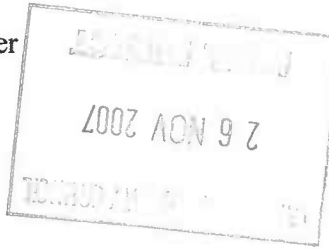


Ms J. Blackledge
Prow Definitive Map Officer
Lancashire County Council
Christ Church Precinct
County Hall
Preston



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23rd November 2007

Dear Ms Blackledge,

Further to our conversation today, I am returning all the relevant forms and information at my disposal.

Despite pressure from many parents I have held back, hoping that the committee of the Melbourne Club would see sense and allow us to have a key as suggested at the outset.

Jack Swales the club secretary has done his best to persuade them to do this but to no avail. I therefore have no option but to request that this footpath is made permanent right of way and is added to the definitive map.

On Tuesday of this week I did a head count of the people who would normally use the safe way to school and came to a total of 77 (46 children and 30parents) each way!

I do realise that these matters do take some time to sort out but obviously every day that passes brings great risk to the children. There is no doubt that before long a child or parent is going to be badly injured or killed on this very dangerous route to and from school.

It is completely beyond my understanding how people can knowingly submit children to such immense danger. I am the church warden at our local parish church (St Luke's) and the congregation are equally amazed at the actions of the club some of who are members.

I do feel sad for the general membership of the club the majority of who had no knowledge that the gates had been erected.

Thanking you for your interest and hoping that our request is successful.

Yours faithfully

Peter Milward. Parent and child representative.

P.S. The gates were erected sometime during the summer break.

sent on 11/12/0
4/12/0



FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION ORDER

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

The Wildlife and Countryside (Definitive Maps and Statements) Regulations, 1983 (Schedule 7)

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE PARISH OF

DISTRICT OF _____ PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY NO: _____

TO:- County Secretary and Solicitor (LSG4/prow/jb), Lancashire County Council

OF:- Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8XJ.

I/We (name of applicant) **PETER MILWARD**
Of (address of applicant) **8. HAMMERTON HALL CLOSE
LANCASTER LA1 2JX**

hereby apply for an Order under Section 53(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 modifying the Definitive Map and Statements for the area by

1. Deleting the *(footpath) (bridleway) (byway open to traffic)
from
to
2. Adding the *(footpath) (bridleway) (byway open to all traffic)
from **Vale Rd (No 2)** **(Via rear and side of the Melbourne Social Club on Slyre Rd. Only this area applied for.)**
to **Slyre Rd (No 59)**
3. *(Upgrading) (downgrading) to a *(footpath) (bridleway) (byway open to all traffic) the *(footpath) (bridleway) (byway open to all traffic)
from
to
4. *(Varying) (adding to) the particulars relating to the *(footpath) (bridleway) (byway open to all traffic)
from
to
by providing that
and shown on the map annexed hereto.

Continued overleaf

* Please delete as appropriate

We attach copies of the following documentary evidence (including statements of witnesses) in support of this application:-

List of Documents provided

- FORM WCAT.
- LARGE SCALE MAP OF FOOTPATH AREA.
- SMALLER SCALE MAP SHOWING SURROUNDING AREA.
- SELF DRAWN DIAGRAMME.
- 8. COMPLETED FORMS OF EVIDENCE OF USE ON FOOT
- 2. LOCAL NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHS
- 1. LETTER TO ANNE TAYLOR.

Form W.C.A.G. has been delivered by hand to the
General Secretary of the Melbourne Club today 22/11/07

Dated 22nd November 2007 Signed J. Pilward

County Secretary and Solicitor (LSG4/prow/jb),
Lancashire County Council
Christ Church Precinct
County Hall
Preston PR1 8XJ

