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Hello,

My name is Dr Dawn Hewitson and I am Chair of Trustees for East Lancashire Visual Impairment Network, Accrington and District Blind Society and Pendle Sight Loss Support Group. I am also an Advisor on Behaviour Change for the RNIB, and a member of the Lancashire Branch of the British Sight Loss Council with a remit involving accessibility.

We regularly utilise Ball grove Park, the Cafe and exercise guide dogs in the park. We frequently park in the lay-by off the lane on the road out of the park for several reasons. Mainly because it is convenient to access the wooded area and cafe.

I noticed that a bollard has been installed and wrongly assumed it was the people who owned the adjacent property. However, I have been informed it is the Parish Council who have installed this. We are now unable to use the park effectively because some of our service users are disabled and the road/path between the park entrance and the car park is cobbled in places and difficult to navigate with a guide cane for protracted periods. Effectively this installation has rendered the area of the park we use as inaccessible.

Please could this decision be reviewed or do I need to escalate to a higher authority?

I look forward to hearing from you soon

Kind regards

Dr Dawn Hewitson