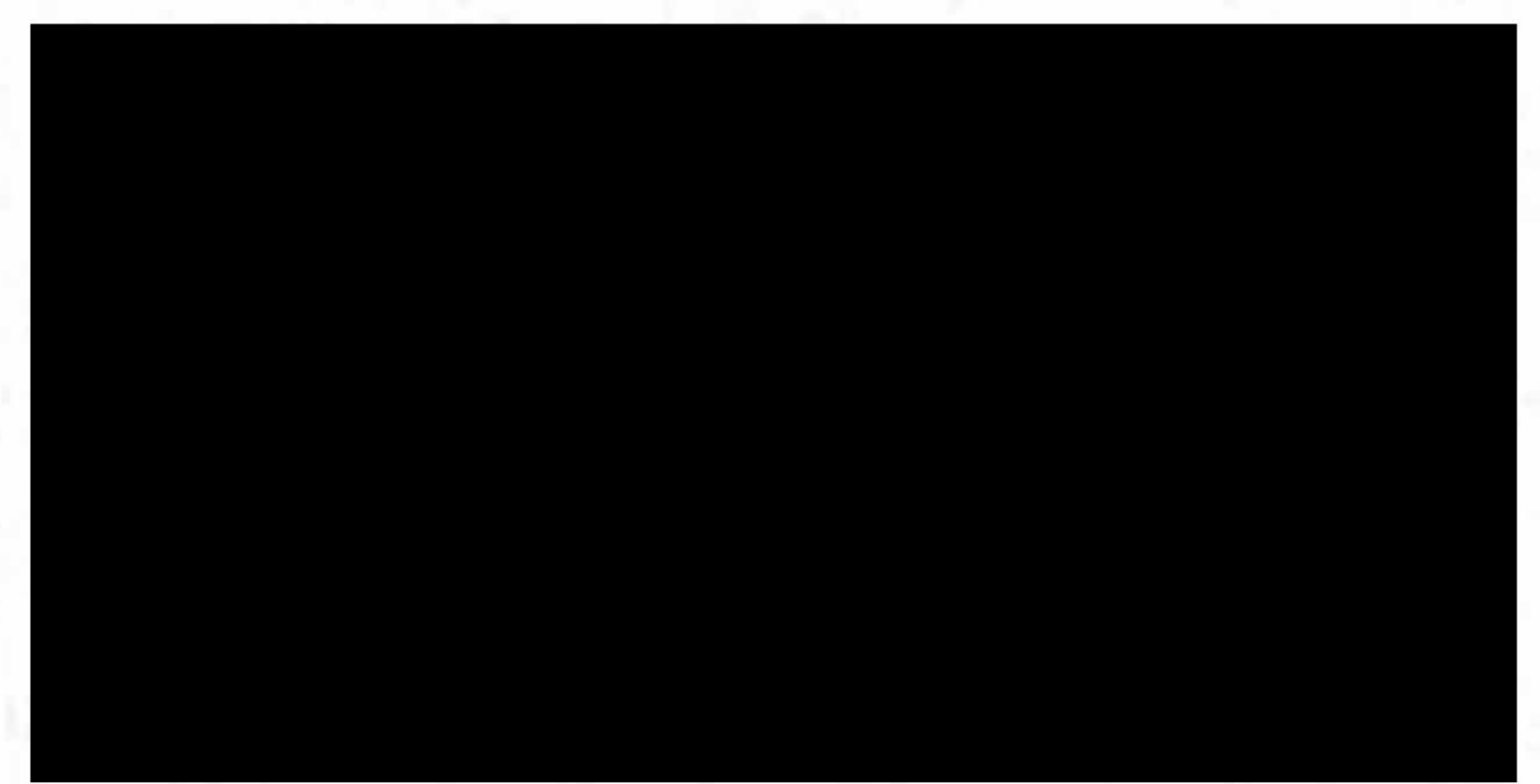




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BY E.MAIL ONLY



Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Public Footpath Order – Witcombe Farm, Great Witcombe
Case Reference: ROW/3354782

I am writing as a local resident of Great Witcombe where I have lived for over 30 years, to express my views regarding the proposed public footpath through Witcombe Farm. I unfortunately cannot be there in person due to commitments but I wish for this to be considered and back up my original statement from 2005.

During my time living in the area, I have never been employed by Witcombe Estate and have no personal or professional connection to the estate in that capacity.

Throughout the years, I have never witnessed groups of people regularly using the disputed route as a public footpath. I personally saw notices displayed near the Severn Trent entrance and near the reservoir, clearly stating that the route was not a public footpath and that there was no public right of way.

Having lived in the village for more than three decades, I believe I have a good understanding of the local footpaths and the surrounding area. In my opinion, there is no particular need for an additional footpath in this location, as there are already three established public footpaths in the village which serve the area well and provide residents and visitors with access to the surrounding countryside.

I have huge fears for safety of people, especially children. It is a working farm with heavy machinery and with a number of horses that also criss cross the suggested route and it's highly dangerous. How awful would we all feel if someone or a child got injured if it was modified in a move that clearly is not necessary. As you should also be aware, many local residents originally voted, in the parish vote, not to modify it.



I appreciate the importance of maintaining public access to the countryside, but I also believe that existing arrangements should be sufficient with 3 footpaths already providing access across the village and reservoirs.

I respectfully ask that my observations and experience as a long-standing local resident be taken into consideration when reaching a decision on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Angela Buxton