THIS DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE ABOVE FORM

**PLEASE NOTE THAT INFORMATION SUPPLIED WILL BE USED IN
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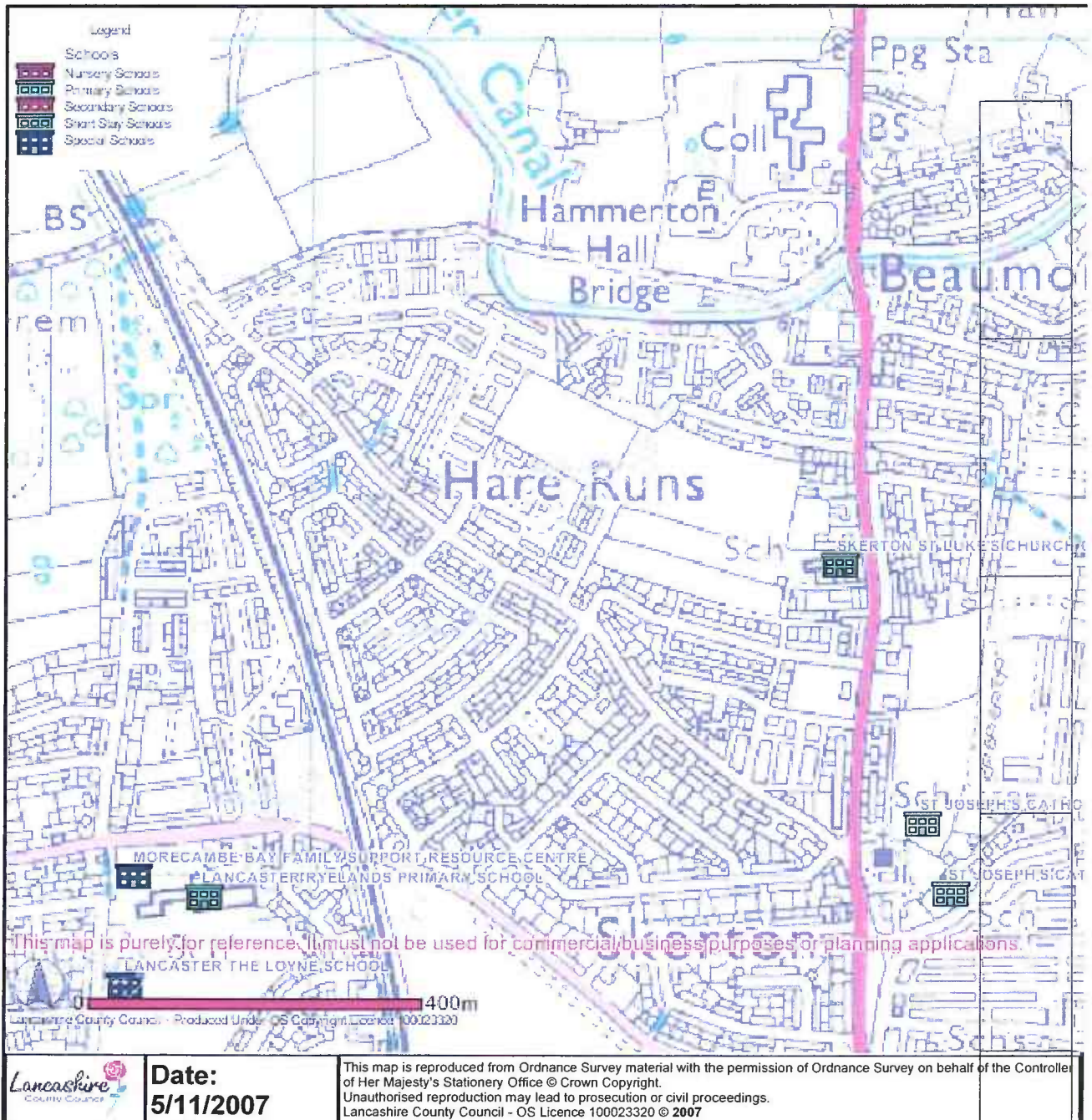
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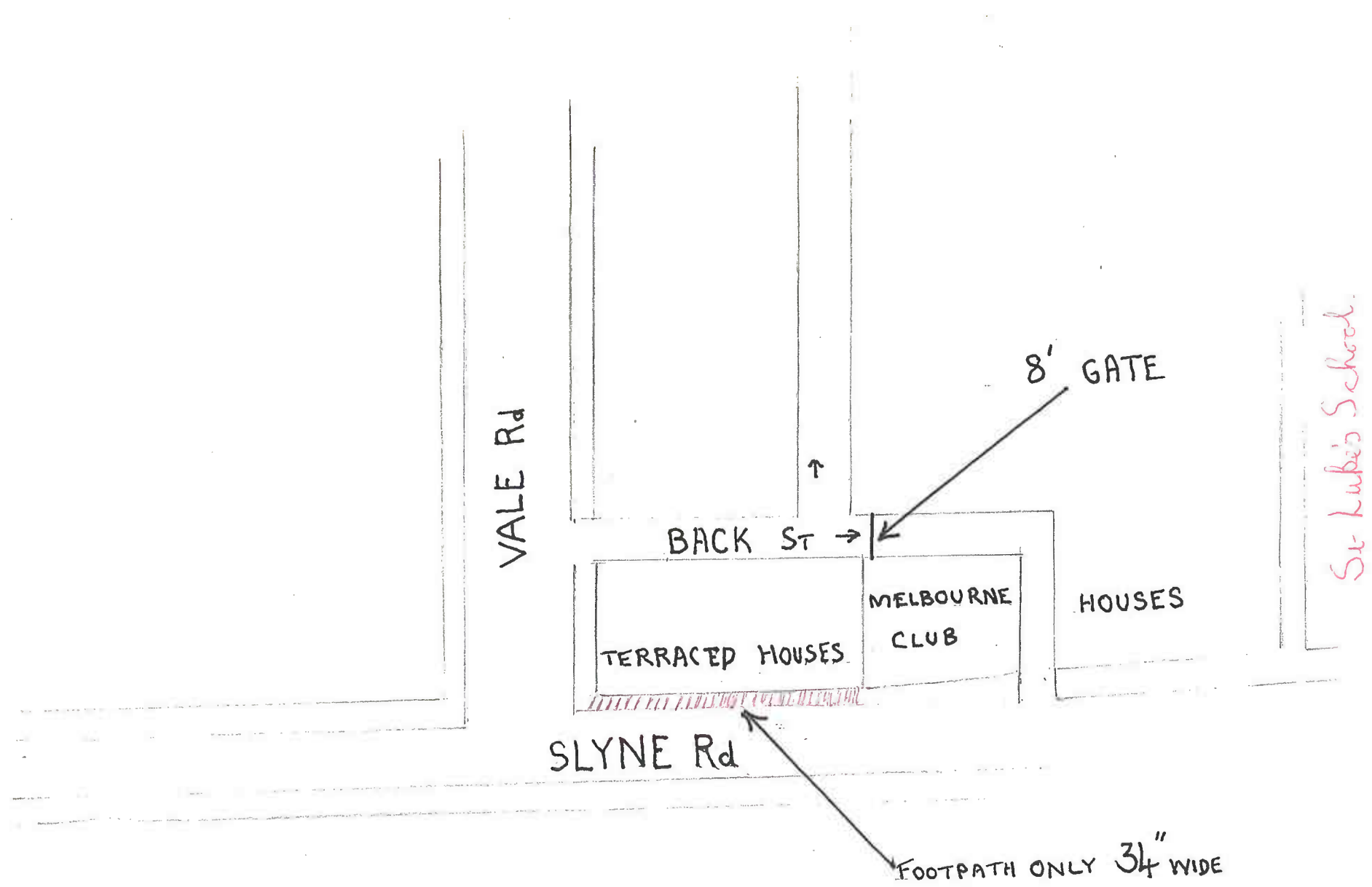
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You're barred!



