

Witness Statement

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RE: USE OF "HUMPTY HILL"

I have used Humpty Hill for sport, leisure and recreation since I moved to Faringdon five years ago. I use the field regularly for training purposes along with other members of Farringdon Farrunners. It is a good incline, clear steady lines and clean air for running in. Although muddy in winter it makes for a good all weather running and training space. The field is also used to promote my own well-being, as the views and wildlife generate a sense of happiness and calm. I often just walk around it and across it, or just sit (in the summer) and admire the site. The view is also something that I note the council takes seriously having placed a viewing bench in the adjacent lay-by. The field allows fantastic views across to Faringdon Folly (an significant landmark in the area). The Golden Ridgeway is justifiably a protected area from development (as outlined as long ago as 1975 I believe). In the time I have used the field, I have never encountered the farmer or any other person representing the landowner. I have never been prohibited from using the field in any manner. There has been no fencing, no confinement nor restriction on the enjoyment of the field. I have yet to encounter anyone in Faringdon who has had their use of the field restricted or limited by the landowner. In addition, I have never seen any 'active' farming on this field, it has always been let to grass - sometimes mown sometimes not. I have never seen cows in the field. It is as a result teeming with wildlife, the hedgerows around the field and the spring in the field also add to this element. Furthermore, I have often seen families enjoying the space, as well as dog walkers. This is the only safe open green space for young people in that area of Faringdon. The right to 'play' is not something to be dismissed. It is a rare day that I am the only person on the field when I go running up/down/across it.

Thus to conclude, for the past five years to date, I regularly enjoy free and unhindered access to Humpty Hill, and frequently use it for recreational and sporting purposes. I have seen others use it: enjoying the view and the recreational space it offers. It is a wonderful asset for the town and should be protected against future development. This is not 'NIMBY-ism' but a sensible approach to sustainable town living.

Kind Regards  
Dr Katherine E. Brown



Commons Act 2006

Sec 15 (1)

Application to Register  
a Village Green in  
Great Faringdon

NLREG34: Great Faringdon  
Humpty Hill

Town or Village Green  
Application Land



Area: 5.5 hectares approx.

Approximate route of  
unaffected rights of way



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Great Faringdon  
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Humpty  
Hill

Great  
Faringdon

Great Faringdon Public Footpath 2

To Town Centre

To Highworth

Council Depot

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