

### OMA's Comments on the Objections

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09/03/16	Mr J & Mrs S Balson	Lived in Wimborne for 67 years. Land has been controlled with notices and annual closures. Understands that local companies [in Mill Lane] are upset about parking does not wish to see them leave.	Does not identify period when they resided in Wimborne. Parking is not affected by proposal. Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken.
12/03/2016	Mr J Batchelor	Has lived in Wimborne for 57 years (1959) land is privately owned, access controlled to prevent accrual of any public rights. Aware of signs being in place over that period and that gate(s) were closed for periods of 24 hours, or much longer periods the further back in time you go.	Mr Batchelor has a professional relationship with Mr C J Slocock (Minster Press, Publishing Solutions (www) Limited). Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken.
22/03/2016	Mrs G Stean	Lived in Wimborne for 40 years (1976). Aware of notices and gates which were locked for 24 hours once a year.	Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken.
30/03/2016	Mrs E Wheelton	Lives in Australia but has visited area in 1972, 74, 76 and 89. Was aware of gates being locked at Christmas (no date given). Husband lived in Wimborne and worked in Mill Lane for many years before war and told her that access to what is now Crown Mead was not possible as it was all private.	Letter dated 30 March 2016 but was posted in Wimborne on 6 April 2016? Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken.
02/04/2016	Mrs M James	Lived in area since 1988. Obvious that Mill Lane is private, signs, gates close annually. Order unreasonable and unnecessary.	The witness' statement in respect of the situation from 1988 is probably correct. However, evidence indicates that the public rights were acquired before witness lived in area a period for which she can provide no evidence.

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03/04/2016	A Taste of Rasa Sayang (Mrs Y R Slocock)	Live here for 28 years, Mill Lane has always been private, signs in place during this period, aware that owner closes gate for 24 hours at least once a year, will affect customer parking and therefore my business, unnecessary, unreasonable, will seek compensation from DCC.	Resident since 1988, related to Mr C J Slocock. Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken. Customer parking would not be affected, no compensation would be payable.
04/04/16	Ms N Taylor	Lived in Wimborne 33 years (1983) being a tenant of landowner for past 4 years aware of signs and gate being locked for 24 hour periods. Concerned that Order will affect parking and if approved will seek financial compensation.	Provides evidence for a period post dedication. Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken. Parking and business unaffected.
04/04/16	Mr C Rowell	Order would affect his business parking and prove financially damaging, is unreasonable and unnecessary. Will seek financial compensation from DCC.	Mr Rowell is a tenant of Mr C J Slocock. Customer parking would not be affected, no compensation would be payable.
04/05/16	Mrs Y R Slocock	Believes that proposal is part of a vendetta by a few residents of Millbank House led by Mrs Hopkins. Mill Lane precinct has always been private property with signs stating as much. Aware that owner closed the gate annually for 24 hours throughout her period of residence, which covers 28 years (1988). States that her private parking, hatched area on plan, will be affected and she will seek compensation from DCC.	Related to the landowner Mr C J Slocock. Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken. No compensation will be payable.
04/05/16	Ms A Slocock	Proposals is unreasonable. Lived in Wimborne for 20 years land was controlled to prevent accrual of public right of way, aware of signs, aware of gates being closed/locked annually usually on Christmas day. Order will commercially damage the Trust property.	Daughter of the landowner Mr Slocock and beneficiary of the Slocock Trust. Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken.

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08/04/16	Ms G Bassett	Lived in the area for 7 years (approx. 2009 to 2016) Privately owned land with private signs and gate subject to closure without notice and have been locked for periods of 24 hours in the past. The routes are permissive.	Provides evidence for a period post dedication. Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken
10/04/16	Mr A M Hadfield <sup>(2)</sup>	Lived in Wimborne for 48 years (1972). Understands that the land has been private throughout this period with signs stating no public right of way and gates, locked for periods of 24 hours. Parking and business will be affected. Aware that Mr Crowther owned car park and restricted access to what is now known as Crown Mead. Gate after archway towards what was called Dormers was locked shut all the time.	Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken. As Mr Hadfield has only lived in the area since 1972 his knowledge of these events can only be regarded as hearsay.
11/04/16	Mr K Short	Responding to the reply to his initial submission. Confirmed that the signs he manufactured for the landowner(s) where in the locations he identified on accompanying plan since 1979.	Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken.
12/04/16	Mr D Waters (Waters Surveyors)	Acting on behalf of the freehold owners of the land at Crown Mead. Owners have no particular objection to proposal as long as from the date of effect the maintenance liability of the affected parts would rest with DCC.	Treated as an objection as no guarantee can be provided as to future maintenance liabilities. No relevant evidence provided for or against the proposal.
12/04/16	Mr D R Bailey	Protests against the change of status of the footpath, increased pedestrian traffic would be hazardous to vehicle movements, increase in litter and dog mess. Pointless and needless would be a permanent needless expense.	Offers no relevant evidence for or against the existence of any public rights.
		Lived in Wimborne 65 years (1951), aware that land has been privately owned and access	Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that

