

# From John Oakley

Ms Helen Sparks  
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Your ref: ROW/3323995

9<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Ms Sparks

**Re: Footpath from East Lane (D20502) to D20503 Public Road East of  
Coombe Cottages, Bradford Abbas) Definitive Map and Statement  
Modification Order 2017**

Further to my previous letter of objection dated 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024 I have had a chance to read through the mass of correspondence on the matter and in particular the assertion on the part of several witnesses that there has been footpath in place for several years. Many of these statements refer to access on foot or on bicycle to East Farm in order to purchase milk, meat and other farm produced goods. Surely this does not demonstrate that this access was via a public footpath merely that it was a route used for commercial purposes and not walking for pleasure.

The statements further identify the use of bicycles for these “shopping expeditions” and I believe that cycling on a public footpath is not legal unless the landowner permits it or a relevant authority has passed a bye-law or Traffic Regulation Order that allows it.

I strongly believe that these claims of historical use as a public footpath should be discounted.

Please add these comments to my previous list if objections.

Yours sincerely

