

Kirklees Metropolitan Council,
Highways Services,
Oldgate House,
2 Oldgate,
HUDDERSFIELD. HD1 6QQ

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7th January, 1993

Dear Sir,

PATH TO SLAITHWAITE STATION, HUDDERSFIELD

Thank you for your letter of 18th December, 1992. It would appear that your records are incorrect. The Board are not responsible for the maintenance of the full length of footpath shown in green on the plan which accompanied your letter. The Board are only responsible for the steps near Crimble Bank end of the footpath.

This footpath has been the subject of previous correspondence between the Board and yourselves, and for your assistance, I enclose copies of an exchange of correspondence held in 1988.

However, in view of your letter, I have asked the Board's Engineer at Leeds to inspect the steps near Crimble Bank and carry out whatever action he considers necessary. As mentioned above, the rest of the footpath is not owned by the Board, and the Board have no obligation to maintain.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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Kirklees
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS SERVICES

Oldgate House
2 Oldgate
Huddersfield HD1 6QQ
West Yorkshire

Our Ref: SP/LJLP

Date: 18 DEC 1992

Your Ref:

British Rail Property Board
Eastern Region
Hudson House
Toft Green
YORK YO1 1HP

This matter is being dealt with by [REDACTED]

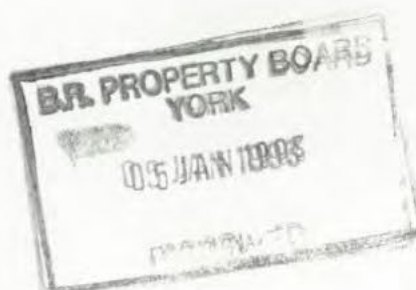
Dear Sir

PATH TO SLAITHWAITE STATION, HUDDERSFIELD

I have received a complaint from the Colne Valley Trust Society concerning a footpath which gives access to Slaithwaite Station. I enclose a copy of the letter and a plan for your assistance. This path is not recorded as a public right of way and according to my records is maintainable by yourselves.

I would be grateful therefore if you could investigate the matter and notify the Colne Valley Trust of what action (if any) you intend to take.

May I thank you in anticipation of your help in this matter.



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[REDACTED]
West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council,
Bishopgarth,
Westfield Road,
WAKEFIELD.

G/P/GBD

16th November, 1978

Dear Sir,

SLAITHWAITE : STATION STEPS (HILL TOP STEPS), KIRKLEES

In 1974 the Director of Engineering Services, Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council, drew to my attention the fact that the handrail to the above steps between Carr Lane and Crimble Bank, Slaithwaite, had come away from the side walls in a number of places due to rusting away of the fastenings and was in a dangerous condition. As you may be aware, Slaithwaite Station was closed in 1968. As the Stations steps are without dispute British Railways Board property the Board's Divisional Civil Engineer renewed the handrail. However, at his request, I wrote to the Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council suggesting that Hill Top Steps be either closed or the maintenance thereof, including the handrail, taken over by the Council on the grounds that the steps now serve no useful purpose so far as British Rail are concerned.

The Council's Director of Engineering Services replied in November, 1975, that a copy of my letter had been sent to you for consideration as you are responsible for public footpaths. I understand from him that little further progress has been made in the matter, despite repeated approaches he has made to you since that time. He advised me in June, 1976 that Officers of your Department expressed the view that although the remedial works were considered worthwhile, they were finding difficulty in financing the works because they involved expenditure on private land. I understand that your Director of Finance was approached for his advice.

I would be grateful if you could let me know the present position in this matter. I appreciate the problems you are encountering with cases of this kind since the cut-backs in public expenditure were instituted in recent years, but I would wish to know if there is any prospect of this minor, but useful, arrangement being implemented. If it is programmed for future action, perhaps you could give me some indication as to when this is likely to be, based on present forward planning proposals.

I look forward to your early reply.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

KIRKLEES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

DIRECTORATE OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
HIGH STREET BUILDINGS,
HUDDERSFIELD,
HD1 2NQ

Telephone No. Huddersfield 22133
Ext. No. 278

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This matter is being dealt with by Mr. [REDACTED]

20th January, 1976

Dear Sir,

Station Steps,
Slaithwaite, Kirklees

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NORTH EASTERN REGION
BRITISH RAIL
PROPERTY BOARD
YORK

I thank you for your letter dated the 15th January, 1976. To date, I have received no comments from the Executive Director (Transportation and Traffic) West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council.

To enable me to initiate the necessary "Footpath Creation Order" I have forwarded him a copy of your letter and asked for his comments. As soon as these are received, I will contact you about any necessary dedication of the steps.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
British Rail Property Board,
North Eastern Region,
Hudson House,
YORK YO1 1HP.

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KIRKLEES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

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This matter is being dealt with by [REDACTED]

11th November, 1975

Dear Sir,

Station Steps
Slaithwaite, Kirklees

I thank you for your letter dated the 6th November, 1975 and note that arrangements have been made for the handrail to be re-newed.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Executive Director (Transportation and Traffic), Directorate of Planning, Engineering and Transportation, West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council, Bishopgarth, Westfield Road, Wakefield as the County Council are responsible for the maintenance of all public footpaths in Kirklees. I have asked him for his comments about your suggestion that, as the steps are now serving no useful purpose, as far as British Rail are concerned, the steps be maintained in future by the Local Authority.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
British Rail Property Board,
North Eastern Region,
Hudson House,
YORK YO1 1HP.

ESTATE SURVEYOR
& MANAGER
13 NOV 1975
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[REDACTED]
Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council,
High Street Buildings,
HUDDERSFIELD,
West Yorkshire,
HD1 2NQ

Copy to:

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West Riding,
LEEDS. (CE/WRW6/H)

PWB/ID
G/P/GBD

6th November 1975

Dear Sir,

SLAITHWAITE : STATION STEPS (HILL TOP STEPS)

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With reference to your letter dated 10th September, 1974, I regret that by an oversight, this has not been ^{previously} acknowledged. It appears from my records that the station steps are Board's property, but Bank Top footpath as a whole is not. As you are aware, Slaithwaite Station has been closed for some years, and the Board's [REDACTED] whom I have consulted in the matter, has asked me to write to you suggesting that Hill Top Steps be either closed, or their maintenance (including the hand rail) taken over by your Council on the grounds that the steps serve no useful purpose so far as British Railways Board is concerned.

I would be grateful if you could consider the suggestion and let me have your comments. I would add that the [REDACTED] has arranged to renew the hand rails.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
West Riding,
LEEDS.

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Estate Surveyor & Manager,
North Eastern Region,
YORK.
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16th October, 1975

SLAITHWAITE : STATION STEPS (HILL TOP STEPS).

Bank Top Footpath, which connects Station Road with Hill Top Road, is not owned by the Board, although according to my records, the steps are so owned. The footpath is not included in my Schedule of Footpaths drawn up as a result of the passage of the National Parks & Access to the Countryside Act, 1949, but if use is made of the path and the steps by the public, despite closure of the Station, the Board cannot avoid responsibility for upkeep of the steps, and by implication, the hand-rail.

I will make an approach to Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council on the lines you suggest upon hearing further from you, but I must emphasise that the Council cannot be legally compelled to accept such maintenance liability.

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