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Date: 22nd June 2010

Dear Mr Kind

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Washgate Lane, Leycote, Derbyshire

The County Council is considering the imposition of a Traffic Regulation Order on the Non-Classified Highway known as Washgate Lane. Washgate Lane runs in a roughly south-westerly direction from the hamlet of Leycote to the County Boundary at the River Dove. I attach a plan for your convenience.

The lane is narrow and consequently the County Council has concern in respect of safety due to conflict between certain classes of motorised vehicle and other classes of traffic. Furthermore the Council is satisfied that there is no vehicular crossing through the river. There is however a very narrow pack-horse bridge available to walkers, horse riders and motorcyclists.

The lane is rural in nature, unsurfaced and is of the form of a sunken lane (the surface of the lane is lower than the surrounding land) on the approach to the River Dove. Any users who meet with vehicles can only avoid the vehicle by stepping onto the embankment or narrow verge. There is no room for larger vehicles to pass should they meet en route. Furthermore should a horse and rider meet a larger vehicle there is little or no room to pass. Washgate Lane is a quite rural track used primarily for walking and horse riding and conflict between users of larger motorised vehicles is of concern to the Council.

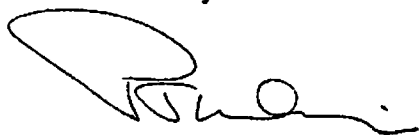
After some consideration, and in particular with the assistance of the Peak District National Park Authority, the publication of the Washgate Route Management Plan has persuaded the Council to consider imposing a Traffic Regulation Order in order to prevent the use of the route by certain classes motorised vehicles, including Quad Bikes and horse-drawn carriages. Motor-cycles will be permitted to use the route.

Should the Council proceed with a Traffic Regulation Order it would be for the following reasons:

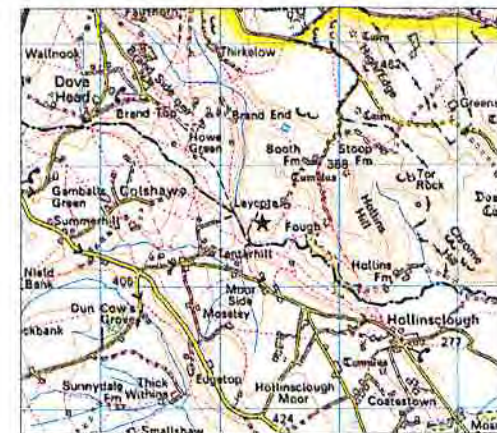
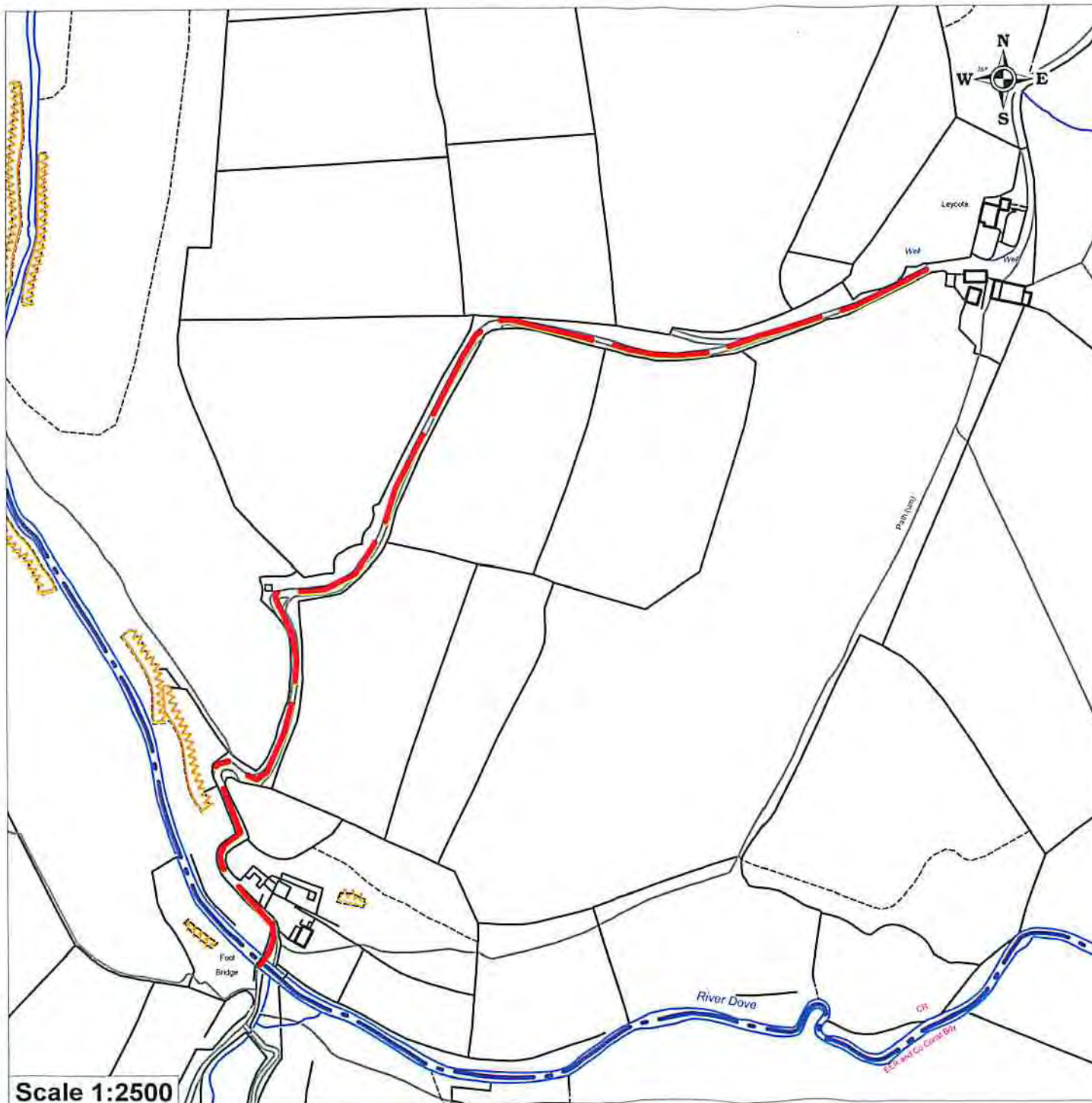
1. To avoid danger to persons or traffic using the road.
2. To facilitate the use of the route by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.
3. To preserve the character of the lane and improving the amenity of the area.

I would be grateful to receive your comments on the attached proforma no later than Friday 16th July 2010.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter J White', written in a cursive style.

Peter J White
Rights of Way Officer



Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

Washgate Lane, Leycote

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Extent of Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

Plan Ref: PE/PJW/Washgate Lane



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Proposed Traffic Regulation Order, Washgates, Leycote

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- b) I have the following comments

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