public Footpath is on the southern side of the hedge.

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Provisional work was undertaken by our contractor to raise the ground level, on the legal line of the Public Footpath, next to the hedge. The work is shown in your image attached to your original message. A small section of fencing and gates at either end should stop cattle damaging the area. However, as the field is part of the water meadow it is expected that at certain times of the year the Public Footpath is likely to become waterlogged or impassable.

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Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

17-Jun-2015 15:40

Recorded by Peter Gaskin

to Peter Gaskin

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

Email to customer

Dear

Having not received a response to the message below we will now be closing your report.

Should you wish to pursue a claim for a Public Footpath please use the links below.

Thank you again for contacting Public Rights of Way.

Please continue to report any problems found on Public Rights of Way in Cambridgeshire.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer

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**17-Jun-2015 15:40**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

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**Yours**

**Peter Gaskin**

**Public Rights of Way Officer**



## Summary of CRNo 69621

Received **13-Feb-2009**

Call Type: **Public rights of way** **Miscellaneous**

Location:

**FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON**

Easting / Northing:

Recorded by: **Symology User Login**

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Customer Details:

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Description: **E12488 - Original Text : Path is in poor condition and needs some  
attention - like cinders being put down Publice Notes : Notes : \*\*  
Created from MTRAC MessageIn 13/12/2007 (Communication E12488  
Message In No. 14219\*\* \*UNDECIDED\* Completed by Batch Proc**

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**23-Apr-2009 15:21**

Recorded by **KAREN WHYMARK**

to **KAREN WHYMARK**

Event:

Action: **INVESTGT**

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**23-Apr-2009 15:21**

Recorded by

Event: **No further Action Reqd / Issue Resolved**

Action:



## Summary of CRNo 232409

Received: 24-Jul-2015

Call Type: Public rights of way      Miscellaneous

Location: Kissing gate at entrance of Ditton Meadows from High Street, Fen Di  
FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 548123      260343

Recorded by: Online Reporting

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Customer Details:

Anonymous

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Description:

I wanted to get in contact regarding the new metal kissing gate at the entrance of Ditton Meadows. The gate was replaced last week and now you can only enter the meadows to the left of the hedge (i.e. the far side of the hedge from the river). There appears to be a plan to re-route the footpath all the way along the left-side of the hedge. I have a few concerns about the new footpath route.

1. Lack of signage. There is no signage to explain the changes if you are approaching from Cambridge, so many walkers are reaching the gate and finding they have to climb over the new fence, because they do not know how to get to the gate on the other side. Not everyone can climb the fence.

2. Unsuitability of the path for some walkers and safety. One elderly lady I met who walks that route daily was clearly struggling to walk through the extremely uneven gateway (where the cows have churned up the mud) to reach the new gate. The new path is very close to the ditch/cut and is uneven, so it is quite possible that someone who is less stable on their legs could fall down the bank. In winter this route will be virtually impassable due to flooding and mud. After the recent storm it has been impossible to take the new route. I've met several people who are very unhappy about having to climb the fence. I have been dog walking here  and I know that the route of the new path with wellies on, and even then the mud/water can get quite deep.

**3. Impact on wildlife. There is a lot of wildlife in the meadow behind the new hedge, for example water voles are active there, and the amount of walkers and joggers who use the meadows will disturb the wildlife.**

**I am aware that the 'official' footpath does run behind the hedge, but the route on the river side has been in use for several decades and I don't see why the gate has been changed now. The reason given by Bidwells to the resident of the cottage next to the gate was that the previous kissing gate was originally put on the wrong way round (over 30 years ago!) and they are keen to keep cows off the meadow adjoining the river for the Dragon Boat, Bumps and Rowing Regatta events. I am not sure why this also includes re-routing walkers.**

**I am very keen to establish the reasons for making this change and to find out what involvement the County Council has had in discussions with Bidwells and Natural England.**

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24-Jul-2015 16:36

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

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Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

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27-Jul-2015 8:36

Recorded by

Event: **Additional Information**

Action:

**24/7/2015**

**Email from customer**

**Dear Peter,**

**Thank you for your prompt reply and the information and details on how to claim a Public Right of Way.**

**The new raised ground / bridge is very welcome, but there is another gateway where the footpath will become impassable for several months of the year due to mud and flooding. The unofficial (but well used) path on the river side does not become too water logged (with the exception of the gateway) because the ground is higher. I suspect this will be reported during the Autumn and Winter months by footpath users. The path has already become flooded with the recent storm.**

**I will contact Bidwells and see what information I can get from them. I am frustrated that the County Council and public purse should have to pay for this type of maintenance, rather than the landowner.**

**Kind regards,**





## Summary of CRNo 229501

Received 08-Jun-2015

Call Type: Public rights of way Missing gate/stile

Location: Gateway from Fen Ditton High Street onto Ditton Meadows  
FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 548121 260350

Recorded by: Online Reporting

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Customer Details:

Anonymous

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Description: The kissing gate onto Ditton Meadows has been redirected, preventing access to the river path. The re-routed path is not usable by pushchairs and does not lead to the river.

History (may be printed on the next page)



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09-Jun-2015 13:17

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

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Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

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23-Jun-2015 15:31

Recorded by **Peter Gaskin**

to **Peter Gaskin**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

Email to customer

Dear

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## Summary of CRNo 229503

Received 08-Jun-2015

Call Type: Public rights of way Waymarking

Location: At junction of path over Ditton Meadows and High Street, Fen Ditton  
FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 548128 260346

Recorded by: Online Reporting

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Customer Details:

Anonymous

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Description: Coming eastwards across Stourbridge Common, under the railway bridge, you follow the footpath to Fen Ditton. There used to be a wooden kissing gate which allows access to High Street. This has been now blocked off; there is a new gate onto High Street but it's the other side of a hedge from the end of the footpath. It's not clear how to get through to the gate (if at all possible) - in practice it's easier to climb over the fencing.

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Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

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to **Peter Gaskin**

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Public Rights of Way Officer



## Summary of CRNo 229269

Received 04-Jun-2015

Call Type: Public rights of way Damaged path surface

Location:

FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 548109 260342

Recorded by: Contact Centre

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Customer Details:

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Description:

has rang regarding the closing of a footpath that he has been enjoying the access of by the river Cam for a long time in Fen Ditton. There used to be a kissing gate at the high street end which  was able to get his bike through. There is now a new metal gate which  is unable to get his bike or pushchair through and the fence is too high to try and lift anything over. The nearby locked gate is only opened every now and again for the dragon boat festival for example.  feels the new path is not particularly accessible and will be very impassable in the winter where the cattle have churned up the mud. Please contact to discuss further

History (may be printed on the next page)

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05-Jun-2015 8:48

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Telephone conversation with customer who confirmed the route as Footpath 2 and Peter Gaskin will send them the standard reply in an email so that they have the relevant information.