NO WAY THROUGH: Skerton St Luke's pupils, from left, Niah Greenwood, Jamie Mason-Milwood and Mari-Anne Carradice who have found their walk to school blocked by the locked gate behind the Melbourne Club.

Mace gets up my nose

CONSERVATIVE Coun Mace's bumbling letter in support of the council selling green fields in south Lancaster was a masterpiece in council waffle-speak.

The facts are really very simple:

1. The council's cabinet (apart from the Greens) voted to sell off a green field at south Lancaster, almost certainly for a supermarket.

This decision would have been taken in secret if Green councillors hadn't insisted on it being made public.

2. A major reason it did this was because it wanted the money to balance its capital programme - which has no direct impact on council tax.

3. Most of the things that it will spend its money on from the capital programme have no direct impact on residents - repairs to its own buildings, computer software, new computers for councillors.

Sorting out the council's capital programme without the money from the land would not be easy but, if there was a political will, it could be done.

For example, deferring some building repairs until new money was found, using capital receipts from land at Nightingale Hall Farm. If the supermarket is turned down at a public enquiry then this will have to be done anyway.

Unfortunately, Coun Mace and his backers in the Labour and Lib Dem parties do not care about the impact of supermarkets on traffic, farmers or local businesses or about the sad state of the city's air quality.

