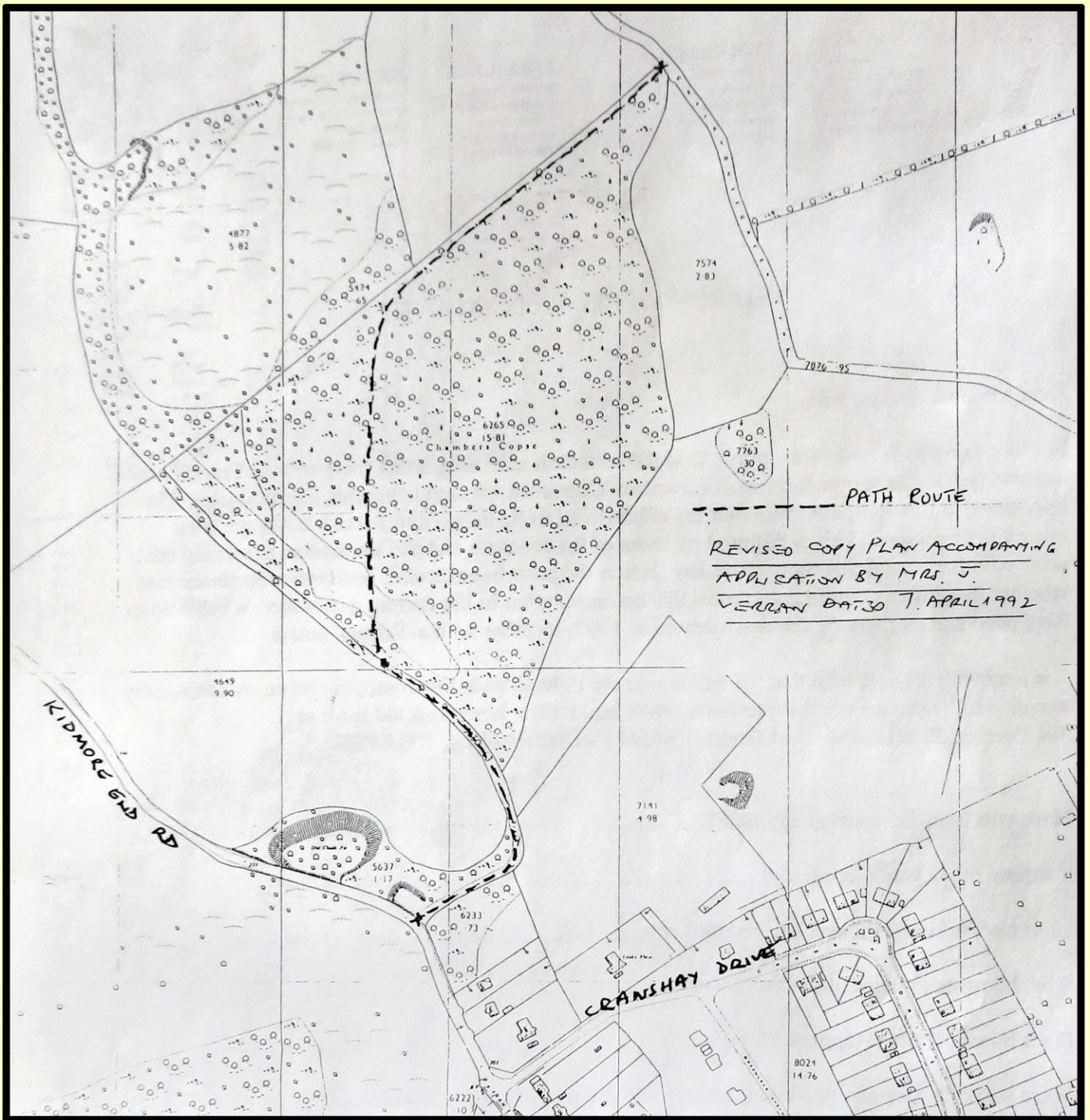


SAVING A FOOTPATH

... or not. CHAMBERS COPSE FOOTPATH



As early as 1992, it was first noted that the well trodden, but unofficial footpath through Chambers Copse was to be closed to the public by new landowners. EGRA's Jill Veran took up the cause, but in a complex legal case with Oxfordshire County Council, the path was unofficially recognised pending a future public enquiry. This was finally held in the South Oxfordshire District Offices in Crowthorne in the spring of 2000. The Inquiry was well attended by Emmer Green residents. Jill Verran plus five residents were called to give supporting evidence and the opposition called the co-owners of the Copse. Later the Inspector conducted an on-site visit to the Copse, but unfortunately, his decision was not to confirm the footpath, and it remains closed.