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David

I attach two copy letters which establish that the Church do not own the path to the Castle Grounds.

One from the Oxford Diocesan Board states that they do not own it (but that the Church Commissioners did own land nearby, which I believe was the farm land which was sold in the mid 1980s & hence registered). This letter is dated 29 June 1992

The second is a fax from the Estates, Department of the Church Commissioners. This states clearly that the Church Commissioners do not own the land & have not done so since 1900!

PTO

Your land registration search shows that the land has not been transacted since the early 1970s when land registration started. All the other land in that area is registered.

I believe that the land comprising the footpath to the Castle Grounds is under "unknown ownership". Clearly the PC have a registered right of access on behalf of the local community. Also based on the traffic prohibition sign at the entrance to the path to the Castle Grounds the PC have, in the past taken a degree of ownership responsibility.

I would ask therefore as ownership of the path is "unknown" but it provides access to a PC owned community asset then it acts as the responsible owner.

Without remediation of the problem the path will remain 'swampy' and over time deteriorate, in particular through vehicle damage.

I will, of course, work with the PC to find a solution.

Kind regards
Orchard. Handley

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OUR REF
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29 - JUNE - 1992

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Dear Mr. Handley, In response to your telephone call & fax we have researched our glebe file. From this preliminary research it would appear that the land in question is not listed as diocesan glebe. (However by the very nature of glebe and its antiquity, "new" pieces do appear/emerge from time to time.)

Our files show that land nearby was and probably still is owned by the Church Commissioners as part of their agricultural investment portfolio.

As a result we advise that you should contact

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I am sorry not to be more helpful

Yours sincerely
T.C. Landsbert

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SUBJECT Land at Deddington.

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FROM/REFERENCE P.H.C. Shaw

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Thank you for your fax. We have checked our estate plans and can find no evidence that we own the land in question (or have done so since the beginning of the century). Sorry not to be of greater help.

Pris.

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land thought to be
owned by the
Church Commission

LOCATION PLAN
SCALE 1:1250

