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I, Dr David Ormerod of Mill House, 7 Mill Lane, Swaffham, Norfolk PE37 7EU hereby apply for an order under section 53(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to modify the definitive map and statement for the area by registering the Grazing Grounds Lane in Bradenham Parish as a Restricted Byway.

This public highway across the Grazing Grounds is divided into three sections: first as a tarmacked highway called Southend between Points A and B. The application road is regarded to start from the end of Southend, coursing between Points B and F, with the start of the compacted stone highway, passing to the south, in Bradenham, and finally with a transit in Saham Toney parish, ending on Mill Lane, Saham Waite.

The highway has a complicated history. Briefly, the highway originally crossed common grazing grounds, but was stopped-off in the Bradenham and Saham Toney Enclosure Awards. The entire route was shown to have been fairly rapidly re-dedicated to public vehicular use on early and mid-19<sup>th</sup>-century maps, including a number of Victorian road maps, only for it to become privatized again, apparently following the purchase of much of the Grazing Grounds by WMR Haggard of West Bradenham Hall, the father of Rider Haggard, the novelist, in 1884.

Southend and the Saham Toney sections of the highway have remained public ways. With the significant history of public vehicular dedication, it would require a legally valid stopping-off order, but none has been found. There has since been a variable history of his central section, with the Finance Act IRS DLV maps and National Farm Survey maps, 1943, suggesting that only a central 25% was claimed as privatized - dead-ending two public vehicular highways, the northern and southern components of the Grazing Grounds Lane. I have been unable to determine the nature of this limited exclusion, other than it was owned by one particular Haggard family trust.

Currently, all the highway south of Southend, is claimed as "private," despite these findings. The cumulative evidence suggests that the entire transit of the Grazing Grounds Lane retains a public vehicular right of way. This would be limited to equine usage, for which a restricted byway notation is appropriate. All owners, occupiers, and their 'agents' would have unlimited private vehicular access.

I attach copies of the following documentary evidence in support of this application:

- Composite O.S. 6-inch map, mainly of Norfolk Sheet 60SW, 1952..
- Definitive Map, Bradenham and Saham Waite.
- Norfolk County Council Online Rights of Way Gazetteer, 2021.
- Google Earth Satellite View Series of Grazing Grounds Lane.
- Finance Act (1909-10) Duties on Land Values map, Bradenham.
- Photograph (June 2021) from Point A looking southward down Southend from Hale Road, Bradenham
- Photograph (June 2021) from Point B next to High Farm, looking to the south down Grazing Grounds Lane.
- Photograph (April 2021) looking back northward on Grazing Grounds Lane close to Point C.
- Photograph (April 2021) of 'Metal Cylinder Lane, looking westward from Point C.
- Photograph (May 2021) looking southward on Grazing Grounds Lane between Points C and D.
- Photograph (June 2021) overlooking Point D to the south, at which point the highway is not represented cartographically.
- Photograph (June 2021) looking southwards along Grazing Grounds Lane, approaching High Grove Wood.
- Photograph (June 2021) of Grazing Grounds Lane running alongside High Grove Wood.
- Photograph (June 2021, looking to the NW from Point E passing the SW corner of High Grove Wood.
- Photograph (June 2021, looking back along the Grazing Grounds Lane along the south side of High Grove Wood.
- Photograph (June 2021, to the SSE in the mid-section of the Saham Toney transit of the Grazing Grounds Lane.
- Photograph (June 2021) from Point F on Mill Lane, Saham Waite, of the southern entrance to the grazing Grounds Lane.
- Faden's Map of Norfolk, 1797.
- Saham Toney Parish Enclosure Award and map, 1800.
- West Bradenham Parish Enclosure Award and Map, 1802/4.
- Edward B. Metcalfe OS pen & ink Map of Fakenham, 1815.
- East Bradenham Parish Enclosure Award and Map, 1816.
- Ordnance Survey 1<sup>st</sup> Series 1-inch Map of E&W, Sheet 65, 1824.
- Bryant's Map of Norfolk, 1826.
- Christopher and James Greenwood Map of the County of Norfolk, 1834.
- Tithe Map for West Bradenham Parish, 1838/9.
- Tithe Map for East Bradenham Parish, 1838

- West Bradenham Hall Estate Map, 1839.
- Tithe Map for Holme Hale Parish, 1839.
- James Pigot Map of Norfolk, 1840.
- Tithe Map of Saham Toney Parish, 1842/3.
- Estate Map of Capt. Adlington, Holme Hale and West Bradenham, 1859.
- Sidney Hall's Map of Norfolk, 1860.
- AA Letts and Son Map of Norfolk, 1884.
- MWR Haggard Purchase Documents for a Substantial Property on the Grazing Grounds, 1884.
- Ordnance Survey 6-inch Map of E&W, Norfolk Sheet 60SW, 1884.
- West Bradenham Hall Plans for Renting of the Grazing Grounds, 1895.
- Bartholomew half-inch map of England and Wales, Norfolk Sheet 15, 1903.
- Ordnance Survey Object Name Book, Norfolk Sheet 60SW, 1904.
- Ordnance Survey Composite Second Series 25-inch, Norfolk sheets 60.10 and 60.14 1904.
- Finance Act (1909-10) IRS Duties on Land Valuation Map, Norfolk Sheets 60.10 and 60.14.
- Saham Grove Estate Sales Map, 1932.
- Ordnance Survey 1-inch Popular Edition Map of E&W, War Office, Sheet 66, 1941.
- Ministry of Food National Farm Survey Map, Norfolk Sheets 60.10 and 60.14, 1943.
- Swaffham Rural District Council Minutes, 1945-54.
- Aerial Photograph of the grazing rounds Lane, 1946.
- Ordnance Survey 1:25,000 Map TF92, 1955.
- Geo-referenced Land Registry INSPIRE index polygon map, 2016.
- Ordnance Survey 1:25,000 Explorer Map, Sheet 237, 2015, Bradenham and Saham Toney Parishes.
- Anna Powell-Smith. Environmental Farm Payments Map, 2017.