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05-Jun-2015 8:53

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

Dear

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Should you be inclined to begin to make a claim for Public Rights on the river side of the boundary hedge I will pass on your report to my colleagues in Asset Information Definitive Map.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

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17-Jun-2015 15:45

Recorded by **Peter Gaskin**

to **Peter Gaskin**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

**Email to customer**

**Dear**

**Having not received a response to the message below we will now be closing your report.**

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**Thank you again for contacting Public Rights of Way.**

**Please continue to report any problems found on Public Rights of Way in Cambridgeshire.**

**Yours**

**Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer**

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**Recorded by**

**Event: Contacted Customer**

**Action:**

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Public Rights of Way Officer**





## Summary of CRNo 229131

Received 03-Jun-2015

Call Type: Public rights of way Miscellaneous

Location: Fen Ditton Meadows  
FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 548042 260335

Recorded by: Online Reporting

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Customer Details:

Anonymous

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Description: **Why has this lovely riverside walk been closed off the the public**  
**The official route is of poor quality especially when wet**  
**Surely we have a right to enjoy this peaceful area, or is it just reserved**  
**for the privileged of the colleges!**  
**Gonville and Caius should not be permitted to exclude the public from**  
**this tranquil riverside.**  
**It has long been a green lung walking route to Cambridge are we being**  
**forced onto the roads**  
**How can the planners talk about building a bridge to access the new**  
**station using the meadows to build it, yet we the public are being**  
**excluded from the riverside meadow**

History (may be printed on the next page)

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03-Jun-2015 10:51

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

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Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

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17-Jun-2015 15:43

Recorded by **Peter Gaskin**

to **Peter Gaskin**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

Email to customer

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Yours

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Public Rights of Way Officer

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17-Jun-2015 15:43

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

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Yours

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Public Rights of Way Officer



## Summary of CRNo 229382

Received **05-Jun-2015**

Call Type: **Public rights of way** **Miscellaneous**

Location: **Fen Ditton Meadows**  
**FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2**  
**FEN DITTON**

Easting / Northing: **548121** **260350**

Recorded by: **Online Reporting**

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Customer Details:

**Anonymous**

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Description: **Diversion of long-term route, new route over meadow prone to flooding.**

History (may be printed on the next page)

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09-Jun-2015 11:38

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

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Rights of Way Officer

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19-Jun-2015 14:45

Recorded by **Peter Gaskin**

to **Peter Gaskin**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

**Email to customer**

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**19-Jun-2015 14:45**

**Recorded by**

**Event: Contacted Customer**

**Action:**

**Email to customer**

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**Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer**



## Summary of CRNo 198241

Received 28-Jan-2014

Call Type: Public rights of way Obstruction on path

Location: Ditton Meadows footpath  
FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 548023 260333

Recorded by: Contact Centre

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Customer Details:

bidwells.co.uk

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Description:  Bidwells phoned in asking to discuss an issue that they have with Footpath 2 in Fen Ditton.  explained that their company manage some land and property nearby and the path is very muddy and people find it hard to walk and access their properties.  would like to discuss what can be done to resolve this issue , please contact the customer on  or via email  Thanks

History (may be printed on the next page)

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**03-Feb-2014 15:13**

Recorded by **Peter Gaskin**

to **Peter Gaskin**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

**Site visit and there appears to be one spot where soil has accumulated on top of gavel drive to fields and side door of property. The property can be accessed from tarmac drive yo hated farm access.**

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Recorded by

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**04-Feb-2014 14:40**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

**Telephone call to customer and they stated that the problem is around the bridge along the footpath. The public are now going around the area creating problems for the landowner, who is a college. He will send some images of the problem areas.**

**Peter Gaskin asked if they have somewhere for road planings to be tipped by ourselves and whether they could lay them. Otherwise the problem will have to go onto a Future Capital Works Programme for next year and beyond. Unfortunately, the College does not have such a resource.**

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**05-Feb-2014 15:35**

Recorded by

Event: **Further Contact Received from Customer**

Action:



Four emails sent by customer and all contained images to big for our system.  
Unfortunately this was rejected from your mailbox yesterday due to the size.

Attached is a plan (the area of concern is the length of path from Fen Ditton High Street, west to the Railway Bridge), along with various photos of the mud. A number of people have complained about this and given that it is probably one of the most used footpaths in the County, I would have thought that repairs could be prioritised by the Council.

Please do call me when you have had an opportunity to consider this. I can relay any conclusions to the College and seek instructions for any assistance which they may be willing to provide.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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05-Feb-2014 15:36

Recorded by

Event: Further Contact Received from Customer

Action:

Email from customer

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05-Feb-2014 15:38

Recorded by

Event: Contacted Customer

Action:

Email to customer

Hello

I'm sorry that our system could not handle the file size of your images. However, I will have another look at the Public Footpath when next in the area and let you know what we can do at this stage.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer

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06-Feb-2014 15:59

Recorded by

Event: Further Contact Received from Customer

Action:

Dear Peter

Thank you for the email.

Given the complaints that the College are receiving, it would be very helpful if you I could give them timescale as to when they can expect a response with a proposal to resolve the situation.

Many thanks

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06-Feb-2014 16:05

Recorded by

Event: Contacted Customer

Action:

Email to customer

Hello

My next opportunity to re-visit the footpath will be on Monday 3 March 2014. Once the problem has been inspected I will have a better idea on what is required. If there is any work needed I will have to place it onto our Future Capital Works Programme for funding. Once on the works programme it will be subject to prioritisation against all the other works and subject to available funding. Hence, I cannot give any firm commitments at this stage.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer

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03-Mar-2014 16:14

Recorded by

Event:

Action: MOBINS

Site visit and the ground is flooded. there were people walking all over the meadows, with some seen stepping over barn wire and others through hedges. Spoke to a group of walkers. They said that the damage was made worse by vehicles taking wood to the bridge. What has happened is that people have now flattened the ruts, but you can still see one wheeling on the approach. The conditions have been much worse. This is a popular route and yesterday there was a rowing event taking place.

The water table is high and ground is flooded in places. This field access is low and has been made up previously with hard core. It would require a full load of material to make up the ground and dress the surface.

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01-May-2014 16:12

Recorded by

Event:

Action: MOBINS

Site visit and ground has dried out. It is clear that the ground has been heavily compacted as a previously fille section is a boot depth higher. The surface damage does look like vehicle damage rather than pedestrian use

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01-May-2014 16:12

Recorded by

Event: Additional Information

Action:

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07-May-2014 10:26

Recorded by

Event: Contacted Customer

Action:

Email to customer

Hello

This is a note to say that there has been two site visits, 3 March 2014 and 1 May 2014. On the first inspection the ground was very wet and people were finding alternative routes. Several people stated that the ground conditions had got worse after construction traffic to the bridge had used the gateway. The ground was dry o the second visit and it was evident that the ground had subsided due to vehicle use.

As the ground has been damaged by vehicles we are requesting that it is repaired by the College or the contractor undertaking works to the bridge. We would like to remind you of the duties under the Occupiers Liability Act and advise that having identified a hazard in respect of the use of the property in your ownership/control appropriate action to minimise the risk of loss or damage to third party users. Failure to do so could render you liable in damages should a claim be made following an incident on the Public Footpath.

We look forward to knowing whether works will take place.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer

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09-May-2014 16:30

Recorded by

Event:

Action: MOBINS

Site visit with George Hay to inspect problem area. There does appear to be some vehicle use, but not a lot. However, the legal line appeared not to be next to the river.

Telephone call to Rob Kemp and it was understood that the footpath was 41 metres from the river bank along the boundary hedge and where we were looking. This means that the footpath is on the other side of the hedge to the kissing gate. The kissing gate would need to be altered to allow access on the correct line.

Ask for a survey to be undertaken before giving a full response to customer.

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Recorded by

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13-May-2014 10:14

Recorded by

Event: **Attention Required by others**

Action:

Hello Rob

As discussed could you confirm the line of the route from the kissing gate to it's exit at Grid: 475 601? Could you also confirm whether there is a S.31(6) on deposit?

Yours

Peter G

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13-May-2014 10:14

Recorded by Robert Kemp

to Robert Kemp

Event:

Action: INVESTGT

Hello Rob

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Yours

Peter G

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13-May-2014 10:44

Recorded by

Event: **Additional Information**

Action:

Telephone call to [redacted] Clerk to Fen Ditton Parish Council. She understands that there is a six year Stewardship Scheme with English Nature. English Nature has in the past done some work to cut hedges and left a bit of a mess and also to the wooden footbridge.

