

## APPENDIX 12

Letters from Landowners who have given Consent to Publish

***The following are verbatim transcripts of the letters received, except where otherwise annotated in red italics.***

1. Bolton Abbey Estates – Letter from Ben Heyes dated 4 June 2007
2. Ogden's – letter from David White dated 31 May 2007
3. Clay's of Addingham – Letter from Ian Clay received 20 July 2007
4. Mr K Dickinson – Comments from Mr Dickinson dated 19 June 2007

CHATSWORTH SETTLEMENT TRUSTEES  
BOLTON ABBEY

Dear Mr McQuillan

**Wharfedale Trail Proposal**

Thank you for your letter of 28<sup>th</sup> May, together with its enclosures and indeed for coming to see me in anticipation of you facilitating the consultation.

As I explained when we met and discussed the proposal, I can of course see the benefits to potential users. There is however little if anything to commend it to the Estate, as an owner of part of the railway bed, of significant areas of other land through which the route passes, and indeed of the land upon which the new section is proposed adjacent to the B6160.

The reasons for the Estate's reservations I would summarise as follows:

- The railway track itself and indeed the part of the estate through which it passes is a haven for wildlife. Lob and Eller Carr Woods are especially sensitive as they host both colonies of both badgers and deer, the presence of which I believe to be in direct correlation with the minimal disturbance to which these areas are subject as oppose to other areas of the Estate. The Trustees as you kindly acknowledged, are generous with their privilege but given that there are already 85 miles of footpaths in addition to the popular "honey pot" areas of the Estate which is enjoyed by half a million visitors a year we must balance that access with care of the fauna and flora that makes the estate so popular
- The right of way network between Addingham and Bolton Abbey is extensive, currently providing opportunities for both cyclists, riders and walkers. The Dales Way is particularly a popular route which the Estate recently enhances between Addingham and Bolton Abbey by facilitating its route off the public highway.
- The trail I would submit is likely to be the subject of abuse (despite the best intentions of those who endorse it) either through its use by motorcycles or as an unlit un-policed route for miscreants. Bolton Abbey and its environs and community are already subject to theft, litter and vandalism despite out management and care, and from our experience such a route will be subject to similar abuse.
- Increased public access will in effect blight asset value, be it property, land, attendant interests for example shooting rights or access to Hawpike Farm for which height restrictions do not currently exist.

As such the Estate does not support the proposal as presented and I have already written to Addingham Parish Council explaining the Trustees position.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to respond, to which if I may add the further comment, that the brochure describing the first part of the consultation I feel is inappropriately biased to the potential benefits of the scheme. It should in fairness also reflect the disadvantages of the initiative, some of which I have highlighted.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Benedict D Heyes FRICS  
Agent

Dear Mr McQuillan

**THE WHARFEDALE TRAIL PROPOSAL**

I refer to your letter of 28<sup>th</sup> May and to the enclosures and confirm that we are the owners of land that will be affected by the proposal to develop a trail partly along the disused railway line.

We have no interest in this proposal and we are not prepared to allow our land to be used for this purpose and cannot understand why public money is to be spent on this exercise when the majority, if not all, of the landowners affected have objected to the proposal and there is no real prospect of it going ahead.

Yours sincerely

for and on behalf of

**OGDEN PROPERTIES LIMITED**

DAVID E WHITE, FRICS

**Group Property Surveyor**

***The following was received handwritten on a Part One response form, along with a mark in the "NO" box***

IAN CLAY + CLAYS OF ADDINGHAM LTD. (LANDOWNER)

OUR OBJECTIONS RELATE TO THE PROPOSED ROUTE BETWEEN ADDINGHAM + ILKLEY -WE OWN LAND BETWEEN POINTS D+E (PARTIAL OWNERSHIP) + E+F (FULL OWNERSHIP) SHOWN ON THE PROPOSED MAP.

WE HAVE NEVER BEEN CONTACTED (AS LANDOWNERS OF PART OF THE PROPOSED ROUTE) DESPITE IT CATEGORICALLY STATING ON THE WEBSITE THAT 'INITIAL CONTACT WITH LANDOWNERS' HAS BEEN 'DONE'.

OUR CONCERNS ARE MAINLY OF A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE WITH REGARD TO RUNNING A SUCKLER HERD OF CATTLE -WE HAVE HAD ISSUES IN THE PAST INVOLVING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE CONSULTATION MAKES NO MENTION OF HOW MUCH LAND/EXTRA LAND WOULD BE REQUIRED.

***The following was received handwritten on a  
Part One exhibition comments sheet.***

MR K DICKINSON

I went to see the exhibition after being told by a local farmer that it was proposed that a track was to be created running the entire length of the field of which I am joint tenant-in-common.

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