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12/04/16	M D R Hart <sup>(2)</sup>	controlled throughout this period with signs stating no public right of way and gates, locked for periods of 24 hours. Parking and business will be affected. Aware that Mr Crowther owned car park and restricted access to what is now known as Crown Mead. Gate on other side of Mill Lane towards what was called Dormers was locked shut all the time until the 70s or 80s.	public rights existed prior to this action being taken.  <sup>(1)</sup> The submissions, language and construction, from Mr Hart and Mr Hadfield bear a remarkable similarity.
12/04/16	Mr D Munford	Lived in area for 49 years (1966), aware that land is private and controlled with signs saying no public right of way, gates locked for 24 hours. Order will affect business and parking on Mill Lane.	Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken.
12/04/16	Mr C J Slocock <sup>(1)</sup>	Second submission. Right of way does not subsist, no dedication at common law. Lack of intention to dedicate has been demonstrated by landowner, significant procedural errors have occurred.	Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken. Has not yet disclosed what he believes to have been procedural errors on the part of the County Council.
12/04/16	Mr C J Slocock <sup>(1)</sup>	Third submission, identical to second, different typeface and address (Unit 6 Mill Lane) summary same as above.	Comments same as above.
12/04/16	The Minster Press (Mr C J Slocock <sup>(1)</sup> )	Fourth submission, objects on same grounds as his previous submissions apart from the reference to procedural errors.	Comments same as above with exception of reference to procedural errors.
12/04/16	Ms J Carter	Lived in area for 39 years, aware that land is privately owned and 'controlled' with signs in place saying 'not a public right of way', gates at 'relevant points' locked for periods of 24 hours. Understands Restrictive 'Bye way' will not allow mechanical propelled vehicles, will affect her	Has only resided in area at or from a time the evidence suggest the public rights had been brought into question. Offers on evidence prior to this time. Private vehicular rights would not be affected nor would parking. Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but

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		classes at A Taste of Rasa Sayang will affect her and the business.	evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken.
12.04/16	A Taste of Rasa Sayang (Restaurant Mill Lane)	Does not believe the evidence demonstrates right of way exists or existed prior to closing of gates. Landowner took steps to prevent accrual through signs and closing of gates.	Restaurant owned by Mrs Y Slocock, related to landowner Mr C J Slocock. Has made a previous submission under own name dated 4 April (see above). Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken.
12/04/16	Mr J Slocock	Lived in Wimborne for 26 years, born there, objects as DCC have not demonstrated that the public rights claimed exist his father and grandfather took action to prevent accrual of public rights, signs and gates locked for 24 hours. No consideration of commercial impact, effect on parking, development, security, traffic management, cleaning, maintenance. Unreasonable as on a number of occasions highway authority stated that no public rights exist in Mill Lane.	Related to landowner beneficiary of Slocock Trust. Not clear as to exactly when the 26 year period referred to falls. Does not agree to the conclusions in the report but provides no reasons or evidence as to why. Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken. The issues such as commercial impact and traffic management are not issues that can be taken into consideration. The highway authority statements were and are correct there are no recorded public rights of way in the area although Mill Lane is recorded as a publicly maintainable highway on the List of Streets.
12/04/16	Mr I Spiers Surveyor (Landowner's representative)	Objects to the Order. Complains that client was not informed of the application or Order. Evidence does not support the proposal, complains of procedural errors.	Mr Spiers' client is Mr C J Slocock, Unit 6 Mill Lane comprises a lock up garage/shed. Mr Slocock has been consulted at several different addresses and was aware of the proposal and has not been compromised. Mr Spiers provides no evidence in support of his conclusion that the evidence does not support the report conclusions or to what he thinks may constitute procedural errors.