[redacted] believes that the footpath has been along its walked line for many years and people would not be happy if this did not remain.

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13-May-2014 11:16

Recorded by

Event: **Additional Information**

Action:

Telephone call to [redacted] Natural England and she will send an email with the contact details of the Case Officer for the Stewardship Scheme.

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13-May-2014 11:49

Recorded by

Event: **Additional Information**

Action:

Telephone call from [redacted] Natural England (0300 060 0381 or [redacted] naturalengland.org.uk) as she is the case officer for the Stewardship Scheme. She was not aware that the Public Footpath was not alongside the river and possibly to the south of the hedge where 'it may require boardwalks' as the ground lays extremely wet.

[redacted] understood that there may have been some work on a bridge located at 480 602 and a cattle drink near to the orchard(?) undertaken by the college.

Peter Gaskin explained that there may be no rush in opening the legal line of the footpath, but it would require diverting to the used route onto the ground before we would undertake some maintenance. It was suggested that the use of twenty tonnes of MOT Type One would fill the whole of the field gap next to the river and also make up the ground next to the wooden bridge.

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13-May-2014 12:27

Recorded by

Event: **Additional Information**

Action:

Rob Kemp, Asset Information Definitive Map Officer confirmed that there is a Section 31(6) deposit dated from 1999.

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14-May-2014 15:03

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to [redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your message below. We are undertaking some further investigation before contacting you again with a full response to the questions below.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer

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14-May-2014 15:33

Recorded by

Event: **Further Contact Received from Customer**

Action:

Email from customer ( )

Dear Peter

While writing, it is also worth noting that the County Council will be seeking the College's cooperation in the construction of the proposed cycle and footbridge to link Fen Road with Ditton Meadows, to the east of the railway bridge. This will involve the loss of land, both for the bridge and for the additional length of cycle path that is proposed.

The expectation is apparently that there will be approximately 3,000 - 5,000 users of the route per day. If the County Council is unwilling to fulfil its responsibilities in relation to the existing rights of way network, then the College cannot be expected to have a great deal of faith in the future maintenance of an even more heavily used route (within the same land parcel). If that is the case, the College is much less likely to voluntarily provide the land for the scheme.

I look forward to hearing the findings of your further investigations. As you have highlighted this as a public safety issue, I would be grateful for a prompt response (it now being over three months since I brought the matter to your attention).

Kind regards

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20-May-2014 9:27

Recorded by

Event: Additional Information

Action:

Email from Rob Kemp, AIDMO - see survey result as object  
Hello Peter,

As discussed, please find attached a map showing the GPS survey from Friday. You can view it in this folder, the PDF is called Fen Ditton GPS Survey Definitive Line.

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On the map the stars show the GPS positions of the south side of the hedge. This proves that the OS and aerial photos are accurate, so the definitive line of footpath No.2 is to the south side of the hedge NOT the walked route through the middle of the field to the north.

Robert Kemp  
Asset Information Definitive Map Officer  
Direct Line: ( )

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20-May-2014 9:46

Recorded by

Event: Contacted Customer

Action:

Email to customer

Dear

We understand that the area you are referring is not on the legal line of the Public Footpath. My previous offer to supply some material for the landowner to use is still available. If you would like to meet on site I would be happy to do so.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer

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20-May-2014 11:26

Recorded by

Event: Further Contact Received from Customer

Action:

Email from customer  
Dear Peter

As I have stated, the issue relates to pinch points in the footpath. It is particularly bad at the western end where the footpath enters the land from the footbridge over the railway from Stourbridge Common, where the footpath crosses a small wooden footbridge over a ditch, and at the eastern end near where it enters from Fen Ditton. These are shown on the photographs that I sent to you back in February and should have been very apparent on your two site visits.

I am well aware of the areas that get damaged which are not on the route of the footpath, but the main reason for that is often because people are avoiding the muddy path itself. If you need me to mark the exact locations on a plan, then I can do so.

No doubt the ground has now dried out to some extent. However, it is necessary that we establish what is to be done to resolve the issue, so that next winter we are not again in a position where the Council delays for months and makes no efforts to fulfil its responsibilities in relation to the public path network.

If you are not even prepared to acknowledge the problem or engage on the matter sensibly, then I will have no alternative but write to the relevant councillor seeking their involvement.

Kind regards

Associate  
Land & Business

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20-May-2014 11:30

Recorded by

Event: Additional Information

Action:

email forwarded to Kate Day

Hello Kate

I would appreciate guidance on how to proceed with responding to the

In the meantime I will try to liaise with the Bursar of Gonville and Caius College.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer

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20-May-2014 11:31

Recorded by

Event: Additional Information

Action:

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21-May-2014 8:29

Recorded by

Event: Further Contact Received from Customer

Action:

20/5/2014

Email from [redacted] - see attached pdf documents as objects

Dear Peter

Further to my earlier email, I write in connection with footpath which crosses Ditton Meadows (numbers 2 and 17).

I have spoken to the Bursar this afternoon, who has suggested the three of us meet on site to discuss possible solutions to the problems faced. It seems that late June may now be the earliest that a meeting could be arranged. Could you please suggest a few possible dates and times during the weeks commencing 16 and 23 June?

In the meantime, to ensure that we are clear on the issues, I am attaching the following:

1. An illustrated copy of the plan which was sent to you in late January, which identifies the areas worst affected (which are highlighted in orange).
2. The photos of damage which again were sent to you in January.

As I have said, I believe the problems relate to the public right of way and that they are not caused by vehicular damage.

I look forward to receiving some possible dates for a meeting, but please do call me if you would like to discuss the matter further.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

Associate  
Land & Business



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21-May-2014 8:40

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to

Hello

Thank you for the information below and attachments. It would be good to meet on site and I am available on either Friday 20 June, Monday 23 June or Friday 27 June. If any of these are suitable could we meet sometime between 10:00 and 15:00 hrs?

Yours

**Peter Gaskin**  
**Public Rights of Way Officer**

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21-May-2014 10:53

Recorded by **Robert Kemp**

to **Robert Kemp**

Event:

Action: **INVESTGT**

Email from customer

Dear Peter

Thank you for the email.

I can confirm that  and I would be pleased to meet you at 2pm on Friday 27th June. I suggest we meet where the footpath enters the meadows from Fen Ditton High Street, at the eastern end of the meadows. I attach a plan identifying the location I refer to.

I look forward to meeting you on 27 June.

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**Associate**  
**Land & Business**

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Kind regards

**Associate**  
**Land & Business**

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**21-May-2014 10:54**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

Hello

I've put the date/time into my calendar and look forward to meeting you both.

Yours

Peter Gaskin

Public Rights of Way Officer

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**29-May-2014 15:30**

Recorded by

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

Site visit and walked the legal line to rail line bridge crossings. There is cattle in the meadow at the time.

Stepped over kissing gate rails and walked along hedge, which was poached by cattle. There is a wet area at crime entrance between hedge and at end of drain, another area poached through hedge by cattle and exit alongside hedge is muddy by poaching and a vehicle has crossed this point.

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**27-Jun-2014 16:15**

Recorded by

Event: **Additional Information**

Action:

Site meeting with  Bidwells and , Bursar.

We looked at the ground at end of bridge on Cambridge FP 17 and agreed that no work is required as the vegetation was growing back. It was also at the end of the bridge on the field side and anyone walking through would have walked under a canopy of trees with bare ground below. The College is to place a new information sign next to the bridge to replace the one previously taken out.

