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By email:

Dear Chief Executive

Re: Item 81 - Application for a Definitive Map Modification Order, The Paddock, Roedean

I should be grateful if this letter can be included on the agenda for the next Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting.

I am writing in support of Roedean Residents for their Application for Definitive Map Modification Order.

I first became a Councillor on the old Brighton Borough Council, for Marine Ward in 1992, which took in Roedean. And I am very aware of the history of the issue regarding the path going back many years.

In the past on advice from the Ramblers Association to the Roedean Residents Association, they obtained official forms to complete confirming they had used the footpath over the past 20 years. 12 were sent together with their official application and maps showing the line of the footpath to the BHCC legal department who assigned the case to an officer (name is known).

Official notices were pinned at three points along the footpath stating the intent. Roedean Residents Association appointed a lead resident to represent them, this proved difficult with lack of replies to any correspondence, but after a year the officer finally told him they had prepared a report which would be sent to committee. When asked when there was no reply.

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Roedean Residents Association have the necessary documents such as maps with photos of the Concrete Steps leading down to the coast road. If as stated there was no right of way, then it would be reasonable to ask why concrete steps were built in the first place if they were not leading to a path?

As to the diagonal path, it must be remembered that the Paddock site is vacant and people walk across it.

All the properties bordering the footpath 2,4,6,8,10,12,14,18,20, have exits onto the footpath, these properties were build many years ago..

I would also request to speak to my letter at committee.

Kind regards.

Mary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. B. Mears". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

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