

# Lazonby Neighbourhood Plan



Lazonby Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 2012  
Lazonby Parish Council

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Dear LNP Steering Group,

It has been brought to my attention that there is a proposal for the creation of public rights of way across areas of private land on the Lazonby Estate. There are three areas of great concern to myself, my family, friends and colleagues, estate workers, farm tenants, fishermen and many others who cross or use these proposed paths with permission.

I was born and brought up at Lazonby Hall, my great grandfather having purchased both the Lazonby and Kirkoswald Estates in 1913. The Ley family has until my father, Sir Gerald Ley died in 1980 shown much generosity and commitment to the local community. We, as a family are passionate custodians of the Lazonby Estate and whilst we accept that it is a privilege to own such a beautiful part of Cumbria, I feel very strongly that to open up certain areas to the public as proposed would be detrimental not only to our workforce but tenant farmers, shooting/fishing tenants and the like.

The land is farmed extensively either with arable crops, grazing or livestock. There is a pheasant shoot which necessitates vermin control. Highland cattle are moved from field to field and are often found grazing along the river bank. Sheep/lambs, cattle, horses graze in unfenced fields with cattle grids.

My tenants, Russell and Christine Bowman at [redacted] have right of access along what is known as 'The D.S.Highway' - t [redacted] fenced on one side) was put in many years ago by my late husband to enable the tenants at both Cragnook Farm and Castlerigg Farm to move heavy vehicles to the fields either side without having to drive round by Low Plains Farm, Abbot Moss and through Baronwood Park. The Bowmans make a contribution towards the maintenance of 'The D.S.Highway' since their combines and heavy vehicles create much wear and tear.

When sheep or cattle are grazing in the fields there always seems to be a great deal of muck! This is an added hazard to the condition of the road.

I trust the above information will be helpful and would appreciate acknowledgement of receipt to this OBJECTION to the creation of paths across the Lazonby Estate

Yours sincerely,

Annabel Stapleton