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Dear Sir,

HF26 AND HF47 MOD LAND - PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT ORDERS BY KENT COUNTY COUNCIL AND PROPOSED CREATION OF FOOTPATHS AT ENCOMBE WOOD, SANDGATE

I refer to your letter, in connection with the above footpaths, dated 26th February, 1990 addressed to Mr. Rollinson in the Controller of Technical and Planning Services' Department.

This has now been passed to my Department to be actioned. I have recently been discussing this matter with Mrs. Ross who is the Kent County Council case officer dealing with this.

At the moment, as you are probably aware, the Kent County Council are negotiating with the Ministry of Defence to achieve the extinguishment of footpaths HF26 and HF47 and also to achieve the creation of an escarpment path.

It would appear that the Kent County Council are not yet in a position to proceed with the creation of the escarpment path since the MoD wish the Extinguishment Orders to be made and confirmed before the creation takes place. Therefore, since the creation of the paths you suggest are connected to this excarpment path I shall not be taking any further action to provide the paths until I am advised by the Kent County Council that they are commencing action to create the escarpment route.

I can assure you that this matter will be dealt with at the appropriate time when I will contact you again to advise you of further progress. In the meantime, if you have any further enquiries please to not hesitate to contact my assistant, Mrs. Wiles, on extension 241, who is dealing with the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(R.J. Thompson)

Secretary and Solicitor

5th Pebruary, 1970.

D. Marshall, Fag., Inst. P.P.A., M.I.B.O.A., Director of Parks, Civic Centre, Folkestone.

Dear Wr. Marshall,

## Engonbe Woods

I write to congratulate you on the sympathetic way in which your staff have cleared the old paths in Encombe woods and inserted some very necessary steps:

I am sure Mr. Dawkins' gardeners in the eighteen twenties would have looked with approval on both the simple yet robust materials used and the oraftmanship of your men.

Yours sincerely,

A.H.T.TODD.

Dear Mr. Wagstaff,

## Encombe Woods

Following a request by us, a meeting was recently arranged between Mr. Rollinson and two of our members to find out what could be done to improve the use of Encombe Woods for walking and general enjoyment.

A thorough inspection was made and it was found that, in spite of encroaching undergrowth, the paths were well defined, and the steps erected in 1970 by the former Folkestone Corporation when Mr. D.Marshall was the Parks Superintendent were in excellent condition.

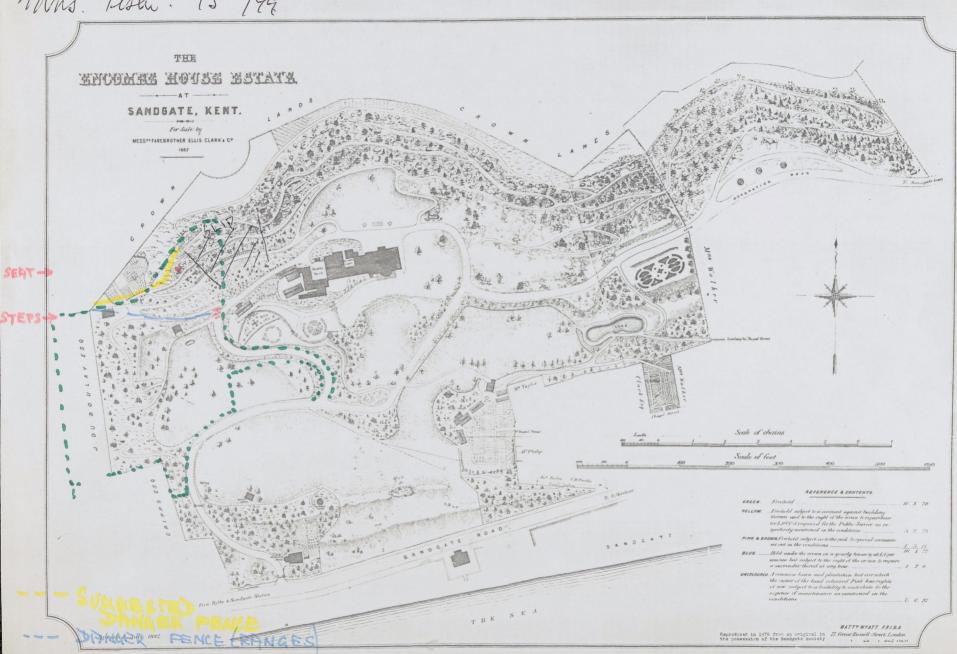
With regard to these paths, we understood Mr. Rollinson to say that there would be no objection to their clearance or to direction markers being fixed to trees by voluntary workers, and much of the clearance work has already been carried out.

We would , however, like your help over one or two other matters. Although the Encombe paths are not on the current definitive map, we would like to request (a) that a public-footpath stone be erected at the bottom of the step-path in position TR 1985 3512 approx., and (b) that you promote the inclusion of the paths in the next revised map.

Now that trees and bushes are bare of foliage could something be done soon about cutting back the mwarkanking branches that overhang the pavement on the south side of Sandgate Hill just below Dixwell Rd. These are a serious hazard to pedestrians who to avoid them have to walk in the road.

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