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Dear Clive,

At the Local Access Forum meeting held on 28 March 2011 it was agreed that a letter be sent you by the LAF in relation to the South West Coast Path (SWCP) in the Royal William Yard (RWY).

The decision to grant planning permission for the stairs linking RWY with Devil's Point open space is welcomed by Plymouth LAF. We believe that this link will be instrumental in encouraging a much wider use of the two areas by locals and visitors alike. The SWCP National Trail and the SWCP Association are also keen for this to go ahead and the economic value of this extension to the area should not be understated. Once it is in place then it is the stated intention that the SWCP be routed through RWY and around Devil's Point Park.

When the LAF supported the proposal at the planning stage we stressed, as did others, the importance of securing the long term future of a walking route through the Royal William Yard and via the steps to Devil's Point Park with it's superb vistas. In our view this is best achieved by designating the route as a public right of way. This would be a wonderful extension to the internationally recognised and valued SWCP.

We further understand that the Friend's of Devil's Point Park also see this as an achievable goal and are in discussions with the Millfield Trust and Plymouth City Council with a view to them negotiating a long term lease of Devil's Point Park and of the right of way through RWY below. If this can be achieved then the area and the right of way will be secured in perpetuity, irrespective of the future ownership of both Royal William Yard and Devil's Point Park area.

Plymouth LAF endorses the Friend's of Devil's Point efforts to achieve the long term future of the whole area including the rights of way and supports their vision to encourage Millfield Trust and Plymouth City Council to jointly lead in the way forward in securing the future of both the park and the route through the Yard.

Yours Sincerely,

Ross Johnston  
Secretary to Plymouth Local Access Forum