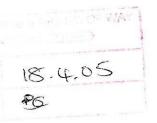
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Dear Sirs,

Re: Path at West View, Barnard Castle

A copy of your letter dated the 3rd March has been handed to the Writer.

We note all you say. However, our Clients are not agreeable to a public path creation agreement and do not accept the public right of way exists.

You say in your letter of the 3rd March that Mrs. Watson has provided evidence of usage of the way over a period of at least twenty years, and it is your view that a public right of way on foot exists. It is possible please for you to provide us with a copy of the evidence to which you refer, so that our Clients may be given an opportunity of considering the same.

In the penultimate paragraph of your letter, you mention that the County Council must make any representations publicly available when a Report on the Application is considered by the Committee. When is this likely to be?

We look forward to hearing further from you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully Smith Roddam



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