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12/04/16	Mr I Spiers Surveyor (Landowner's representative)	(Second submission) Objects to Order as rights of way shown do not subsist, documentary evidence does not support the Order, landowner has taken measures to demonstrate a lack of intention to dedicate, procedural errors.	Mr Spiers provides no evidence in support of his conclusion that the evidence does not support the report conclusions or to what he thinks may constitute procedural errors. Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken.
12/04/16	Mrs S Tucker	Does not believe that a public right of way subsists. Lived in Wimborne 25 years (1989) aware of signs and has witnessed gates being locked for 24 hour periods.	Period of residence postdates the date when public rights were brought into question. Whilst Mrs Tucker was probably aware that gates had been locked it is unlikely she maintained this vigil for 24 hours.
12/04/16	Ms K Harvey	Lived in area for 21 years, aware that land is privately owned and 'controlled' with signs in place saying 'not a public right of way', gates at 'relevant points' locked for periods of 24 hours, which she had witnessed. Understands Restrictive 'Bye way' will not allow mechanical propelled vehicles, will affect business and parking.	Has only resided in area since 1995 therefore her evidence postdates the time at which it is believed the public rights were brought into question. Private vehicular rights would not be affected nor would parking. Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken.
14/04/16	Mr & Mrs Dunningham	Lived in Wimborne for 54 years (1960). Do not believe that the public rights exist, aware land is privately owned and access 'controlled' also of signs stating private land over the period and gates locked for 24 hour periods annually.	Do not believe public rights exist but provide no evidence to dispute the documentary evidence. Most land is privately owned. They may have been aware or have been told that gates were locked but unlikely that they observed any gate for 24 hours.
14/04/16	Name difficult to discern possibly Stephanie no return address supplied	Lived in Wimborne over 30 years (1986) now a frequent visitor, Mill Lane always been private property, aware of signs saying as such and no public right of way as well as gates being closed for 24 hour periods.	Unable to determine whether 30 year period proceeded the 'frequent visitor period' majority of public rights of way pass over private property. Refers to gates as being closed not locked but unlikely that they observed any gate for 24 hours.

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15/04/16	Mr C J Slocock <sup>(1)</sup>	<p>Refers to correspondence from Highway Authority stating that area was not subject to any public rights of way. Land includes a private road with right of way for Millbank House residents, privately maintained, owned and lit. Gates locked to prevent accrual of public rights. Plan shows extended areas and additional measurements no notice given to landowners and tenants. Order objected to, widths excessive, unreasonable. If approved Order would interfere with parking, private access. Considers that application was engineered by a few individuals with a personal interest. The landowner has operated a permissive path with signs and gates that were locked for 24 hour periods, it is possible that some users passed through, even regularly were unaware of the control of the land and their claims should be considered invalid. The land from A to X is not part of the public highway, historic access for horses associated with the former brewery has long been abandoned and the land privately controlled with restricted access.</p>	<p>The application is to add unrecorded public rights of way as such any previous correspondence from Dorset County Council would have stated that there are no public rights of way as none are recorded. It does not follow from this statement that no public rights of way exist. Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken. Landowner appears to acknowledge that the locking of gates was not brought to the attention many regular users. Documentary evidence suggest that A to X and A to B? were regarded as being part of the same public highway now known as Mill Lane.</p>
15/04/16	Cllr R Cook	<p>Connections with the area for almost 40 years lived in town since 1987 being in business from 1978 to 2010. Prior to development of Crown Mead in 1980 the area was a car park. Aware that part of the route was in private ownership due to 'common knowledge' and signs. Concerned that the letter from the County Surveyor of 16 June 1987 states that there are no public footpaths or bridleways shown on the Definitive Map for that area. Asks that the Order should not be confirmed.</p>	<p>Cllr Cook should be aware that this is a Definitive Map Modification Order Application, although these do deal with upgrades of recorded public rights of way they perhaps are more commonly recognised in respect of unrecorded public rights of way, as in this case. The Surveyor's response related to the fact that these routes at that time were not recorded, this does not mean that they did not exist. Mr Cook's evidence relates to a period after which the routes were dedicated and although landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, the evidence</p>