The footbridge next to the river on Cambridge FP 17 appears to be of a County Council design and installation. Although not on the legal line of the Public Footpath the bridge serves the public very well. Peter Gaskin agreed to ask whether he could have funding to lift the corner of the bridge so that it does not lean, to replace the decking and to install steps either end.

Where Fen Ditton FP 2 goes along the hedge the college will look at ground works (possibly culvert) so that vehicles can access and so that the public can get across this low area that lays wet during certain times of the year. Peter Gaskin will bridge the a section where a field drain terminates as this area lays wet throughout the year. The kissing gate will be reconfigured by the college, but they would appreciate any assistance that could be offered in finding a suitable replacement, e.g. full mobility gate.

The college will look at creating a Permissive Footpath where people walk through the Boat House field as the wish to close access twice a year during events. Peter Gaskin will supply way marks for the College to install. The offer of supply of 20 tonnes of road planings is still on the table for the College to use."

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27-Jun-2014 16:32

Recorded by

Event: **Additional Information**

Action:

Email to Kate Day

Hello Kate

I've attended the site meeting about the above and my notes are below. Could we discuss these when we are next in the office?

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Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

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01-Jul-2014 16:22

Recorded by

Event: **Additional Information**

Action:

**Converstation with Kate Day and we can install a new bridge with Capital funding. She is willing to supply 20 tonne of road planings and also for the wooden footbridge to be redecked with steps added.**

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01-Jul-2014 16:25

Recorded by

Event: **Additional Information**

Action:

**Email from Kate Day**

**I think it's worth getting some estimates - might be able to get contributions from university/colleage/Evan!**

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01-Jul-2014 16:27

Recorded by

Event: **Additional Information**

Action:

**Telephone message left on Evan Laughlin's number  asking him to call Peter Gaskin to have a chat about Cambridge Footpath 17.**

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01-Jul-2014 16:43

Recorded by

Event: **Additional Information**

Action:

**Email to**

**Hello**

**Would you be able to supply a quote for a new bridge across the end of a drain on Fen Ditton Footpath 2 and 1 re-deck plus build steps to end of a wooden foot bridge on Cambridge Footpath 17?**

**I have attached a map showing the location of both locations with a red star.**

**It might be worth meeting on site as the Fen Ditton bridge needs to cross a water logged area that gets particularly bad in wet conditions. Also the Cambridge bridge appears to be leaning and ground eroded.**

**Yours**

**Peter Gaskin**

**Rights of Way Officer**

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02-Jul-2014 13:14

Recorded by

Event: **Further Contact Received from Customer**

Action:

1/7/2014  
Email from customer  
Dear Peter

Thank you for your time last Friday at Fen Ditton. I thought the meeting was very constructive and am now hopeful that we can now move forward to resolve some of the issues relating to that right of way.

You kindly agreed to investigate the possibility of engaging a contractor to construct additional steps at either end of the timber footbridge as well as the construction of an additional bridge on the very wet patch at the Fen Ditton end of the path.

In the meantime, I will seek quotations for the erection of further signage, the possible installation of a culvert at the same damp patch referred to above (and the making up of the ground in that area) and the reconfiguration of gates where the path enters Ditton Meadows from Fen Ditton.

You have helpfully reiterated your previous offer to supply road planings to consolidate the ground in some of the muddy areas and also offered to supply finger posts for the College to erect to mark the position of the legal right of way. We may take you up on this offer once we know how we are to proceed.

I look forward to discussing this with you further in a few weeks when we established what is possible.

Kind regards

Associate  
Land & Business

Bidwell House, Trumpington Road, Cambridge CB2 9LD

t: 01223 841841

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f: 01223 559119

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02-Jul-2014 13:34

Recorded by

Event: Contacted Customer

Action:

Email to customer

Hello

Thanks for your message below. I have attached a template for a Permissive Path Agreement for your information.

I'll be meeting a contractor tomorrow afternoon to have a look at bridging the section at the end of the drain and also the one next to the river for decking/steps.

It is still possible to deliver a lorry load of road planings. We will need to secure this arrangement as soon as possible due to funding pressures.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer

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03-Jul-2014 16:52

Recorded by

Event:

Action: MOBINS

Site visit with  and the cheapest option would be to dig out slab from side, back fill with stone, make edge and construct single side of fencing with gate either end.

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03-Jul-2014 16:52

Recorded by

Event: Additional Information

Action:

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08-Jul-2014 15:07

Recorded by

Event: Additional Information

Action:

Telephone call to Environment Agency to try to find contact for works. [ ] and [ ] look after enforcement in the Bedford area and [ ] from Ely Assets looks after River Cam area.

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08-Jul-2014 15:24

Recorded by

Event: Additional Information

Action:

Telephone call to Evan Laughlin and he has undertaken some work on the bridge plus tried to get Bridges to register it. Evan does not have a specific Environment Agency contact to call about doing any work on the bank.

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08-Jul-2014 15:27

Recorded by

Event: Additional Information

Action:

Tried calling [ ], Environment Agency and he had just left the office.

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16-Jul-2014 12:45

Recorded by

Event: Additional Information

Action:

Tried calling [ ], Environment Agency and message left with a colleague with request to call Peter Gaskin on [ ]

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16-Jul-2014 13:13

Recorded by

Event: Additional Information

Action:

Telephone call from [ ] Environment Agency and he would like a map with short discription of works sent via email [ ]

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16-Jul-2014 13:32

Recorded by

Event: Additional Information

Action:

Email to [redacted] Environment Agency

Hello [redacted]

Thank you for calling me and discussing the proposed maintenance works to the ground either end of the Bridge adjacent to Cambridge Footpath 17. I have a map showing the location of the bridge with a red star, which is for your information. Our contractor is suggesting the following works:

" filling the depressions at both ends of the bridge, which have been caused by use and water erosion, with 40mm down road planings. To prevent further build-up of water in these areas, a length of perforated drainage pipe would be laid in both depressions, with their outfalls beneath the bridge. This solution should give a relatively level surface to walk on and serve to mitigate further erosion.

Would you consider this as being suitable works next to the river?

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

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31-Jul-2014 12:43

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Telephone message left on [redacted] landline to say that we are not going to do anything with the timber bridge and installing a timber-sided stone walkway with 1.2-metre, self-closing Marlow gates at each end of area at end of drain. If he would like to discuss please contact Peter Gaskin on [redacted] We will raise an order for a contractor to do the work and liaise [redacted] for access.

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19-Sep-2014 15:09

Recorded by **Peter Gaskin**

to **Peter Gaskin**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

**Site visit to check contractors work, which is good.**

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19-Sep-2014 15:09

Recorded by

Event: **Additional Information**

Action:

**Site visit to check contractors work, which is good.**

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24-Nov-2014 15:37

Recorded by

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

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24-Nov-2014 15:37

Recorded by

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

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24-Nov-2014 15:37

Recorded by

Event: **No further Action Reqd / Issue Resolved**

Action:



## Summary of CRNo 229434

Received **05-Jun-2015**

Call Type: **Public rights of way** **Miscellaneous**

Location: **The**  
**FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2**  
**FEN DITTON**

Easting / Northing: **548121** **260350**

Recorded by: **Online Reporting**

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Customer Details:

**Anonymous**

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Description: **I am objecting to the re routing of the path blocking access to meadow by the river that has been accessible to the public for at least 20 years. The rerouted path is into a field that regularly floods so the result is that access to Ditton Meadows from FenDitton will be blocked for much of the year.**

History (may be printed on the next page)



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09-Jun-2015 12:17

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

Dear

Thank you for contacting Public Rights of Way about Fen Ditton Public Footpath Number 2. Attached is a map showing the legal line of the Public Footpath for your information. Please note that this is a drawing taken from the Definitive Map, which is held within Asset and Information at Cambridgeshire County Council. You will see that the legal line of the Public Footpath is on the southern side of the hedge.

