

22nd. March 43.

District Engineer,
L. M. & S. Railway Co.Ltd.,
District Estate Office,
STOKE-ON-TRENT.

Dear Sir,

Crumpwood Weir.

At the time my Council constructed their new waterworks at the above, it was the practice of your company in times of dry weather, to place a series of wooden boards across the top of the stone weir for the purpose of diverting water for irrigation purposes to a certain area of land in that vicinity, and as far as I can recollect, these boards were put up for probably either a week-end or a weeks duration, after which they were taken down and the water allowed to flow normally over the weir.

Recently however, these boards seem to have become almost permanent fixtures, with the result that a good deal of extra mud etc. is diverted to the head-race of the turbines, and therefore soon creates a mound of deposit which materially effects the running of the turbines.

I should be glad to know if the ordinary practice of only putting up the boards for a very limited period could be reinstated, which would get over my difficulty.

Yours faithfully,

ENGINEER & SURVEYOR.

LONDON MIDLAND AND SCOTTISH RAILWAY COMPANY.

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DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

STOKE ON TRENT.

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In your reply please

E.133.43.
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YOUR REFERENCE

29th March. 1943.

Dear Sir,

Crumpwood Weir.

Referring to your letter of the 22nd March.

So far as I have been able to ascertain at present, the boards you refer to were put in by the local Farmers. I am looking further into the matter to see if the Railway Company are involved in any way but in the meantime perhaps you would communicate with the farmers and arrange for them to remove the boards to suit your requirements.

Yours faithfully,

S:S.Proud, Esq.,
Engineer & Surveyor,
Uttoxeter U.D.C.,
Town Hall,
Uttoxeter.

R. L. Lathis

30th. March 1943.

District Engineer,
L. M. & S. Railway Co. Ltd.,
District Estate Office,
STOKE-ON-TRENT.

Dear Sir,

Crumpwood Weir.

I am obliged by your letter of the 29th. inst. Ref. E.133.43. regarding my letter to you of the 22nd. inst. concerning the boards put across the above weir.

From my experiences and the experiences of the Council attendant at Crumpwood, it has always been observed that these boards were put up by the Denstone Plate-layers who work on that section of the line adjoining this weir, and that they have put them up to meet the requirements of the local farmers when they needed water for irrigation purposes in connection with their land in that area.

I would suggest that the reason why the ⁶⁰ Railway have fixed these boards, was to meet a long standing obligation which would be brought about when the canal and weir were constructed.

Yours faithfully,

ENGINEER & SURVEYOR.