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Clair, Nicki

We have received the formal notification letter today, 23 July.

My wife and I live in Shapwick Brook Lane SO302ER and our land is immediately opposite the site LDC/22/93212. We have lived here for some 50 years. We can firmly state that the land in question has not been in equestrian use for 10 years as claimed.

The land was formerly covered in trees with numerous low branches and bracken. This made it very inhospitable to use for equestrian and associated purposes.

Until 3 or 4 years ago the land was often used by youths holding parties and similar at all times of the year. Generally this did not cause any significant problems. However as a result there was a large amount of litter, broken glass and plastic bottles and other detritus on the site. This would have deterred any horse rider or similar from venturing onto the site as there were much larger areas elsewhere that could have been used safely.

At times youths would also venture onto our ground but otherwise they were no problem. We frequently checked the area of land opposite our ground. Sometimes the boundary ditch was blocked with leaves and similar and needed clearing.

There was no part of the specified land used for equestrian purposes until 3 or 4 years ago when an enclosure was made. Whilst not the subject of your current inquiry we are aware that the enclosure and the building erected on the site do not have planning permission.

As you are no doubt aware the whole area between Brook Lane and Precosa Road is defined as Countryside. It is a large area and there are parts which could have been used for riding horses. We are also aware that parts close to Precosa Road have been used for equestrian purposes, but not the section close to Brook Lane until 3 or 4 years ago when an enclosure was made. We re-iterate that the site LDC/22/93212 has not been used for equestrian purposes for 10 years.

Yours Sincerely

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