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15th July, 2021.

Mr A Johnstone,
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Bucks Road,
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Dear Mr Johnstone,

re; Section 117 Of The Highways Act 1986
U72, Andreas (Donkey Track)

I refer to the advert in the 25th June 2021 edition of the Isle of Man Examiner newspaper in connection with the above, and would like to respond thereto as follows.

As you are aware, I recently retired as the Clerk to Andreas Parish Commissioners after being Clerk for 42 years having taken up the position in late March 1978, and during all that time I am unable to recall the Donkey Track being used or referred to as a Public Right of Way.

In February 2018, the Highway Asset and Standards Manager, Department of Infrastructure forwarded to all local authorities a Strategy document entitled "Public Rights of Way; Policy and Strategy 2018-2028" indicating the Public Rights of Way in each parish and which the department were looking for the respective local authorities to take on responsibility for future upkeep and maintenance but this proposal was never progressed, but the Donkey Track was not shown as a Public Right of Way on the document, and therefore one has to be assume that the department did not consider the Donkey Track to be a Public Right of Way.

I also cannot recall any members of my family, who sadly are no longer with us, ever mentioning that the Donkey Track was a Public Right of Way, it was more likely to have been a access lane to a Manx Cottage or farmworkers tholtan, and to agricultural fields owned by the adjoining farmer or other parties.

I hope the above is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,


Former Clerk to Andreas Parish Commissioners.