

Rushton Parish Council

4th April 2002

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Staffordshire County Council,
PO Box 11,
County Buildings,
Martin Street,
Stafford
ST16 2LH.



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Dear Sir,

Re: Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Application for the alleged Footpath joining Drummers Cop and the Cloud Plantation via Footpath 50, Rushton Spencer

Further to your letter dated 1st March 2002 regarding the above alleged footpath I am now in a position to reply with the Councillors comments.

After discussions held at the recent Parish Council meeting the Councillors of Rushton Parish and residents of the area, cannot find any evidence of the alleged footpath on any of the records held.

At the meeting the Councillors viewed deeds to Wood Common Farm, kindly produce by the owner of the farm, Mr Bailey. These deeds dated 1912 did not show the alleged extension to footpath 50. Other footpaths were marked but there was nothing marking the alleged footpath joining Drummers Cop and the Cloud Plantation.

Also we have in our possession a footpath map dating 1899 and again this map shows no evidence of the alleged footpath. Even our 1949 National Parks footpath map shows nothing to support the alleged footpath joining Drummers Cop and the Cloud Plantation.

The Councillors agreed that they are totally opposed to the footpath being added to the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way, over twenty acres of privately owned ground would be affected if this alleged footpath was to be added. The Councillors cannot support the provision of yet another footpath in such an environmentally sensitive area where there are already adequate footpaths. We must point out the problem of the disturbance to the wildlife and ground nesting birds especially in the scrubland area if this alleged footpath was made public.

The Councillors will be very grateful if you would keep us informed of any further developments in this matter.

Yours faithfully, [REDACTED]

Clerk to Rushton Parish Council



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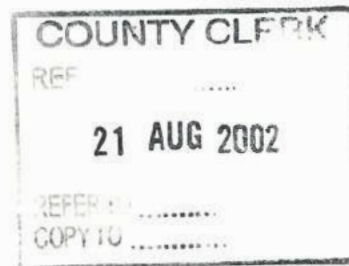
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Date: 16th August 2002

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Dear

**Application for Alleged Footpath Joining Drummers Cop and the Cloud
Plantation via Footpath 50 Rushton Spencer**

The above application was put on a list sent to all District Councillors on 26th July 2002 to allow ten days for any comments. No comments were received. Under delegated powers I am able to confirm Staffordshire Moorlands District Council has no objection to the addition of the alleged footpath joining Drummers cop and the Cloud Plantation via Footpath 50, Rushton Spencer.

Please find attached a copy of a letter giving the views of Rushton Parish Council that I assume you already have. The letter provides no evidence for the claim for presumed dedication of the footpath, through the path being used over a continuous period of 20 years, being invalid.

Yours sincerely

Countryside Officer