Landowners' have the right to stock proof their land and to maintain any barriers installed, e.g. kissing gate. As the kissing gate was directing the public along the river side of the hedge and it has changed so that the public can walk along the legal line of the footpath through the water meadow. The change to the kissing gate has been made by the landowner.

Our contractor has slightly raised the ground level, on the legal line of the Public Footpath, next to the hedge. This has a small section of fencing and gates at either end should stop cattle damaging the area. However, as the field is part of the water meadow it is expected that at certain times of the year the Public Footpath is likely to become waterlogged or impassable.

We, (Cambridgeshire County Council as Highway Authority), have a duty to maintain Public Rights of Way that are recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement. As the route used on the river side of the hedge is not recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement we are not obliged to undertake any maintenance.

It is possible for the public to claim that Public Rights exist and add these to the Definitive Map. There is more information on how to make such a claim on Cambridgeshire County Council's website at [http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20012/arts\\_green\\_spaces\\_and\\_activities/199/definitive\\_map\\_and\\_statement](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20012/arts_green_spaces_and_activities/199/definitive_map_and_statement) and by scrolling down to the section 'Making changes to the Definitive Map'.

Please note that it is also possible for a landowner to protect their land from claims that Public Rights exist by depositing a Section 31(6) 'deposit' with the Highways Authority. Information about 'Landowner Deposits' can be found at [http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20012/arts\\_green\\_spaces\\_and\\_activities/200/landowner\\_deposits](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20012/arts_green_spaces_and_activities/200/landowner_deposits). We understand that records indicate that the landowner made such a deposit effective from 8th April 1999 and any potential claims would have to be made with evidence from those with twenty years or more use prior to this date.

We hope that the information above is of assistance.

Should you be inclined to begin to make a claim for Public Rights on the river side of the boundary hedge we will pass on your report to our colleagues in Asset Information Definitive Map.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

Local Infrastructure and Street Management  
Cambridgeshire County Council

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19-Jun-2015 14:46

Recorded by **Peter Gaskin**

to **Peter Gaskin**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

Email to customer

Dear

Having not received a response to the message below we will now be closing your report.

Thank you again for contacting Public Rights of Way.

Please continue to report any problems found on Public Rights of Way in Cambridgeshire.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer

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19-Jun-2015 14:46

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

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Public Rights of Way Officer



## Summary of CRNo 118252

Received **07-Oct-2010**

Call Type: **Def Map and Records** **Planning & developmt**

Location: **Fen Ditton Meadows**  
**FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2**  
**FEN DITTON**

Easting / Northing: **547903** **260296**

Recorded by: **Contact Centre**

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Customer Details:

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Description:  called from Bidwells. He would like to know if Gonville and Caius college have a Section 316 agreement with ROW for Fen Ditton Meadows. Please call back to advise. Claire D

History (may be printed on the next page)

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**11-Oct-2010 9:10**

Recorded by **Definitive Maps**

to **Definitive Maps**

Event:

Action: **INVESTGT**

**Called customer and explained that there is an up-to-date S 31 deposit covering this area.**

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**11-Oct-2010 9:10**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

**Called customer and explained that there is an up-to-date S 31 deposit covering this area.**



## Summary of CRNo 229442

Received **08-Jun-2015**

Call Type: **Public rights of way** **Missing gate/stile**

Location: **Fen Ditton Meadows**  
**FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2**  
**FEN DITTON**

Easting / Northing: **548121** **260350**

Recorded by: **Online Reporting**

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Customer Details:

**Anonymous**

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Description: **kissing gate removed**

History (may be printed on the next page)

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09-Jun-2015 12:27

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

Dear

Thank you for reporting the 'kissing gate removed' from Fen Ditton Public Footpath 2. You may be reporting the change to the kissing gate and therefore I would like to refer you to the text below.

Thank you for contacting Public Rights of Way about Fen Ditton Public Footpath Number 2. Attached is a map showing the legal line of the Public Footpath for your information. Please note that this is a drawing taken from the Definitive Map, which is held within Asset and Information at Cambridgeshire County Council. You will see that the legal line of the Public Footpath is on the southern side of the hedge.

Landowners' have the right to stock proof their land and to maintain any barriers installed, e.g. kissing gate. As the kissing gate was directing the public along the river side of the hedge and it has changed so that the public can walk along the legal line of the footpath through the water meadow. The change to the kissing gate has been made by the landowner.

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Should you be inclined to begin to make a claim for Public Rights on the river side of the boundary hedge we will pass on your report to our colleagues in Asset Information Definitive Map.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

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23-Jun-2015 15:20

Recorded by Peter Gaskin

to Peter Gaskin

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

Email to customer

Dear

Having not received a response to the message below we will now be closing your report.

Thank you again for contacting Public Rights of Way.

Please continue to report any problems found on Public Rights of Way in Cambridgeshire.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer

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23-Jun-2015 15:20

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

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Thank you again for contacting Public Rights of Way.

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Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer

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23-Jun-2015 15:39

Recorded by

Event: **Further Contact Received from Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

Dear Mr Gaskin,

I am rather confused.

What was I supposed to respond on?

Best regards

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23-Jun-2015 15:46

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

Dear

Had you responded to the final paragraph, i.e., to have make a claim that Public Rights exist, we would have pass on your report to our colleagues in Asset Information.

If you now wish to make a claim, for a Public Footpath, please use the links in my original message or by the same method you reported the original problem.

Thank you again for contacting Public Rights of Way.

Yours

Peter Gaskin



## Summary of CRNo 174235

Received 22-Feb-2013

Call Type: Public rights of way Damaged path surface

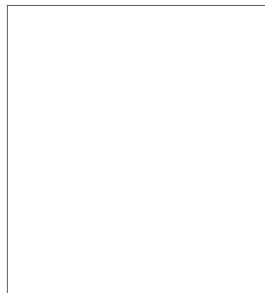
Location: where you cross through a gap in which a gate should be  
FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 547867 260279

Recorded by: Contact Centre

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Customer Details:



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Description: She stated that this is a well used dog walking route and the mud as you go through a gap in the fence where a gap should be is extremely treacherous and people are getting stuck in the mud and it could do with the footpath being closed or at least a sign warning people. She stated as you come from Fen Ditton it is about a third of the way along before the footpath meets/crosses the railway.

History (may be printed on the next page)

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**25-Feb-2013 16:31**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

**treid number- no answer or answer phone**

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**26-Feb-2013 11:13**

Recorded by

Event: **Additional Information**

Action:

**Phone number is not the customer's, no other contacts given. KC spoke to  re this non-definitive route, offered Probation Team graft, not persuaded. Contact Centre to listen to tape to determine correct phone number.**

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**26-Feb-2013 12:49**

Recorded by **Karen Champion**

**to Karen Champion**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

**Will email the map showing discrepancy between walked and definitive route, spoke to  and explained why cannot address that gate KC.**

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**26-Feb-2013 12:49**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

**Will email the map showing discrepancy between walked and definitive route, spoke to  and explained why cannot address that gate KC.**





## Summary of CRNo 229572

Received 09-Jun-2015

Call Type: Public rights of way Miscellaneous

Location: \*

FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 547940 260308

Recorded by: Online Reporting

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Customer Details:

Anonymous

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Description: The footpath across Ditton Meadow adjoining the village with Harcamlow Way has for along time been a public right of way with a heavy use for over 65 years. Blocking this access and the diversion along through the mismanaged 'permissive' route is both a personal risk hazard and a Health and Safety issue. It is also impractical and impassable for much of the year.

