FoDRoW, Dairy Barn, Coombe Keynes, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 5PS.

Chief Executive,
Dorset County Council,
County Hall,
Colliton Park,
Dorchester,
Dorset,
DT1 1XJ.

4th October 2010

Re: Rights of Way Definitive Map Modification Orders

Dear Sir,

Friends of Dorset's Rights of Way (FoDRoW) currently has a number of applications for Definitive Map Modifications (DMMOs) lodged with Dorset County Council. With immediate effect the Trail Riders' Fellowship (TRF) is managing and prosecuting these applications on behalf of FoDRoW. All correspondence regarding these applications should now be directed to the TRF instead of FoDRoW. Please also take this letter as our authority for Dorset County Council to accept and act on correspondence and instructions from the TRF relating to these applications.

The contact details for the Trail Rider's Fellowship are included below. Please send all correspondence electronically by email where possible.

Dave Tilbury (TRF), C/o Oakbank Cottage, 1 Oakbank Road, Eastleigh, SO50 6PA.

Tel: 0560 279 5905

Email: southandsouthwest@trf.org.uk

Please let me know if you need anything further from FoDRoW or if any further details or clarification is required.

Yours faithfully,

SIGNATURE REDACTED

Jonathan Stuart, FoDRoW Chairman

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**FORM A** 

# APPLICATION FORM FOR A MODIFICATION TO THE COUNTY OF DORSET DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT OF RIGHTS OF WAY Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

To:

