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Item Number 7: Email from Philip Hackett, British Horse Society

Dear Harry,

Please can you put this letter of support before the Regulation Committee with regard to the application to upgrade footpath Y 9/46 in the parish of East Coker to a bridleway (371M).

The British Horse Society would like to place on record this letter of support to modify the Definitive Map. The Highway Board Map 1863 identifies the application route as a highway [9.5] and have therefore agreed that the route was maintainable at public expense. The map identifies the route as a continuous highway of which several sections are currently public roads and was presumably at the same status and presumably carried vehicular rights. Additional evidence is put forward in the later 1929 Handover Map [9.6] and the 1910 Finance Act Record Plan raises a strong possibility that it was considered to carry public rights [9.7]. As the committee report concludes this evidence, combined with the additional evidence contained in the report, supports the recommendation.

The objections made by the Parish Council are, as pointed out in the report, not relevant as concerns about safety, amenity and desirability cannot be considered as part of this investigation.

Kind regards,

Philip Hackett

British Horse Society Access Field Officer – South West

Item Number 7: Email from Sarah Bucks, South Somerset Bridleways Association

Dear Sirs,

I understand that the report on this application is to be considered by the Regulation Committee on 13th. January at an in person /real meeting.

As I am advised not to attend such indoor meetings where there is no information about who will be in the room and how many will be attending, nor is there a requirement to show a negative lateral flow test result before entering the meeting room. Therefore, regrettably, I will not be able to attend.

I have read Dr Wood's well researched and well explained report and have nothing to add to it.

I hope the Regulation Committee supports his recommendation.

Your sincerely,

Sarah Bucks

Chair, South Somerset Bridleways Association