Dear Sir,
Re: Proposed fencing of Iping Common.

Having seen the above proposal by the Sussex Wildlife Trust (SWT) I would like to make my own views clear. I am supportive of the conservation work they undertake and see no problem with the proposed fencing of Iping & Trotton Commons. I do appreciate the concerns people may have over such work which they may see as a reinforcement of ownership to the detriment of its public use. This is not taking possession by stealth but a way of better managing the land and its resources through the use of grazing. Regarding access, there are only certain
places where the public on foot can safely enter the common and I think sufficient consideration has been given to their needs by the inclusion of gateways. I believe this work will reinforce the protection of this valuable site whose ownership should be a guarantee of future security for public use and pleasure.

I do believe concerns over accessibility and rights of way are in this case groundless. The SWT are the guardians and wardens under whose stewardship the Commons will have long term security for the benefit of all. Grazing should not be a problem if the public are mindful of its purpose and act sensibly. It should also act as a deterrent to “off roaders” in their 4x4s.

Yours sincerely,
Derek Williams.