**Chief Executive** 

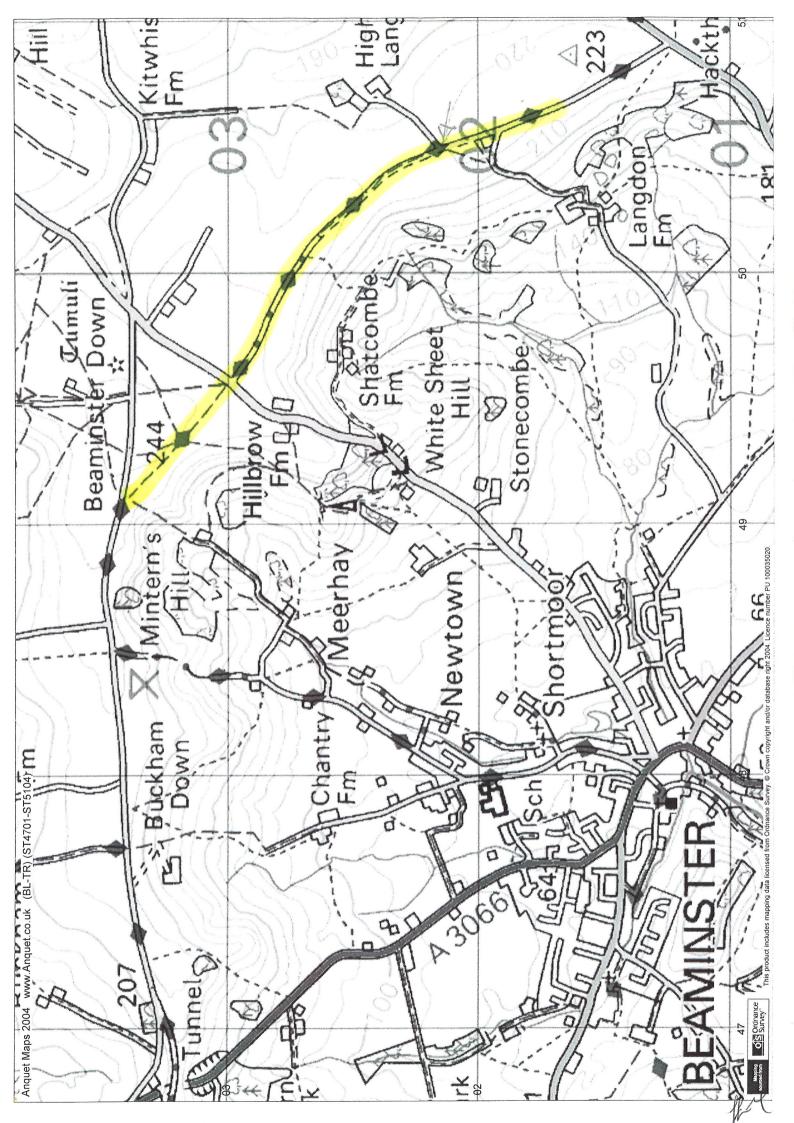
**Dorset County Council** 

**County Hall Colliton Park DORCHESTER** 

**Dorset DT1 1XJ** 

BR 17 & BR35, BEAMING
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<b>//We</b> (i)	Friends	s of Dorset's Rights of Way (FoDRoW)		
hereby	PO Box	x 5365 Dorchester Dorset DT2 8WH		and Countryside Act 1981 modifying the
	(a)	Deleting the footpath / bridloway / bywa	<del>y opon t</del>	o all traffic * which runc
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		to: 1 – ST 50150 02640	2 – ST	50700 01660
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		Copies of documentary evidence has be	en supr	olied on CD, viewable on any Windows PC.
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Signed	:		Date:	21st December 2004
(i) (ii)	Insert a	ddress of applicant(s)	(iii) Inse * Delete	rt list of documents as appropriate







FoDRoW. PO Box 5365. Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 8WH.

http://www.fodrow.com

31st December 2004

Re: Amendment to claim for Definitive Map Modification Order.

Dear Mrs Doutch,

We submitted an application for a Definitive Map Modification Order on Crabb's Barn Lane (ST 49105 03415 to ST 50485 02165) in Beaminster on December 21st. The grid reference for the south east end of the claimed route was incorrect on the claim documents. We wish to claim a byway from ST 49105 03415 south east to the point where the claimed route becomes a county road. The correct location for the south east end of this claim is grid reference ST 50650 01700. I can confirm I have notified the landowners of this mistake and sent them details of the correct route and a map showing the claimed byway on December 31st 2004. I trust this is sufficient but please advise if you require me to take any additional steps to ensure this mistake does not invalidate our claim.

Since submitting the claim we have identified another landowner. Their details are:

CWW Dupont, Langdon (Dorset) Farms, Langdon Manor, Beaminster, DT8 3NN.

I sent this landowner a "Form B" and accompanying map on December 31st 2004. I have yet to identify all landowners and still require site notices for this byway claim.

The reason for this claim is that the route north west from the B3163 has the following statuses:

County road->private road->bridleway->unclassified county road->bridleway.

It is fairly ridiculous to have so many different classifications on one route, which range from no public right of way to a public right for vehicles. We believe it is in everyone's interest to resolve this anomaly and our research indicates the correct classification for the whole route is byway. The claimed route starts where the county road becomes a private road, which I believe is at the Beaminster parish boundary, and extends north west to ST 49105 03415.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Stuart, FoDRoW Chairman.

cc Chris Slade, Senior Rights of Way Officer.



**December 22, 2004** 

Jonathan Stuart FoDRoW PO Box 5365 Dorchester Dorset DT2 8WH

**Dear Mr Stuart** 

We write with reference to your letter of 20<sup>th</sup> November regarding the ownership of the land, over which a bridle path, marked in yellow on your map, passes.

We return a copy of your map with that part of the bridle path, which crosses land owned by Langdon Dorset Farms, marked in yellow.

We note your comment regarding proposals affecting the status of the bridle path and inform you that we have taken advice concerning this. The only vehicular traffic, which has and currently uses the pathway are farm vehicles from Langdon Manor Farm and Higher Langdon Farm for access purposes only.

