

Please Write to Save Trent Ford Road

Individual letters to the County Council's legal officer dealing with the case of Trent Ford Road will have much more significance than signatures on a petition. Even, if you have written on this matter before, please do so again. This is because, despite many letters, Nottinghamshire County Council seem to say that they have received very few.

Consequently, MVHG encourage you to write expressing your stance on this issue to:

Mr Steven Eastwood, Snr., LL.B. (Hons),
Senior Legal Officer
Highways Team
Legal Services Division
Chief Executive's Department
Nottinghamshire County Council
Centenary House
1 Wilford Lane
West Bridgford
NOTTINGHAM
NG2 7QZ

Or by e-mail to the above at: steven.eastwood.snr@nottscc.gov.uk

Points to Consider In Your Letter to Nottinghamshire County Council

The Key Issues Involved

- ◆ The open stretch of Trent Ford Road is necessary (*legal terminology – see below*) to be able to walk the route of our forebears who travelled the trading route across the Muskham Ford since the 14th Century.
- ◆ Trent Ford Road is necessary to be able to view the Scheduled Ancient Monument (HER) and Listed Structure, the Muskham Cross, from its correct face.
- ◆ Trent Ford Road is necessary to add a valuable off-street footpath for a village trapped between the river and A1.
- ◆ Trent Ford Road is necessary to provide access to two listed buildings on the north side.
- ◆ Trent Ford Road is necessary as to link the north end of Main Street with Edge Close and the north end of Dickinson Way; as a short cut.
- ◆ Trent Ford Road is necessary to educate future generations about this medieval route across an Iron Age landscape.
- ◆ Trent Ford Road is necessary to show that the NCC Communities Department does, in fact, serve its communities.
- ◆ Trent Ford Road is necessary if NCC are to look financially responsible, having spend tens of thousands of pounds to prove the road exists, and then close it in the face of a public outcry.
- ◆ Trent Ford Road is necessary to show NCC is responsive to the wishes of the electorate.
- ◆ Trent Ford Road is necessary to help support local livelihoods and tourism.

Saving Trent Ford Road

Highways Act

To stop up an existing and regularly used highway, the Authority has to demonstrate that it is “unnecessary”.

So that, in addition to the points above, stating that Trent Ford Road is “not unnecessary” or is “necessary” are useful legal terms to incorporate and highlight in your letter.

Please Provide MVHG with Copies of Your Letter/E-Mail

When writing to Mr Eastwood, would you please provide a copy of the letter to MVHG. Copies can be sent to:

Mr Jim Wishart, Rockery House, Main Street, North Muskham, NG23 6ER.

Similarly, e-mails can be copied to:

contributions@muskhamvale.org.uk

Such correspondence will remain confidential and is solely intended to enable MVHG to track the level of response in the event that the strength of the local opposition is contested by the County Council.

Thank You

MVHG thank you for your help and support in the preservation of this important part of our local heritage.