By calling those who do care 'career investors' he is both incorrect and liberately insulting to concerned residents. In 'leading' on this he has forgotten to represent local people.

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Anger at pupils' lock-out from safe

THE block- ing of a short cut is causing a big headache for parents at St Luke's Primary School in Lancaster.

For decades parents and pupils have used a pathway behind the Melbourne Social Club as a safe route through from Vale Road to Slyne Road.

But now a newly erected gate means pupils are forced to head out onto the narrow and busy pavements of Slyne Road on their daily trips to school.



by Angela Kirk

Narrow

Concerned parent Peter Milward said: "Children are meeting pupils who are getting off the bus from Ripley as well as mothers with prams.

"The pavement is so narrow and next to the busy road it is extremely dangerous. Before half-term I witnessed a child

'The pavement is so narrow and next to the busy road it is extremely dangerous'

— parent

from Ripley step courteously off the pavement to let a child pass.

"If it had not been for his friend grabbing him he would have been hit by an oncoming car."

The gates at the rear of the



WALKING THE GAUNTLET OF TRAFFIC: Parents and pupils walking along the narrow footpath in Slyne Road on the way to St Luke's Primary School.

Melbourne Social Club were put up to curb vandalism.

But negotiations between Mr Milward about the possibility of a shared key to allow access for school children have been unsuccessful.

He continued: "The land has been used by grandparents and parents like myself who are only too willing to sign statements stating they have had unhindered access for at least 20 years. This makes it a public right of way by default.

"I have informed the county council of this problem so they can speak to the club about this.

"However I hope it doesn't come to

this and the club shows some compassion, common sense and obeys the law."

No-one from the Melbourne Club wished to comment as the matter is being dealt with by their solicitor.

A Lancashire County Council spokesman said: "Under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 it is possible to submit a claim that a route that has been in use by the public for a period of time should be included on the definitive map of public rights of way.

"Any claim and the supporting evidence will be investigated by the county council."

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AIRBRUSHED: Paint technician Andy Martin at Wildings' Bodyshop, at work in the company's new paint booth.
Picture: STEVE PENDRILL

No smoke without fire...

[HEARTILY agree with Mr/Mrs Calder who wrote last week about the smoking ban. We are having our rights taken away.

Not just in pubs, but all train stations in the UK, the rounds of the Adult College, etc.

The latter are very extensive and there are lots of places where students could smoke away from the building.

But no, the county council proudly announces that it is promoting better health, while condemning the students to go to the road outside where they can inhale emissions from the traffic and get chest troubles from standing in the wind and rain.

There was a shelter provided for smokers in the grounds but it has been removed.

I would urge smokers to log on to www.freedom2choose to find out what measures they could take to make a joint protest.

I'm not computer literate myself, but have asked a friend to look it up for me.

It's getting ridiculous, for instance, Sainsbury's used to have a staff smoking room but have now closed it and banned smoking by staff in the car park.

Teachers may not smoke in their own cars now in the school car park.

Lilian Cadoux
Albion Mews
Lancaster

■ IN reply to last week's letter regarding the smoking ban, I agree with what this person wrote.

People should be able to do what they

the nanny state wagging its 'we know best' finger. I also find the lectures of ex-smokers particularly irritating and self-righteous.

I don't have a problem with ex-smokers, just those with attitude! I do find myself faced with another breed of smoker - the whining, 'my human rights have been violated', smoker, which to me is equally offensive.

Ever since tobacco was introduced into this country, the rights of non-smokers has never been considered, except maybe being given a corner of a pub or restaurant designated non-smoking, yet in the path of drifting smoke.

It was a case of, if you don't like it then leave.

Now C Bradley and others of his ilk feel that their human rights are being threatened, they expect everyone to rally to their side to support them in this great violation of their freedom as they perceive it.

What about the rights of people too young to have a voice never mind the choice to smoke?

Would Mr Bradley actively encourage children to take up the habit? Never mind the apparent dangers of passive smoking, the smell is noxious enough to most non-smokers and to have smoke in your face is bad enough. Not all smokers are considerate!

What Mr Bradley needs to do is get things in perspective - people can still smoke, but just in a different area. Most pubs have given over covered areas for this. As for the fact that pubs have cigarette machines, this doesn't automatically mean you have to smoke them there, try a little self-restraint! Many pubs also have condom machines

What do you think? Is the smoking ban a good thing? Vote on lancasterguardian.co.uk