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15/04/16	BLM (Landowner's Legal Representative)	Submitted a formal statement of objection.	Analysed and summarised within the main body of the report.
15/04/16	Mr A Cosgrove	Lived in the town from 1955 until moving to Shapwick 1980. Worked in garage providing taxis/wedding cars competing with Crowther's who owned Crown Mead and charged for parking. Access was only possible when car park was open. In course of employment dealt with Minster Press and visited premises in Mill Lane and was aware of signs around the late 1960s. Continued to work in the town and is aware that both Mr H Slocock and Mr C Slocock sought to prevent and dedication over their property.	The question as to whether Mr Crowther locked the gates is disputed by other witnesses. There is little if any corroborated evidence to suggest that the signs had been in place prior to 1979. Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken.
15/04/16	Mrs J Young	Worked in Mill Lane from 1947, aged 18, until 1952 as a journalist/editor. Moved to Bristol 1952, family remained in Wimborne often visited family, now resides in Scotland. Confirms that land is privately owned and access was limited with signs. Before supermarket built land here was also private and access limited, later Mr Crowther owned land no free access, owner closed access and chased people off when car park closed. Wooden bridge with locked gate crossed river. During the 40s and 50s at point F there were sluice gates and an eel trap, you could not pass this point.	The question as to whether Mr Crowther locked the gates is disputed by other witnesses. There is little if any corroborated evidence to suggest that the signs had been in place prior to 1979. Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken.
19/04/16	Mr K Short	(Third submission) Raised issues of partiality confirmed signs had been on site 'going back a very long way' his role was to make new plastic	Mr Short is a tenant of Mr Slocock he has altered his statements throughout this investigation, complained of partiality but when asked to



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13/05/16	Mr D Waters (Waters Surveyors)	Acting on behalf of the freehold owners of the land at Crown Mead. Objects as feels the path should be adopted.	Not a relevant objection.
04/05/16	Mrs V Bossem	Lived in Wimborne for 9 years (1997) confirms land has been privately owned, access controlled to prevent public rights from being acquired. Gates have been locked annually for periods of 24 hours. Landowner has advised that her parking may be affected, Order a waste of time and money, will seek financial compensation.	Tenant of landowner for 7 years (1999). Only aware of situation since 1999 at earliest. Parking will not be affected and no compensation will be payable. Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken.
05/04/16	Mr D Wheelton	Born in Wimborne 1943 served apprenticeship in Mill Lane until August 1967. Emigrated to Australia in 1970. Land has been privately owned with notices stating not a public right of way, gates locked for periods of 24 hours for 60 years or more. Has returned to UK on a number of occasions and can confirm that the notices and gates/barriers were still in place.	Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken. Evidence suggests that only one gate existed prior to ????. Barriers and fencing are relatively recent additions.
05/04/16	Mr K Short	Has owned sign engraving business in Mill Lane since 1979, made signs for Mr C J Slocock and his father Mr H L Slocock, signs have been displayed throughout the estate during this period. Aware that both Mr C J and Mr H L Slocock annually closed gates on the estate for at least 24 hours at Christmas, Easter and bank holidays during his time on the estate. Does not believe that a	Mr Short is/was a tenant of Mr C J and H L Slocock since 1979 and has amended his statement on a number of occasions during this investigation (see previous reports). Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken. Customer parking would not be affected, no compensation would be payable.

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06/04/16	Ms C Potts	Lived in Wimborne for 16 years (1990). Parking and business will be affected, land private not public, controlled with signs and gates closed for 24 hours once a year, unfair and vindictive, waste of money.	Provides evidence for a period post dedication. Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken. Parking and business unaffected.
06/04/16	Mr A Payne	Concerned Order will affect parking and damage business, aware of signs and gates being locked for periods of 24 hours. Order not justified on evidence, financial compensation should be paid to those affected.	Tenant of Landowner, Mr Slocock, since 2013 (3 years), consequently although correct his evidence relates to a period long after dedication took place. Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken.
07/04/16	Mr C J Slocock <sup>(1)</sup>	Right of way does not subsist, no dedication at common law. Lack of intention to dedicate has been demonstrated by landowner.	Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken.
07/04/16	Mr D Slocock	Lived in Wimborne 23 years (1983) was involved with gate being closed for 24 hours, usually at Christmas, during which the signs had been pointed out to him. Order would significantly damage Trust land and affect parking, access and development, Order should be dismissed and compensation paid.	Beneficiary of Slocock Trust, related to landowner, knowledge of events postdates dedication of public rights. Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken. Access, parking unaffected development, other than on the highway, unaffected.
08/04/16	Mr D Hoyle	Referred to his earlier submission by e-mail (copy attached) which was summarised in the previous report. Has lived in Wimborne for 40 years, aware of signs and gates, disputes historical evidence.	Mr Hoyle has been informed on a number of occasions that the available evidence demonstrates that the public rights had been dedicated many years before the present or previous owner had any interest in the land.

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08/04/16	Mrs S Lavender	Lived in area for 60 years, aware that land was privately owned and controlled with signs saying it was not a public right of way. Also gates locked for 24 hours at relevant points, unnecessary, unreasonable and a waste of money.	Landowner's action in respect of signs and gates is acknowledged, but evidence demonstrates that public rights existed prior to this action being taken. Mentions gates at relevant points but not where these points were located.