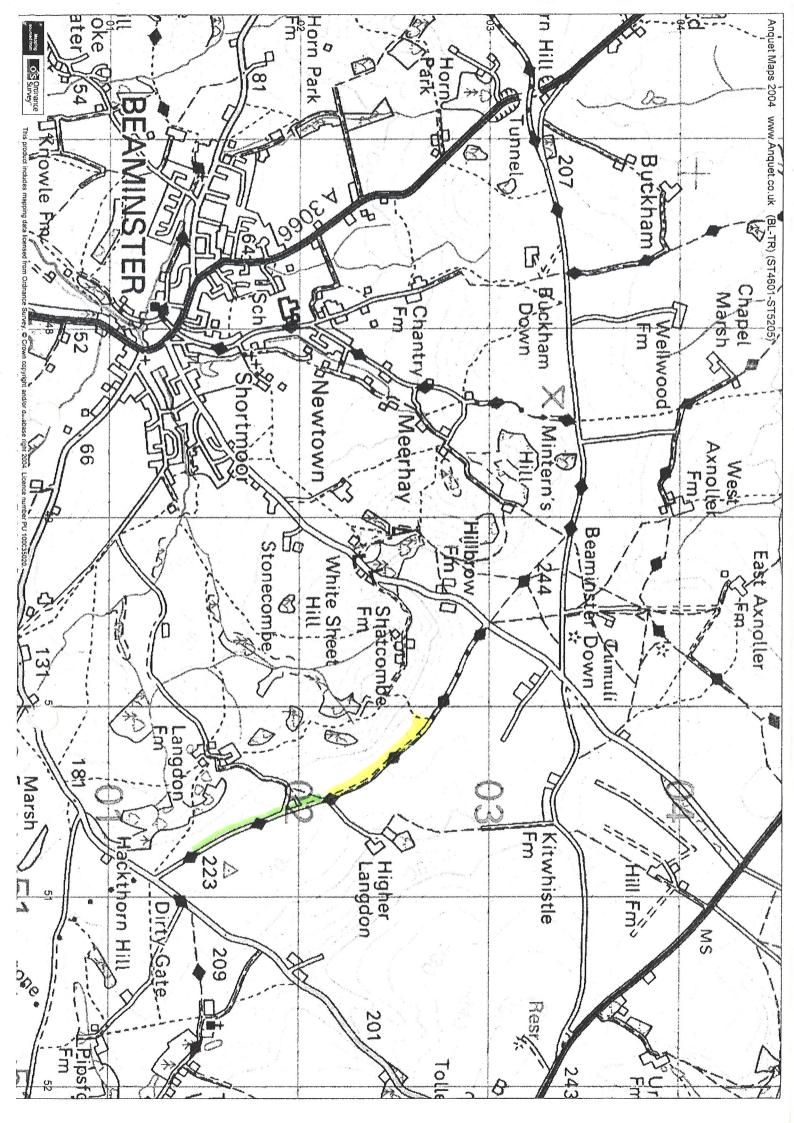
The tarmac covered road marked in green on the map is owned jointly by Langdon Dorset Farms and the owner of Higher Langdon Farm both of whom are solely responsible for its upkeep and repair. It is a private road, which only provides access to both properties.

We have been advised by the Rights of Way Department of Dorset County Council to send a copy of our letter in reply to yours to their Legal Department.

Langdon Dorset Farms will robustly resist any attempts to change the status of the bridle path marked in yellow on your map.

Yours sincerely

**CWW Dupont** 





FORM C

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION ORDER

# THE COUNTY OF DORSET DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT OF RIGHTS OF WAY

Wildlife and	Countryside	Act 1981
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To:

Chief Executive

**Dorset County Council** 

County Hall Colliton Park DORCHESTER

Dorset

DT1 1XJ	
I/We(i) Friends of Dorset's Rights of	of Way (FoDRoW)
of (ii) PO Box 5365, Dorchester, I	Dorset, DT2 8WH.
hereby certify that the requirement	nts of paragraph 2 of Schedule 14 to the Wildlife and omplied with in relation to the attached application.
SIGNATURE REDACTED	Date: 31st December 2004
Signed:	Date: 31 December 2004
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### **NOTES FOR GUIDANCE**

This certificate should only be completed when notice of the application has been served on all owners and occupiers affected by the proposal. A list of the names and addresses of all individuals notified should be provided below. Please indicate if you have been unable to identify all owners and occupiers of any land to which the application relates.

We have been unable to identify all landowners; the landowners identified are listed below and an application to post a Site Notice is enclosed.

### **Notice of Application Sent To:**

	Name	Address		
1.	Mr G Neal	Westleaze Farm, Whitesheet Hill, Beaminster, Dorset.		
2.	Mrs GA Langton	Higher Meerhay Fm, Beaminster, Dorset, DT8 3FB.		
3.	CWW Dupont	Langdon Manor, Beaminster, Dorset, DT8 3NN.		
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5.				
	(i) Insert name of applicant(s)	(ii) Insert address of applicant(s) 21 September 2004		



FORM C

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### THE COUNTY OF DORSET DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT OF RIGHTS OF WAY

### Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

To: Chief Executive
Dorset County Council
County Hall
Colliton Park
DORCHESTER
Dorset

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<b>I/We</b> (i)	Friends of Dorset's Rights of Way	(FoDRoW)	<u>)</u>	
hereby	PO Box 5365, Dorchester, Dorset, certify that the requirements of yside Act 1981 have been complied	paragraph	n 2 of Schedule 14 to the Wildlife	
Signed	SIGNATURE REDACTED	[	Date: 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2005	

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Re: Beaminster BR17, BR35, "Crabb's Barn Lane. Unable to identify all landowners; site notices posted at ST 491 034 & ST 507 016 on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2005.