Sincerely Yours,



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Applicant's Reference: EH 064

Application Route: B-C-D-E-F

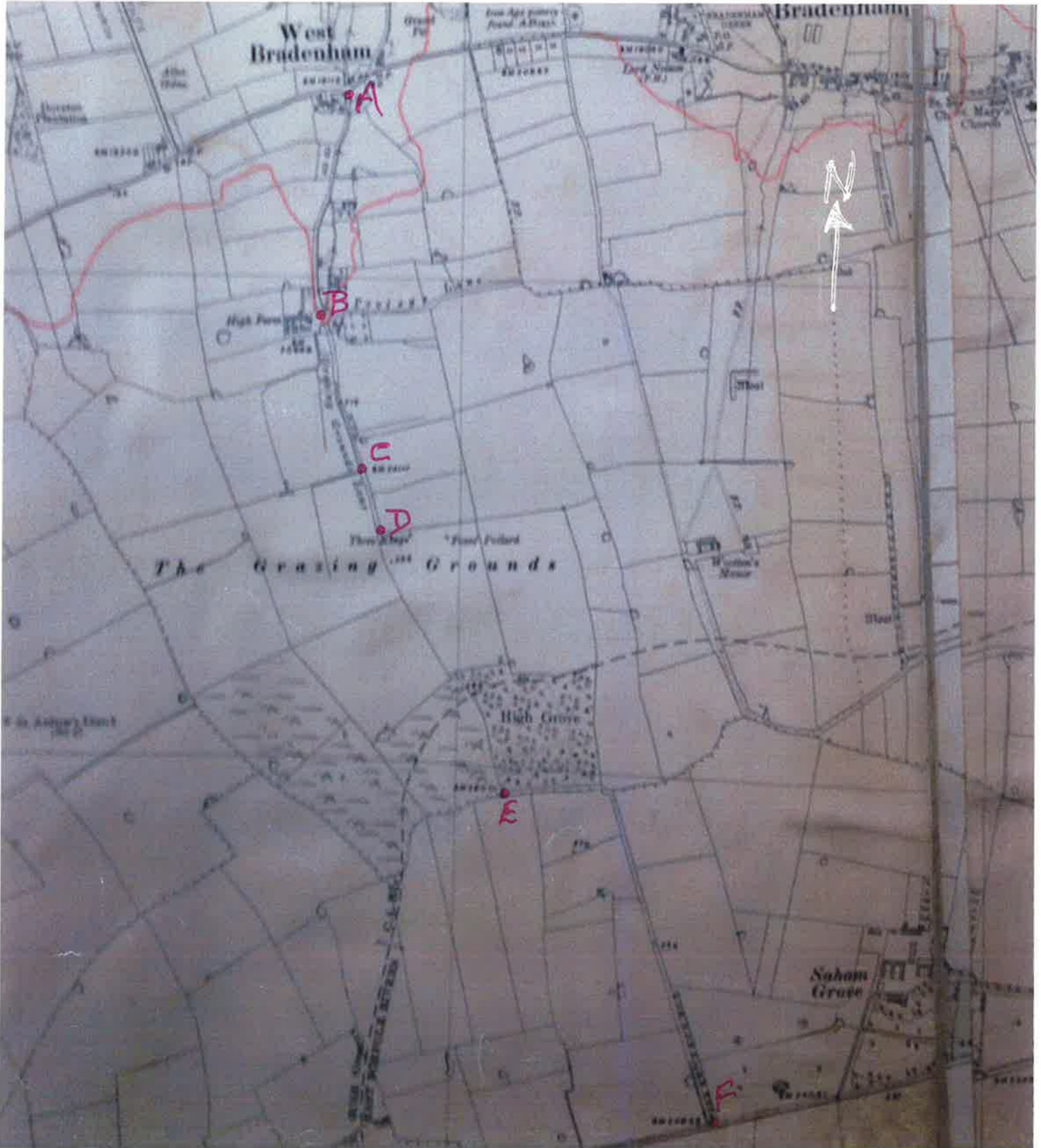


FIGURE 1. COMPOSITE ORDNANCE SURVEY 6-INCH MAP OF LEVELAND & WALEYS, LARGELY COMPRISING & NORFOLK STATES 60SW, 1951.