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Dear Sir,

Public Footpath Hoddesdon 044 – Obstruction

I am writing in my capacity as the Rights of Way Officer for Broxbourne Borough Council, regarding the current status of Public Footpath Hoddesdon 044, near Church Lane, Wormley. We are aware that the definitive line of Public Footpath Hoddesdon 044 is currently not available for public use and is therefore obstructed.

Under Section 130 of the Highways Act 1980, the Highway Authority has a statutory duty *“to assert and protect the rights of the public to the use and enjoyment of any highway”*. Furthermore, the continued obstruction of a public right of way may constitute an offence under Section 137 of the Highways Act 1980, which makes it an offence to wilfully obstruct a highway. We therefore require that Public Footpath Hoddesdon 044 is fully reopened on its legal definitive line and width, in a fit, safe, and unobstructed condition, no later than **8 May 2026**.

A site visit will take place on or after **8 May 2026**. Representatives from Hertfordshire County Council and Broxbourne Borough Council will then review the situation and determine the appropriate next steps. These may range from no further action through to, and including, the service of a formal legal notice under powers available to the Highway Authority within the Highways Act 1980.

If there are exceptional circumstances that you believe prevent compliance within the timeframe, you must contact **the Highways Services team** without delay.

Yours faithfully



Jennifer Yeboah
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