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From: Miss M Rochford <rochfordm@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk>

Sent: 28 September 2020 11:00

To: Chris Jennings <chrisjennings@hydrogroup.co.uk>

Subject: Re: SU1082.pdf

Hi Chris as you say fate must have taken us all that way yesterday as I was out later than usual and had made a last minute decision to check out my Dofe route as we had been unable to take pupils out this summer.

The map I was using yesterday was sent out by OS under a project to supply local maps to all schools for geography. The path was still on the 2006 map, which states that it was revised in 1999 with selected changes made in 2004, 2005, so it would seem odd that they claim it didn't exist after 1983.

Our students were unable to locate the start of the path last year due to the groundwork being done on the changing rooms and the end of the path appearing to be blocked off. I have had to move the groups up to the next path in the last two years due to difficulties in locating the start. Last year there were also difficulties in getting on to the second path due to a lack of signposting and groups moved up to the gravel path across. I am concerned that if both paths are lost, it is a long way for Dofe groups to walk on the road from the housing area and the path that comes out by the hedge and the small holding where the Ostrich is, up to the corner where you mention a bridleway will be put in. As the road is mainly single track in nature and cars often come along there quite fast, we prefer to get the children off the road as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, the guy who led the Dofe training before me has now passed away so I don't know when the path was last used by him, but he was still running Dofe for the school up until about 2012.

I hope this helps and I would be interested in keeping in touch about local paths and rights of way if thats ok. I am annoyed that the date has gone for complaints about the change to the path, as Dofe groups are unlikely to be out between August and September as schools are closed and any groups that do use the area won't know about the changes until next Spring. Its a bit like burying the bad news by choosing your time to make a change. In many ways it would be good if local councils notified the Dofe when footpath changes were proposed so that they could let all their local schools know incase it affects them and they want to put in a complaint or alternative proposal. I'm sure it wouldn't be that difficult for them to set up.

Glad to have bumped into you,

Mary

From: Chris Jennings <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 27 September 2020 20:32
To: Miss M Rochford <[REDACTED]> [sch.uk](#)>
Subject: SU1082.pdf

Dear Mary

It was nice to meet you this morning, fate, because we were due elsewhere and only walked that route as a last minute decision.

As promised, please find attached the 1983, extinguishment order that we do not consider was confirmed.

It would be interesting to know when you were using this path and the last date (approx) you used it. Please also let us know how you get on with the PRow through the garden with the large metal container. Do not be put off. It is the legal route.

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