

Ian Turner, Calderdale MBC, Rights of Way, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Northgate House, Halifax HX1 1WN

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012

Dear Ian,

## The Old Hall Todmorden

Further to our copious correspondence last year regarding the pathway through our gardens at The Old Hall and in addition to our statement under section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980 regarding that path, we would like to add the following; In order to be absolutely sure and to remove any ambiguity we would like to, under S31(6) of the Highways Act 1980, state there is no public right of way over the path immediately outside The Old Hall. Please find enclosed a map denoting this path.

With regard to our main garden path, (and sorry for going over this again but it is both infuriating and distressing) surely Mr McManus' initial correspondence to us is absolute proof positive in itself that we have a history of locking those gates. Mr McManus has approached this from the erroneous view of our garden path being a public foot path that we were obstructing as his first correspondence bears out.

Due to the nature of our business we have to allow customers and delivery people access. Our garden path is not, nor never has been, a public right of way and we have a history of locking those gates and this also happened prior to our time at The Old Hall . We can only presume Mr McManus, over the years, has never attempted to walk through our gardens on Christmas day or New Years Day or between 12 midnight and 9 the following morning on every Saturday and on many weekday nights. However after a spate of lead theft and our absence from the property, we locked the gates on a Bank Holiday Monday as well under advice from Police and insurers which presumably coincided with McManus' attempt to walk through our gardens.

Kind Regards,

Nicholas Hoyle

Madeleine Hoyle

