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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 Sheppard,

RE: SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Plymouth Local Access Forum Members at a meeting held on 28 March 2011 considered the Sustainable Neighbourhood development plans and were invited to respond to the public consultation on the documents.

The Local Access Forum made a number of points in response to the Consultation, the main points that the Forum wished to express were regarding Public Rights of Way, Transport and Green Spaces.

Sustainable neighbourhoods consultation

The following comments should be paid due regard within all sustainable neighbourhood development plans –

- The adopted Green Space Strategy 2008-2023 should be implemented to inform and protect all existing green spaces.
- All footpaths should be designated as Public Rights of Way or recorded as public highways on the Highway Register. The 800 known public footpaths within the city boundary that are not recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement should be protected.
- Adopted strategies for the upkeep and protection of the natural environment should be enforced.
- Access to all green space should be improved and made more accessible to the disabled.
- Plymouth City Council as the local authority should ensure the manpower and resources to legally protect unregistered footpaths is available.

Plymstock (Turnchapel, Hooe and Oreston)

- Land to the south of Radford Woods to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to the boundary with the South Hams should be protected from development.
- All the Green Spaces (TO1-TO27) shown on the Turnchapel, Hooe and Oreston Sustainable Neighbourhood Development Plan should be preserved and protected from development in accordance with the Green Space Strategy.
- Designation of Radford Woods as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) was an aspiration in the 1996 Local Plan yet it remains open to exploitation. The 38 hectare woodland area covering Jennyscombe Wood, Buddle Wood, Barn Wood, Brixtonhall Plantation and Basinghall Platation should be protected.
- The continued closure of the South West Coast Path at Jennycliff is unacceptable. The area between Mount Batten and the city boundary is not only important environmentally but also to the economy of Plymouth.
- Planning permission conditions to extend the cycle path and footpath in to Stokingway Close from the Raleigh Woods development should be enforced.
- The commitment to provide a pedestrian bridge across the entrance to Hooe Lake should be restated.
- Planning permission for development of Royal Marine Base should include improvements to the access road providing unrestricted access to Turnchapel from Barton Road.
- Road access to the Radford Castle should be negotiated with the property owners Wain Homes SW. The South West Coast Path through the building should be designated as a public right of way recorded on the definitive map and statement.
- The Radford Nature Reserve hide building to consult with the Stepping Stones to Nature Project to prevent further procrastination and inaction by Parks Services and Local Education Authority who have prevented the fully equipped building being used by the local community for the last seven years.

Higher Compton

- More grit bins should be provided on steep hills in the area.
- Sound reducing barriers should be installed on the south side of the Parkway between Valley View Road and Reddington Road.

Yours Sincerely,

Ray Fairchild
Chair, Plymouth Local Access Forum