

(CCC) Slip Road

This relates to the small slip road on Mill Road between the railway bridge and the frontage of the former Mill Road library and 119 Mill Road which now has a chain barrier and a notice stating it is private property.

The asset database on the County Council mapping system 'my Cambridgeshire' now shows this land as owned by the City Council but also as 'in dispute'.

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Response

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I can confirm that the small slip road between the railway bridge and the frontage of the former Mill Road library and 119 Mill Road is considered to be in City Council ownership but as you correctly point out, this is currently being contested in the courts. The slip road is not publicly accessible but is subject to rights of others for access. The slip road is registered with the Land Registry as being in the City Council's ownership. The court case concerning this matter has been protracted but it is hoped to be resolved this year.

2. The map now appears not to claim the strip of land in front of the former Mill Road library. Was this land previously owned by the City Council and has the Council conceded ownership of this space?

I don't believe that the County Council mapping system previously showed the strip of land in front of Mill Road library as in the City Council's ownership. The land is, however, considered to be in the City Council's ownership but it is adopted highway. When the City Council registered its land ownership with the Land Registry in mid-2000s, it was decided in discussion with the Land Registry that the Council wouldn't register the sub-soil of adopted highway land. While the City Council owns the subsoil of the land, the fact that it is adopted highway means that the City Council has no control over the use of the surface of the land.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk