## Donhead St Andrew Parish Council Statement Appendix 3

## DONHEAD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

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16th March 2015

Mrs A. Shaw c/o Jonathan Cheal, Solicitor (Agriculture), Mogers Drewett [by email: JCheal@md-solicitors.co.uk]

Dear Mrs Shaw,

Offer of Use for Permissive Path
Thank you for the recent offer of conditions on the use of the permissive path

between footpaths 4 and 5 that would allow its continued use.

The offer was put to residents at the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) on  $16^{th}$  March 2015, where instead, there was undoubted support in approaching Wiltshire Council to re-instate the previously annotated historic path on copies of maps from as far back as 1886.

At the subsequent parish council meeting, councillors discussed the residents' request at some length before eventually deciding that:

- a. the offer made via Mr Cheal on 24<sup>th</sup> February was appreciated, but the strength of feeling at the APM was such that councillors felt that it would be proper to make an application to Wiltshire Council to designate the route as a proper footpath on the definitive map, and
- b. parish councillors would request that you not contest the application, due to the evidence accumulated (maps and user statements) by village residents.

The residents hoped that you would understand their position in wanting to put right an error made when the latest information was gathered in the late 1940s and that there was no animosity intended in their request to the parish council to take the matter forward on their behalf.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sandra J. Harry - Clerk to Council