

# **ANDREAS PARISH COMMISSIONERS**

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8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Mr Johnstone

Re: Section 117 of The Highways Act 1986; U72 Andreas (Donkey Track)

At a recent meeting of Andreas Parish Commissioners, the issue of the Donkey Track being utilised as a public right of way was discussed.

The current Board and also the retired Clerk (who held post for over 40 years) have no knowledge of this being used as a right of way, or being maintained at public expense.

The Board unanimously considers that it would serve no useful purpose for the Parish should this track be opened up as a public right of way. In fact, should it be opened up the Commissioners are concerned that parking on the highways may become a hazard at both exits.

The Board would also like to bring to your attention correspondence received from Mr Bill Corlett – Highway Assets and Standards Manager in February 2018. Copies of this and the response from Andreas Parish Commissioners are attached. This refers to Public Rights of Way: Policy & Strategy 2018-2028. Also produced with this correspondence is a map of the Island (Ref: Department of Infrastructure 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017), and there is no reference to U72 (Donkey Track) within these documents.

Whilst this is not proof that the track was not a public right of way, it suggests that the Dol have never considered it as such.

Furthermore, the Board questions the reasoning for opening up this track when the established footpaths are not maintained to a satisfactory standard.

Yours sincerely

Clerk – Andreas Parish Commissioners



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Our Ref: PROW P&S 2018 - 2028

Your ref:

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Clerk,

**Public Rights of Way: Policy & Strategy 2018 – 2028**

I write with reference to the above. The Department has developed a policy and strategy document that covers the long term maintenance plans for the Island's public rights of way over the next 10 years.

The Department intends to publish this document before the end of February 2018. As a courtesy to local authorities the Department wished to circulate this document to all local authorities before the document and proposals are announced to the public.

The Department would be grateful to receive any comments you may have on the enclosed document.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

**Bill Corlett**  
**Highway Asset and Standards Manager**

**Encs:** Pubic Rights of Way: Policy & Strategy 2018 - 2028



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Please reply to the Clerk: J. J. Quayle  
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5th May, 2018.

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Dear Bill,

re; Public Rights of Way; Policy & Strategy 2018 - 2028

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I refer to your letter dated the 7th February 2018 together with enclosures in connection with the above which Andreas Parish Commissioners have given in depth consideration too.

The Commissioners have noted that there are only three such Rights of Way in Andreas Parish that they would be responsible for, and I have been directed to inform that the commissioners are willing to take on such responsibility provided all other local authorities will do the same.

Kind regards,  
Yours sincerely,

J J Quayle,  
Clerk,  
Andreas Parish Commissioners.