



## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

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Dear

At the meeting of the Local Access Forum held on the 5 November 2014, Members were advised that a parcel of land called Pinner Green (HP5 1UL) has been fenced off along the west side of Blackwell Hall Lane, Latimer. The contents of your email dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were also explained to members.

Following discussion, it is the view of this Forum is that:

1. the fence illegally fences off common land, in contravention of section 38 Commons Act 2006 - it is in contradiction of statute;
2. the barbed wire is likely to be harmful to users of the highway, is therefore a nuisance to walkers and cyclists and should be removed;
3. it blocks the route traditionally used as a pedestrian connection between Footpath 6 Latimer Parish, across the common to Blackwell Hall Lane, and onto Codmore Wood Road; and
4. it is the wish of the Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum that the fence and barbed wire should be completely removed from Chiltern district council land.

Members agreed unanimously 8 to 0 to the above, with one abstention from the vice-chairman.

Local Access Forums were established under sections 94 and 95 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and are the statutory advisory body on matters relating to the improvement of access in the countryside. District councils are bodies which come under section 94 (4) of that Act and therefore must have regard to the advice of a Local Access Forum.

Yours sincerely,

David Briggs  
Vice-Chairman