History (may be printed on the next page)

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09-Jun-2015 17:08

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

Dear

Thank you for contacting Public Rights of Way about Fen Ditton Public Footpath Number 2. Attached is a map showing the legal line of the Public Footpath for your information. Please note that this is a drawing taken from the Definitive Map, which is held within Asset and Information at Cambridgeshire County Council. You will see that the legal line of the Public Footpath is on the southern side of the hedge.

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Our contractor has slightly raised the ground level, on the legal line of the Public Footpath, next to the hedge. This has a small section of fencing and gates at either end should stop cattle damaging the area. However, as the field is part of the water meadow it is expected that at certain times of the year the Public Footpath is likely to become waterlogged or impassable.

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We hope that the information above is of assistance.

Should you be inclined to begin to make a claim for Public Rights on the river side of the boundary hedge we will pass on your report to our colleagues in Asset Information Definitive Map.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

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23-Jun-2015 15:36

Recorded by **Peter Gaskin**

to **Peter Gaskin**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

Email to customer

Having not received a response to the message below we will now be closing your report.

Thank you again for contacting Public Rights of Way.

Please continue to report any problems found on Public Rights of Way in Cambridgeshire.

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**23-Jun-2015 15:36**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

**Email to customer**

**Having not received a response to the message below we will now be closing your report.**

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**23-Jun-2015 15:37**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

**Email to customer**

**Dear**

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**Thank you again for contacting Public Rights of Way.**

**Please continue to report any problems found on Public Rights of Way in Cambridgeshire.**

**Yours**

**Peter Gaskin**

**Public Rights of Way Officer**



## Summary of CRNo 219707

Received 04-Jan-2015

Call Type: Public rights of way Damaged path surface

Location: GR 479603, where the FP goes through a hedge  
FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 547848 260274

Recorded by: Online Reporting

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Customer Details:

Anonymous

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Description: There is a deep quagmire stretching several yards on either side of the hedge. This path is used by hundreds of people - probably more than any other grass-surfaced path. It is in desperate need of improvement. People have already barged another access through the hedge, creating a second quagmire.

History (may be printed on the next page)

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07-Jan-2015 14:31

Recorded by

Event: **Further Contact Received from Customer**

Action:

4/1/2014

Email from customer sent to Kate Day and Peter Gaskin copied to Karen Champion  
Hi Peter & Kate

This is a bit of a long shot! However, is there any way that the £800 on offer from Cambridge Rambling Club for path maintenance can be spent on much needed work on improving Fen Ditton FP2,   This riverside path is a total quagmire at the point where it intersects with a hedge and ditch. The path is very heavily used; on good weather days several hundred people use it. During winter months the crossing point is dreadful. I noticed last week that people have now forced a way through the hedge nearby, but this is also now a muddy mess. I think that Gonville & Caius College own the land; they may have no interest in much-needed drainage or building up the path. However, this treatment has been relatively successful around 300 yards further west on the same path, near the footbridge.

If this isn't possible, can I please ask again that you contact 3P parishes to request if they have any PROW maintenance or improvement schemes where £800 would be useful? It is ridiculous that we can't find a single scheme which meets the simple criteria of improving a PROW on a through route.

Also, can I again request that a link is provided on the CCC 'public rights of way' page to 'report a problem'. If this simple request is refused I will be approaching the Chief Executive to request why.

Regards

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07-Jan-2015 14:33

Recorded by

Event: **Additional Information**

Action:

5/1/2015

Email from Karen Champion to Peter Gaskin and Kate Day

Hi, just to remind you that the boggy mess is not on the definitive line, the DR is if anything different but worse problems, KC.

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07-Jan-2015 14:34

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

5/1/2015

Email to customer and Kate Day with Karen Champion copied into

Hello

The land is owned by Gonville & Caius College do own the land and the Land Agent has similar concerns to yourself.

Please note at present the kissing gate configuration does not allow access to the Public Footpath which is on the other side of the hedge. Earlier in the year we have done some work to allow access through a muddy section.

Would you like me to contact the Land Agent about your offer and get them to liaise with you directly?

Yours

Peter Gaskin

Public Rights of Way Officer

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07-Jan-2015 14:35

Recorded by

Event: **Further Contact Received from Customer**

Action:

5/1/2015

Email from customer with Kate Day and Karen Champion copied in  
Thanks Peter

I'm a bit confused; where is the kissing gate? But I'm happy to talk to the Land Agent about what might be done.

Cheers

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07-Jan-2015 14:36

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

Hello

The kissing gate is at the High Street/Hall Farm end of the route.

I have attached a map showing the section of Public Footpath going alongside the hedge, which is for your information. Maybe you might like to have a closer look Definitive line/kissing gate then give me your thoughts?

Yours

Peter Gaskin

Public Rights of Way Officer

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07-Jan-2015 14:36

Recorded by

Event: **Further Contact Received from Customer**

Action:

5/1/2015

Email from customer

Thanks Peter - I understand now - but no map attachment?

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07-Jan-2015 14:37

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

5/1/2015

Email to customer - map attached but not placed in objects

Hello

Ops! Please find attached.

Yours

Peter Gaskin

Public Rights of Way Officer

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07-Jan-2015 14:38

Recorded by

Event: **Further Contact Received from Customer**

Action:

5/1/2015  
Email from customer  
Thanks Peter

I've been down to have a look and will send the photos through separately,

Starting from Fen Ditton, by the kissing gate, the FP sign is somewhat ambiguous as it points straight along the hedge. As access to the actual RoW is obstructed by a wooden fence (part of the kissing gate) everyone turns into the field by the river. At present, with so much surface water, this is the only logical route, as there is a slightly raised embankment which keeps you out of the water. There is a sign by the gate which informs everyone that the footpath RoW is clearly marked - which it obviously isn't!

The first opening through the hedge which you can, in theory, take to rejoin the definitive line of the FP, is now deep in water; this is also true of the next breach in the hedge line. I will send photos of both openings.

I will also send photos of the regularly used gap in the hedge which leads into the next big field alongside the river (and where the unofficial path meets up again with the true line of the RoW). There is a photo as well of the unofficial hole(s) in the hedge and the messed up ground. Finally, on this section, I walked to the corner of the hedge where the definitive FP goes, only to find a large expanse of water which you would need waders to get through. So - even if there was access to the FP alongside the kissing gate you would be unable at present to use it because of significant flooding further along.

Because of the slight embankment in the field closest to the river, which is accessed from the kissing gate, this should be the preferred route, even if it isn't on the strict line of the RoW. The latter is impassable whenever there is even moderate rainfall. So I would ask for the unofficial line to be improved at the junction with the hedge. Can some hardcore be put down here, or some sort of ramp over the flooded area?

Regards

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07-Jan-2015 14:39

Recorded by

Event: Further Contact Received from Customer

Action:

5/1/2015

Message from customer with attached images - see objects to view images

Hello,

Here's a picture message you've been sent from

You can send a message back from your mobile phone. But don't reply to this email.

Thanks,

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07-Jan-2015 14:49

Recorded by

Event: Further Contact Received from Customer

Action:

5/1/2015

Email from customer

Hi Peter

I tried to send through a batch of photos relating to Fen Ditton FP2 on the 'share' facility on my iPhone. Did you get them? If not, I will have to send them individually.

