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Dear Mr Harwood,

Notification of application for modification of Definitive Public Footpath Map

I am enclosing this letter with the Notice of Modification in case I was unable to hand to you the Notice in person.

It is with regret this step is being taken, but the loss of the traditional access to the River Severn has been cherished by many of the residents of the old Hempsted Village and other walkers who were passing through.

In the past twenty years we have experienced a huge upheaval of this backwater of Gloucester. It was very rural and a real community. It can no longer be described as a village and it is now simply a standard urban area of this City. We have watched parts of the village being steadily closed off, with Keep Out signs all over the place.

It was therefore an unwelcome shock to find that a long accepted access to the Severn was suddenly closed.

I realise you see this from a different stand point and, like me, object to the actions of some of the newer population, but this is inevitable now that Hempsted has truly been absorbed into the City. However, having thought long and hard, after discussions with many of the longer term residents and yourself, I decided that applying for a modification was the only option.

Whatever the outcome, I hope this will not spoil what I have always felt was a shared genial relationship when we meet on our doggy duties.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Meads