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**FORM D** 

# APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO NOTIFY LANDOWNERS BY SITE NOTICE

# Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

To:

**Chief Executive** 

**Dorset County Council** 

(i) Insert name of applicant(s)

County Hall
Colliton Park
DORCHESTER

Dorset DT1 1XJ

PATH LO	CATION DETAILS:
PARISH:	Beaminster DISTRICT: West Dorset
CLAIMED	STATUS OF WAY: Footpath/Bridleway/Byway Open to All Traffic [delete as appropriate].
DESCRIP	TION OF PATH [include a map]:
FROM:	ST 49105 03415
TO:	ST 50700 01660
I/WE (i)	Friends of Dorset's Rights of Way (FoDRoW)
of (ii)	PO Box 5365, Dorchseter, Dorset, DT2 8WH.
have carr	ied out an investigation in an attempt to discover the owners and occupiers of the land y the application. I have made enquiries of: [delete those that are not applicable].
*	Adjoining landowners
*	Local inhabitants
*	Post Office
*	<del>Parish Council</del>
*	Register of Electors
*	Land Registry
*	Other appropriate sources [please state] – Please see enclosed explanation.
I have bee	en unable to discover ownership of the land, and I request the Council to direct that Notice erved by posting said Notices at either end of the way claimed.
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Signed:	Date: 21st December 2004

(ii) Insert address of applicant(s)

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### Application for Permission to Notify Landowners by Site Notice

FoDRoW is applying for permission to post a site notice to inform landowners about the DMMO application that accompanies this form. Not all the owners of land crossed by the claimed route have been identified using the process described below and we wish to use a site notice to notify the those landowners.

FoDRoW follows the procedure outlined below to identify the owners of land crossed by the route of a DMMO claim:

- 1. Request the Land Registry identify the titles of land crossed by the route. Where the land is registered we obtain copies of the title and plan to identify the landowner and the boundaries of the land they own. If owners cannot be identified for the entire length of the track the following steps are taken.
- 2. Attempt to identify other local landowners, EG farms, using the Land Registry, OS maps, Royal Mail address books, etc.
- 3. Write to the landowners identified in steps 1 and 2. If other farms or possible major landowners are located near the route and their details were not identified in steps 1 & 2 then write to those farms and landowners too. All farms in the vicinity of the claimed route will be considered and contacted if appropriate.

The letter sent includes a clear map showing the claimed route and a form for the landowner to return. The form allows the landowner to indicate whether he owns all of the land crossed by the claimed route, none of the land or some of the land. In the latter two cases we ask the landowner to supply the details of the correct landowners if they are known. A copy of the letter, map and form can be supplied to Dorset County Council if requested.

4. At least 28 days are provided for the landowners to respond before a DMMO claim is submitted.

This process was developed in consultation with Gillian Parkinson at DCC. It was felt that a thorough Land Registry search followed, if necessary, by letters to local farms and relevant landowners was a reasonable effort to make to identify landowners. If the land was not registered and local landowners were unwilling or unable to supply the ownership details when contacted then all reasonable steps had been taken.

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# NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION TO THE DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

NOTICE IS GIVEN that on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2004 the FRIENDS OF DORSET'S RIGHTS OF WAY made application to the Chief Executive, Dorset County Council, County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ that the Definitive Map and Statement of rights of way for the area be modified by:

- (1) Upgrading the Bridleway which runs from ST49105 03415 to ST49555 03010 to a Byway Open to all Traffic
- (2) Adding a Byway Open to all Traffic to run from ST49555 03010 to ST50150 02640
- (3) Upgrading the Bridleway which runs from ST5015002640 to ST50700 01660 to a Byway Open to all Traffic

DATE: 14th January 2005

PLEASE REFER TO MAP BELOW



**FORM G** 

# PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE CHECKLIST

# Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

To:

