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Submission: Objection
Comments: The "adoptable road" as it has been called DID NOT exist prior to the land being acquired by pointons (jcm). They have installed it, made up of stone from excavations at the rendering plant. Some hard material recovered from demolition at the the old school. The stone wall used to front the highway and has been moved back and knocked down to suit their requirements. There used to be a small wooden gate on 'well meadow' as it called. This was between approximately 8ft in width and infrequently used only when haymaking for instance. Even then it was preferable due to the incline and the visibility with regard to joining the highway that 'well meadow' was accessed via an interconnecting gate into the adjacent field and exit through the wrought iron gate. This gate width was increased very slightly by (williamsons farmers) to accommodate larger agricultural machinery in the 1980's. There is a plateau once through that gate to allow the gate to be closed behind without the machinery encumbering or encroaching the highway. I believe that JCM should be made to construct the road where it has previously been approved (adjacent to the church yard wall) and further more they should be made to reinstate the ground where they have installed their 'adoptable road' as a condition of any development continuing. I reiterate it did not exist prior to them taking ownership of the land. There is a section of stone wall lying in the nettles. That section of circa 5-6ft wall has written in the cement, built by arthur and david in 1986, I know because I wrote and helped build it. This comprises a gradual erosion of boundary and access width that has been allowed to accumulate as it serves the newly installed 'adoptable road'.

I note with great alarm and distress that the plans DO NOT show the stone well, after which the field is named. This should be preserved at all costs.