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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 McMillan,

It has come to the attention of the Plymouth Local Access Forum (LAF) that Urban Splash have made two planning applications on behalf of the Regional Development Agency (RDA), in respect of the Royal William Yard. As a local body interested in coastal access and public rights of way the LAF, as a collective body, feel it important to respond in support of these two applications.

The first application proposes to erect a hanging boardwalk along the edge of the Royal William Yard and is reference no: 10/02104/FUL. The second application seeks to install a set of steps at Devil's Point and is reference no: 10/02094/FUL.

The LAF would like to provide their support to the two applications for the following reasons:

1. At present the South West Coast Path when it reaches Devil's Point runs down Cremyll Street and then back up Durnford Street. The application that seeks to install a set of steps has the potential to divert the footpath through the Royal William Yard, which could provide a more coastal route and seaward and river views for walkers.
2. Within the Royal William Yard there are various facilities where walkers could seek refreshments and it is believed that this could potentially have a positive effect on the local economy.

Yours Sincerely,

Ross Johnston  
Secretary to Plymouth Local Access Forum