**Chief Executive** 

Dorset County Council

County Hall
Colliton Park
DORCHESTER

Dorset DT1 1XJ

(i) Insert name of applicant(s)

# **PATH DETAILS:-**

PARISH:	Beaminster	DISTRICT:	West Dorset
BELIEVE	D STATUS OF PATH: <del>footpath / bridle</del>	<del>way</del> / byway op	en to all traffic [delete as appropriate]
DESCRIP	TION OF PATH [please indicate route	on a map - 1:2	500 scale if possible]
FROM:	ST 49105 03415		
то:	ST 50700 01660		
<b>I/We</b> (i) <u>F</u>	riends of Dorset's Rights of Way (FoDI	RoW)	
of (ii) P	O Box 5365, Dorchseter, Dorset, DT2	8WH.	
have carr following	ied out research at the County Record documents to be considered in support	rds Office and/o	or Public Records Office and wish the on [see notes on reverse of <b>FORM A</b> ]:
D	ocument		DRO/PRO Reference
Ple	ease see enclosed report for full list	of evidence su	ıbmitted to support this claim
In	closure Award and Map*		
Ti	ithe Apportionment and Map*		
Fi	inance Act 1910 Maps*		
0	rdnance Survey Maps*		
R	ailway/Canal Survey Maps and Schedo	ules*	
E	state Maps and Records*		
Q	uarter Session Rolls*		
S	ale Catalogues*		
Н	ighway Board Minute Books*		
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Signed:		Date:	21st December 2004

(ii) Insert address of applicant(s)

\* Delete as appropriate

22 September 2004

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# FODROW EVIDENCE CD NOVEMBER 2004 Including:

Beaminster BR17, BR35 (T354) ST505022, which is BR17-UCR-BR35 This claim is for route ST491034 to

Isaac Taylor Map 1796

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DRO reference M14 Isaac Taylor Map

1796

Beaminster Roads 147.jpg DRO reference D/RGB:LL. Plan of roads in neighbourhood of Beaminster c.1800.

Greenwood 1826 1 134.jpg

DRO reference M116

Greenwood 1826 2 135.jpg

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Beaminster Tithe

130.jpg

DRO reference T/BE Beaminster Tithe map

1843.

Beaminster Inclosure Map 124.jpg DRO reference Inclosure 65 Beaminster inclosure has two maps. This image is an extract showing a potential claim on the East Fields map. PCR B is on the route of this claim.

Beaminster Inclosure Award 1

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DRO reference Inclosure 65

Beaminster Inclosure Award 2

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DRO reference Inclosure 65

OS Old Series 1"

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DRO reference D626/25. David & Charles copy

of OS Old Series 1".

Isaac taylor 1765

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DRO reference D626/25.

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# Byway Claim for Bridleways 17 & 35 Beaminster

#### Introduction

This document supports FoDRoW's DMMO claim for byway status on a route in the parish of Beaminster. The claimed route runs over what is currently two bridleways, an unpaved unclassified county road (UCR) and a section with no recorded public rights of way. The route extends from from ST 49105 03415 to ST 50700 01660. The entire route is highlighted on the enclosed map, which is an enlarged OS 1:50000 map printed at 1:20000 scale. This route is currently partly recorded as two bridleways, namely:

Beaminster BR17, ST 49105 03415 to ST 49555 03010. Beaminster BR35, ST 50150 02640 to ST 50485 02165.

No evidence has been found to indicate this road has ever been stopped up. Thus on the basis of the evidence presented below FoDRoW believes the route should today be a byway.

FoDRoW believes enough evidence is being submitted to justify this claim. Further evidence does exist and may be submitted at a later date. However, having considered the volume of claims likely to be submitted in the coming years this claim is being submitted now to avoid a future flood of claims when they are all fully researched.

### **Documentary Evidence**

The following evidence is being submitted to support our DMMO application:

- Isaac Taylor Map 1796, DRO reference M14.
- Plan of roads in neighbourhood of Beaminster c.1800, DRO reference D/RGB:LL.
- Greenwood's map 1826, DRO reference M116.
- Beaminster Tithe map 1843, DRO reference T/BE.
- Beaminster Inclosure Map & award, DRO reference Inclosure 65.
- Ordnance Survey Old Series 1" map, DRO reference D626/25.
- Isaac Taylor's map 1765, DRO reference D626/25.