Regards

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07-Jan-2015 15:08

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

Hello

This is a short note to acknowledge your report and various emails along with the message plus images.

The landowner is aware of the problems as they raised them with me last year. I understand that they wish to close the section from the kissing gate to the area you're suggesting twice a year during rowing regattas. The whole area is a water meadow and there is an agreement in place to maintain as such. Thus, at times of the year there will be flooding.

Whilst this may be a popular route it would not be able to maintain it to a level where dry access could be achieved throughout the year. Hence, we are in a bit of a compromised situation. Thus, the landowner and I met on site to see what is necessary to open up the legal line for when the field is closed for a regatta. It was agreed that we would put a crossing point in at the end of a field drain next to the hedge. This is the section that has been raised with two gates either end of a wooden post and rail fence. The exit between hedgerows is due to be built up or culvert installed by the landowner. The landowner would also have to sort out the access through or around the kissing gate.

It is unfortunate that the resources available to undertake work that is not on the correct line of a Public Right of Way is unavailable.

I hope that this explains the situation to date.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

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24-Feb-2015 16:29

Recorded by **Peter Gaskin**

to **Peter Gaskin**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

Email to customer

Hello

This is a short note to let you know that I will have to close your report about the "deep quagmire stretching several yards on either side of the hedge". Having visited the site on several occasions it is clear we would not have enough resources to create a dry route across a water meadow. On the last visit there are significant areas under water and the ground elsewhere saturated.

Thus, we hope you will understand why the report is being closed.

Thank you again for raising this particular issue.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

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24-Feb-2015 16:29

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:



Email to customer

Hello

This is a short note to let you know that I will have to close your report about the "deep quagmire stretching several yards on either side of the hedge". Having visited the site on several occasions it is clear we would not have enough resources to create a dry route across a water meadow. On the last visit there are significant areas under water and the ground elsewhere saturated.

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Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer



## Summary of CRNo 229576

Received 09-Jun-2015

Call Type: Public rights of way Miscellaneous

Location: Miscellaneous  
FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 548121 260350

Recorded by: Online Reporting

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Customer Details:

Anonymous

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Description: The public right of way have been re-directed. The new path is unsuitable for people with limited mobility, and will be treacherous in the wet. Expect someone to get hurt when the ground gets water logged. Give us our old right of way back.

History (may be printed on the next page)

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**09-Jun-2015 17:26**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

**Tried telephoning the customer twice and there was no response.**

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**10-Jun-2015 9:09**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

**Telephone message left on the customers number supplied to say that Peter Gaskin has been trying to contact them yesterday and today. Please could they call the Contact Centre on 0345 045 5212 and leave a telephone number which they can be contacted on during the day or an email address where information can be sent?**

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**12-Jun-2015 16:28**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

**Telephone message left on the customer's number supplied to say that [Peter Gaskin] had not received any updated telephone number or email to contact him and therefore we will start to close this report.**

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**16-Jun-2015 8:35**

Recorded by **Peter Gaskin**

**to Peter Gaskin**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

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**16-Jun-2015 8:35**

Recorded by

Event: **No Fault Found**

Action:



## Summary of CRNo 229775

Received 11-Jun-2015

Call Type: Public rights of way Miscellaneous

Location: Fen Ditton Meadows  
FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 548121 260350

Recorded by: Online Reporting

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Customer Details:

Anonymous

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Description: Blocking off of kissing gate and diversion

History (may be printed on the next page)

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17-Jun-2015 12:59

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

Dear

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Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

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01-Jul-2015 16:59

Recorded by **Peter Gaskin**

to **Peter Gaskin**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

Email to customer

Dear

Having not received a response to the message below we will now be closing your report.

Thank you again for contacting Public Rights of Way.

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Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer

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01-Jul-2015 16:59

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

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Yours

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Public Rights of Way Officer



### Summary of CRNo 229303

Received 05-Jun-2015

Call Type: Public rights of way Miscellaneous

Location: Miscellaneous  
FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 548121 260350

Recorded by: Online Reporting

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Customer Details:

Anonymous

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Description: Denial of a right of way that has existed for as long as anyone can remember and is enjoyed by a huge number of people, especially in the summer. No adequate reason has been offered for this sudden denial of our right of way

History (may be printed on the next page)

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05-Jun-2015 15:14

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

Dear

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Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

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19-Jun-2015 14:38

Recorded by **Peter Gaskin**

to **Peter Gaskin**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**



Email to customer

Dear

Having not received a response to the message below we will now be closing your report.

Should you wish to pursue a claim for a Public Footpath please use the links below.

Thank you again for contacting Public Rights of Way.

Please continue to report any problems found on Public Rights of Way in Cambridgeshire.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer

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19-Jun-2015 14:38

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

Dear

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Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer



## Summary of CRNo 229930

Received 15-Jun-2015

Call Type: Public rights of way Miscellaneous

Location: fen ditton meadows  
FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 548121 260350

Recorded by: Online Reporting

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Customer Details:

Anonymous

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Description: no gate for access to fen ditton from walk through meadows

History (may be printed on the next page)

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17-Jun-2015 13:50

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

Dear

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Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

Local Infrastructure and Street Management  
Cambridgeshire County Council

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01-Jul-2015 16:54

Recorded by **Peter Gaskin**

to **Peter Gaskin**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

**Email to customer**

**Dear**

**Having not received a response to the message below we will now be closing your report.**

**Thank you again for contacting Public Rights of Way.**

**Please continue to report any problems found on Public Rights of Way in Cambridgeshire.**

**Yours**

**Peter Gaskin**

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**01-Jul-2015 16:54**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

**Email to customer**

**Dear**

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**Yours**

**Peter Gaskin**



## Summary of CRNo 174235

Received 22-Feb-2013

Call Type: Public rights of way Damaged path surface

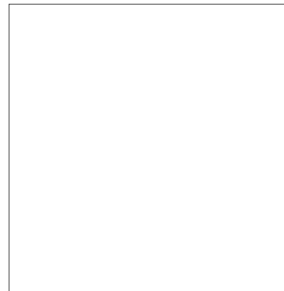
Location: where you cross through a gap in which a gate should be  
FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 547867 260279

Recorded by: Contact Centre

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Customer Details:



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Description: She stated that this is a well used dog walking route and the mud as you go through a gap in the fence where a gap should be is extremely treacherous and people are getting stuck in the mud and it could do with the footpath being closed or at least a sign warning people. She stated as you come from Fen Ditton it is about a third of the way along before the footpath meets/crosses the railway. Michele

History (may be printed on the next page)

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**25-Feb-2013 16:31**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

**treid number- no answer or answer phone**

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**26-Feb-2013 11:13**

Recorded by

Event: **Additional Information**

Action:

**Phone number is not the customer's, no other contacts given. KC spoke to [ ] re this non-definitive route, offered Probation Team graft, not persuaded. Contact Centre to listen to tape to determine correct phone number.**

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**26-Feb-2013 12:49**

Recorded by **Karen Champion**

to **Karen Champion**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

**Will email the map showing discrepancy between walked and definitive route, spoke to [ ] and explained why cannot address that gate KC.**

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**26-Feb-2013 12:49**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

**Will email the map showing discrepancy between walked and definitive route, spoke to [ ] and explained why cannot address that gate KC.**



## Summary of CRNo 229448

Received **08-Jun-2015**

Call Type: **Public rights of way** **Miscellaneous**

Location: **Fen Ditton Meadows**  
**FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2**  
**FEN DITTON**

Easting / Northing: **547898** **260294**

Recorded by: **Online Reporting**

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Customer Details:

