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Subject: Your ref RWO193A

Dear Sirs,

I refer to the Hamsey 32 Definitive Map Modification Order dated 25th June 2021 Ref. RWO193A, as the landowner I wish to object to this order being made, and wish to appeal the decision. The private track in question which bisects my field, was erroneously signposted by the ESCC, about 30 years ago, with an official oak fingerpost, custom made for the purpose, which wrongly described the track as a public bridleway, (see attached photos) The effect of this mistake was to mislead the public generally, and myself in particular. When I purchased the land in about 1989 I unquestioningly accepted the track was a public bridleway. Around 2016 I applied to ESCC to divert the pathway to facilitate better land management, only to be informed it was not a public rights of way, and consequently no permission was needed. Accordingly I moved the track back to a previously used route along the nearby field boundary a few meters away to the north east. The ESCC owe the public, and land owners a duty of care in such matters, and their negligence in this instance is entirely responsible for the present unfortunate situation. My other objection concerns the way the OSS has harvested supporting statements, with a tick box questionnaire resulting in comments full of contradictions, and discrepancies which call into question the veracity of the evidence presented, and which obviously needs testing in court. In the spirit of compromise, and for expediency, I am quite willing to dedicate the new track as a public highway, or alternatively I will withdraw my objection, if I can be assured the new bridleway thus created is diverted to the preferred, and far more popular gate free position it currently occupies.

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Kind regards,

Nick Cheyney