### **Analysis of Documentary Evidence**

The evidence submitted indicates the claimed route is part of a longer route that historically had public vehicular rights. The original route started at ST 49105 03415, proceeded over BR17, then along the UCR, over BR35, over a section with no recorded public rights and along what is now a minor county road to Dirty Gate at its junction with the B3163, and over what is today an unpaved UCR on Hackthorn Hill. This claim covers the NE section of the original road, upto the point which is today a minor county road.

The Beaminster inclosure map and award identifies the central part of the claimed route as a public carriage road (PCR 'B'), thus this certainly had public vehicular rights. Furthermore, a map annotation at the south east end of the road describes the road as continuing "To Hook Village". This is confirmed by the description in the award which also states the road continues to Hook and it is sensible to assume the status of the road remained the same. The north east end of the road on the inclosure map shows a crossroads. This indicates the road continued NW beyond what is shown on the inclosure map.

The Beaminster tithe map shows the NE half of the claimed route as an unapportioned shaded road, indicating this was a public road. It includes much of the road shown on the inclosure map and all of

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the claimed route to the NE of the inclosure map's carriage road. Both parts of the road are shown in the same way and as continuous, thus supporting the argument that the route was continuous and the same rights, ie those documented in the inclosure award, would apply to the entire route.

Dorset Records Office document D/RGB:LL is a "Plan of roads in neighbourhood of Beaminster c.1800". This clearly shows the claimed route as a continuous road. Although the map is a rough sketch the roads clearly correspond to modern roads. Furthermore the objective of the map's creator appears to be to show public roads with no lesser routes shown and the length of commonly travelled routes marked.

Isaac Taylor's map of 1796 clearly shows the entire route as a continuous road. There is no distinction between what is now the sections of BR, UCR and county road, indicating the route has a single status. This map also appears to only show public roads. Relatively few roads are shown, those included correspond well to modern public roads, and there appears to be no intention to show bridleways or footpaths.

Greenwood's map of 1826 also shows the entire claimed route as a continuous road with no indication the status changes at any point. The route's depiction is consistent with other minor public roads in the area. Similarly, The 1<sup>st</sup> Edition "Old Series" OS map and Isaac Taylor's map from 1765 both show the claimed route as a continuous road and in the same way as other public roads in the area. Issac Taylor's map shows very few roads and it appears only the more significant public roads are shown.

Finally, one must question why there be a public road to Higher Langdon, the modern county road from the B3163, when this is a private farm? It is more sensible to believe the road continued over what is today BR35 to join the unpaved UCR. In Dorset UCRs have the reputation of being public roads. This is confirmed by Dorset County Council letters and minutes from the 1950s and 1960s. Those document DCC's decision to not create RUPPs but instead classify unpaved roads with public vehicular rights as UCRs. The UCR in the claimed route goes nowhere and it is most likely the dead end UCR and county road were connected by a road over what is now BR35.

The inclosure map and award provides conclusive evidence of public vehicular rights over much of the claimed route. The tithe map and other small scale maps indicate the claimed route was a public road and also show it as a continuous route with the same status as the section shown on the inclosure map. The Eyre vs New Forest Highways Board case directs us that the whole route would have the same rights, ie those of a public carriage road, and there is no contrary evidence to assume the current BR-UCR-BR classification is correct.

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FoDRoW, PO Box 5365, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 8WH.

http://www.fodrow.com

24th January 2005

Dear Mrs Langton,

We recently wrote to you with regard to our byway claim on Crabb's Barn Lane. The location of the south east end of the claimed route was described as the point at which the county road met a road with no recorded public rights of way. That is correct however Dorset County Council have advised us of a corrected grid reference for this location. We had stated this location was ST 50650 01700 but it is in fact ST 50700 01660. The location for the end of this claim has not changed but the grid reference that represents that location was found to be wrong, albeit by only 50m east and 40m north. The map we sent you has not been replaced because a change of this size is too small to be shown on a map of this scale.

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31st December 2004

Dear Mr Dupont,

Thank you for your letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December confirming you own the land under Beaminster Bridleway 35. I can confirm we submitted a byway claim to Dorset County Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2004. DCC's "Form B" and a map showing the claimed route is enclosed.

The reason for this claim is that the route north west from the B3163 has the following statuses:

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