**Anonymous**

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Description: **Footpath redirected across meadows which flood after heavy rain.**

History (may be printed on the next page)

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09-Jun-2015 12:36

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

Dear

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Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

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23-Jun-2015 15:23

Recorded by **Peter Gaskin**

to **Peter Gaskin**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**



**Email to customer**

**Dear**

**Having not received a response to the message below we will now be closing your report.**

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**Yours**

**Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer**

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Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

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## Summary of CRNo 229577

Received 09-Jun-2015

Call Type: Public rights of way Miscellaneous

Location: Fen Ditton Meadows  
FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 548102 260343

Recorded by: Online Reporting

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Customer Details:

Anonymous

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Description:

My understanding is that there is a public right of way to walk across the meadow closest to the river. However, recent works have been carried out there to prevent access and force walkers to walk on the other side of the hedge. Cattle graze on that side and during wet periods (i.e. every autumn and winter) the meadow is a quagmire which means that it will not be a viable footpath and access will be prevented.  and there has always been access to walk in the meadow closest to the river. I don't understand why the owners of the land are now seeking to change this. I can only assume that they are diverting the public away from that meadow because they have plans to use it for a different purpose and are therefore seeking to keep us out of the meadow which means that the public, and residents of Fen Ditton lose this lovely and well used area. We used to walk there every day and are very distressed that we are being prevented from doing so.

History (may be printed on the next page)

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09-Jun-2015 17:15

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

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Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

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12-Jun-2015 16:30

Recorded by

Event: **Further Contact Received from Customer**

Action:

9/6/2015  
Email from customer  
Thanks Peter.

Please can you clarify the following points:

- a) there is no public right of way along the river side of the hedge. Rather, there is a public footpath which follows the line of the non river side of the hedge
- b) as the landowner registered a deposit effective 8/4/99 only evidence starting from at least 1979 could be used to establish a public right of way along the river side of the hedge
- c) it is expected that the public footpath will become impassable at certain times of the year but neither the council or the landowner has any obligation to rectify this

Kind regards

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12-Jun-2015 16:34

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

Dear

I have made some notes in your text below.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer

From:

Sent: 09 June 2015 17:38

To: Gaskin Peter

Subject: RE: Fen Ditton Public Footpath 2 - ref: 229577

Thanks Peter.

Please can you clarify the following points:

- a) there is no public right of way along the river side of the hedge. Rather, there is a public footpath which follows the line of the non river side of the hedge (Correct)
- b) as the landowner registered a deposit effective 8/4/99 only evidence starting from at least 1979 could be used to establish a public right of way along the river side of the hedge (Correct)
- c) it is expected that the public footpath will become impassable at certain times of the year but neither the council or the landowner has any obligation to rectify this (Correct due to the area being a known water meadow, which will flood at times of the year)

Kind regards

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23-Jun-2015 15:28

Recorded by **Peter Gaskin**

to **Peter Gaskin**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

Email to customer

Dear

This is a short note to let you know that as there are no present outstanding actions for myself your report will be closed.

Thank you again for reporting this problem. Please continue to report any other problems found on Public Rights of Way in Cambridgeshire.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer

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23-Jun-2015 15:28

Recorded by

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Yours

Peter Gaskin  
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## Middleton Emma

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**From:** [redacted]@bidwells.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 15 April 2015 16:13  
**To:** Gaskin Peter  
**Subject:** RE: Fen Ditton Meadows

Dear Peter

Thank you for arranging the signs for the pathway at Fen Ditton and for speaking with us both earlier.

Kind regards



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dd: [redacted]



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**From:** Gaskin Peter [<mailto:Peter.Gaskin@cambridgeshire.gov.uk>]  
**Sent:** 15 April 2015 15:07  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Fen Ditton Meadows

Hello [redacted]

I have put some way marks in an envelope and a colleague will drop them into your office tomorrow or Friday.

Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Public Rights of Way Officer

**From:** [redacted]@bidwells.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 13 April 2015 10:14  
**To:** Gaskin Peter  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Fen Ditton Meadows

Dear Mr Gaskin

I write to you following various fencing works which we have carried out at Fen Ditton Meadows as part of the exercise to guide pedestrians back onto the public footpath and away from the route which many currently take.

We have installed a new gate at the end of the first field, the bridge has been levelled up and we plan on reversing the direction of the kissing gate soon.

As previously discussed with Roland Bull we will need finger signs to direct pedestrians in the right direction. Please can you advise if our contractor would be able to collect some from your offices?

Kind regards



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## Summary of CRNo 229325

Received 05-Jun-2015

Call Type: Public rights of way Miscellaneous

Location: misc  
FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 548090 260341

Recorded by: Online Reporting

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Customer Details:

Anonymous

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Description: misc

History (may be printed on the next page)



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05-Jun-2015 15:26

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

Dear

Thank you for contacting us about Fen Ditton Footpath 2. However, we do not know what you are trying to report. Please could you explain the problem and then we can respond?

Yours

Peter Gaskin

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19-Jun-2015 14:42

Recorded by **Peter Gaskin**

to **Peter Gaskin**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

Email to customer

Dear

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Thank you again for contacting Public Rights of Way.

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Yours

Peter Gaskin

Public Rights of Way Officer

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## Summary of CRNo 229321

Received **05-Jun-2015**

Call Type: **Public rights of way** **Obstruction on path**

Location: **Miscellaneous**  
**FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2**  
**FEN DITTON**

Easting / Northing: **548042** **260335**

Recorded by: **Online Reporting**

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Customer Details:

**Anonymous**

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Description: **Obstruction to path**

History (may be printed on the next page)

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05-Jun-2015 15:21

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

Email to customer

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Yours

Peter Gaskin  
Rights of Way Officer

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19-Jun-2015 14:40

Recorded by Peter Gaskin

to Peter Gaskin

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

Email to customer

Dear

Having not received a response to the message below we will now be closing your report.

Should you wish to pursue a claim for a Public Footpath please use the links below.

Thank you again for contacting Public Rights of Way.

Please continue to report any problems found on Public Rights of Way in Cambridgeshire.

Yours

Peter Gaskin

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Recorded by

Event: Contacted Customer

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Public Rights of Way Officer



## Summary of CRNo 229576

Received: 09-Jun-2015

Call Type: Public rights of way      Miscellaneous

Location: Miscellaneous  
FEN DITTON FOOTPATH 2  
FEN DITTON

Easting / Northing: 548121      260350

Recorded by: Online Reporting

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Customer Details:

Anonymous

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Description: The public right of way have been re-directed. The new path is unsuitable for people with limited mobility, and will be treacherous in the wet. Expect someone to get hurt when the ground gets water logged. Give us our old right of way back.

History (may be printed on the next page)

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**09-Jun-2015 17:26**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

**Tried telephoning the customer twice and there was no response.**

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**10-Jun-2015 9:09**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

**Telephone message left on the customers number supplied to say that Peter Gaskin has been trying to contact them yesterday and today. Please could they call the Contact Centre on 0345 045 5212 and leave a telephone number which they can be contacted on during the day or an email address where information can be sent?**

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**12-Jun-2015 16:28**

Recorded by

Event: **Contacted Customer**

Action:

**Telephone message left on the customer's number supplied to say that [Peter Gaskin] had not received any updated telephone number or email to contact him and therefore we will start to close this report.**

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**16-Jun-2015 8:35**

Recorded by **Peter Gaskin**

**to Peter Gaskin**

Event:

Action: **MOBINS**

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**16-Jun-2015 8:35**

Recorded by

Event: **No Fault Found**

Action: