Fence with gate across 'coach road' at southern edge of Sluice Wood

Bancroft Farm is continuing to permit access to the riverside walk (which is insured for public access) between the permitted access signs but consider the rest of the wood to be private, including the clearing next to the old 'coach road'. Bancroft Farm has erected a fence to prevent unknown vehicles and caravans from entering their land along the 'coach road' and, in particular, from crossing the bridge, which is in poor repair. They have no plan to lock the gate but reserve the right to do so in future.

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Fence across 'coach road' between Sluice Wood and Granta Park

The new fence that has been erected across the private track crossing the river bridge in Sluice Wood was installed and paid for by Bancroft Park Farm as result of consultations with TWI and Granta Park. TWI and Granta Park had originally intended to install a new security gate as part of their increased security measures, but it was agreed that the ownership of the bridge belonged to Bancroft Park Farm and therefore the fence has been erected on the legal boundary between Granta Park and Bancroft Park Farm. As a result of the new security measures being implemented by TWI/Granta Park, the owners of Bancroft Park Farm are concerned about intensification of use of this informal access by pedestrians and cyclists, if it was left open, and the impact this would have on their public liability and the deteriorating condition of the bridge. The track is not a designated public right of way. The permissive path through Sluice Wood (known as the 'Riverside Walk') and provided by the owners of Bancroft Park Farm remains open for continued amenity use.

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