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This letter constitutes formal advice from the Plymouth Local Access Forum. Plymouth City Council is required, in accordance with section 94(5) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to have regard to relevant advice from this forum in carrying out its functions.

When calling or telephoning please ask for: **Mr Ross Johnston**

Dear Mr Payne,

Plymouth Local Access Forum Members at a meeting held on 22 November 2010 expressed their concern that nearly ten months after the Jennycliff and Staddon Heights section of the South West Coast Path (Plymouth Walkway) was closed by a landslip it has not yet been re-opened to walkers. The path was cleared in April but after further small landslips it is understood that Plymouth City Council commissioned a ground stability survey to ascertain what measures would be necessary for the safety of walkers in future. Results of the survey, expected in September or October, have not yet been published.

Requests for information regarding the South West Coast Path re-opening have been sought at PACT and Neighbourhood meetings and through Councillor ward surgeries. However, all requests have yet to provide a satisfactory response.

The Plymouth Local Access Forum have felt it necessary to formally raise their concerns in this letter and request that the council provide a written response to be submitted to the next meeting of the Forum scheduled to take place on Monday 24 January 2010. The Forum are requesting that answers be provided to the following questions:

- What is the continued reason for the closure of the footpath;
- What is an expected date for the re-opening of the footpath;
- What are the results of the ground stability survey, or when will these results be published;

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Ross Johnston
Secretary to Plymouth Local Access Forum

cc. Robin Pearce, Public Rights of Way Officer