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To whom it may concern

Dumbleton Estate – Public Access to Parkland

On the 10th February there was a public meeting held to discuss the Dumbleton Cricket Club's application to construct a new cricket pitch and square in Dumbleton parkland. The owner of the parkland in front of Dumbleton Hall was present at the meeting.

There is concern from comments made at the meeting that members of the public believe they have a right to walk freely in the grounds in front of Dumbleton Hall. This is a misapprehension and is categorically incorrect.

The only people to have a right of way other than on public footpaths (of which there are none) in the parkland between the village and the hall is residents, guests, visitors and those invited by the hall travelling to and from the hall along the tarmac road.

However, and for the avoidance of doubt the owner's current policy is to grant permission to members of the village to walk with dogs (on leads) in the parkland below the hall throughout the year at his discretion. For the foreseeable future there is no intention to change this policy and members of the village can continue to walk freely in a sensible and sensitive manner (with due care and attention to any livestock in the field) at their leisure.

This open letter is intended to remind those that use and enjoy the parkland that it is conditional on the owner's permission and that there is no right of permanence in this ability.

Yours sincerely



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