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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 Mrs Deeney,

Members of the Plymouth Local Access Forum at a meeting held on 28 March 2011 reviewed the Saltram Countryside Park consultation and were invited to respond to the public consultation.

The Local Access Forum agreed to support the Masterplan for Saltram Countryside Park subject to a number of points being given due regard when finalising the Masterplan for the Saltram Countryside Park. The main points are summarised below –

Public Rights of Way

- Public Rights of Way would be integral to the access in and around this Park and all identified footpaths throughout the park should be recorded as Public Rights of Way on the Definitive Map and Statement.

Transport

- Access to the park cannot be fully assessed because the planned developments of Morley Park and Sherford have yet to be agreed.
- The public transport map of the bus routes serving the area no longer exist or have been substantially altered.
- The entrances/exits around Marsh Mills should be improved as the road inside the park seems to be narrow.
- Currently at the bus stop on the north west side of the Park there's no information or signposting saying the opening times of the House or Park.

Other

- The park is a working park where the properties of the land owners and occupiers must be respected by the public.
- Local communities should be invited to get involved at the start of the new Countryside Park.
- The entrance at Stag Lodge should be opened up with a recreational link between Stag Lodge and Sherford delivered
- What provisions have been put in place to prevent damage and littering to private land.
- Has all of the money been ring-fenced to provide the work laid out in the plans?
- There is no mention of public transport to the Park.

Yours Sincerely,

Ray Fairchild
Chair, Plymouth Local Access Forum