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Dear Mr Brumhead,

Your letter of 15-Oct-2024, ref. 169189: Application for Modification Order to add public footpaths at Stoke Lodge to Definitive Map & Statement

We are the owners of [REDACTED] We have owned this property since 21-Jul-2006; we moved in 7-Jan-2007 and have lived here since.

Cheyne Road is a privately-owned road, at least the 'upper end' that has nos. 1, 1A, 2 and 4 (I cannot speak for the other houses in the road). We at [REDACTED] own the land in front of our property to the mid-line of the road between us and no. [REDACTED] which is opposite, who also owns to the mid-line of the road on her side.

We understand that likewise the owners of [REDACTED] own the land in front of their respective properties, also up to the mid-line of the road.

There is a separate grass/mud/tree section of land that is between the end of roadway and the boundary of Stoke Lodge Playing Fields; we understand that this land is part owned by no. 1 and part by no. 2.

For the whole time we have lived here members of the public have walked along the 'upper end' of Cheyne Road and over the grass/mud/tree section to access and cross Stoke Lodge Playing Field; we have been told that this went on before we lived here.

Since we have lived here we have many times walked up Cheyne Road (part of the route from A to B) and across the field using route B-C-D during the 'relevant period' and on to the shops/barber/restaurant at the bottom of Stoke Hill and also route B-G, to go to the Adult Education centre.

As far as we know there have never been any objections to these pedestrians or any attempt to deter any member of the public walking this route; certainly neither of us have ever attempted to deter anyone on foot crossing our land, to go on the footpaths of Stoke Lodge Playing Fields or the field generally. Such pedestrians (often with dogs, some with buggies) typically pass several / many times a day.

With respect to the public rights of way footpaths application by [REDACTED] enclosed with your letter, having looked into this matter in some detail and considered the implications (also with neighbours), we have no objection at all to the registration including a public footpath over the roadway part of Cheyne Road which we own.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]