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Dear Mr Griffiths

### VAYNOR 25 - FOOTPATH

I refer to your letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

At a meeting of the Rights of Way Committee on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014 it was resolved that the Rights of Way Department carry out a pre consultation exercise in order to ascertain the views of the statutory consultees as to whether or not this footpath could be closed. This exercise has been carried out and although you are not a statutory consultee your views as expressed in your letter will be taken into consideration when determining whether or not the footpath should be closed. Your comments will form part of the report that is put before committee on 12<sup>th</sup> May.

With regard the statutory duties that you refer to within your letter I will deal with the issues in the order that you raise them:

1. An enforcement notice was issued upon the owner of Grawen House on 20<sup>th</sup> December requesting the removal of two gates – one at either end of the right of way in that section that abuts his garage. These gates are now unlocked but the gates remain in situ.
2. The footpath in the vicinity of Upper High Street is fairly regularly cleared and is passable in this section.
3. It is the view of the council that the post and rail stile to which you refer is not actually on the public right of way. The public right of way veers south immediately before the stile. The obstruction at this point is a brick wall.
4. Please advise me of when this was reset together with evidence of what the stile looked like prior to this work being undertaken.

I note the recommendation for the Local Authority to perform its statutory duties at the forthcoming Vaynor Forum Meeting.

I would also take this opportunity to inform you that at present the Council is only undertaking a pre consultation exercise in order to ascertain the views of the statutory consultees as to closure of this footpath. No decision has been taken as to whether or not this footpath should be extinguished – all comments received will form part of the committee report.

Yours faithfully

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