

Stephen Kisko

From: Definitive Map
Sent: 23 April 2018 09:42
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Claimed Public Rights of Way at Barcombe Mills - my ref. FPsecESx/079 ESx180420

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email below concerning the claimed public right of way at Barcombe Mills. I have placed your comments on file to be reviewed as part of the investigation.

You are correct that part of the claimed route is also known as the Sussex Ouse Valley Way, being from footpath Barcombe 24, through the weirs and then left along Hayes Lane.

Regards

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From: [REDACTED] [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
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Subject: Claimed Public Rights of Way at Barcombe Mills - my ref. FPsecESx/079 ESx180420

Your ref. RWO 213

Dear Mr Kisko

Thank you for your letter dated 22nd March 2018 concerning an application to amend the Definitive Map and Statement by the creation of bridleways at Barcombe Mills.

I can advise you on behalf of the Society of Sussex Wealdmen that we have no documentary evidence to offer as to the validity of the claims.

We note, however, that the claimed length from north of Pikes Bridge at the eastern end to Barcombe Mills Road at the western end is shown on the OS Explorer 1:25,000 scale map as forming part of the Sussex Ouse Valley Way (SOVW) footpath. I can advise personally that I have walked that part of the SOVW occasionally during the last 15 to 20 years, although I cannot give dates.


I know that the remaining, southern, part of that branch of the claimed route, i.e. from the intersection with SOVW and over Pikes Bridge to the junction with the public footpath through the car park and on to Barcombe Mills Road, is in frequent use by walkers wishing to go between the river bank and the car park and I can advise you that our Society's group walks have included that stretch periodically, most recently on 1st April 2018.

We cannot comment specifically on the claimed northern spur, described in the application as linking Hayes Lane and Byway Barcombe 25A.

This Society supports this entire application for bridleway rights as it would regularise and secure the SOVW route and associated connections for walkers. It would also provide a useful connection for equestrians between Barcombe Mills Road and Byway Barcombe 25A, thereby enhancing access to the countryside for all non motor vehicle users.

Thank you for consulting the Society on this matter.

Yours sincerely


Footpath Secretary (East) for the Society of Sussex Wealdmen