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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 Gillhespy,

At the last meeting of the Local Access Forum on 12 March 2012 members discussed the updates provided on the Notice of Statutory Land Transfer for Ridgeway School and Coombe Dean School and agreed that Mr John Emery, LAF member would provide a written response and list of questions to the LAF Secretary who would then use this to formally respond to Mr Ian Gillhespy, Senior Valuation Surveyor (Corporate Estates Team).

The Forum indicated that they had no concerns with regard to the Ridgeway School update, however, there were a number of concerns raised in response to the update on Coombe Dean School.

The Forum has requested that a further written update is provided at the next meeting in June 2012 which addresses the concerns raised. It was felt that the concerns identified needed answering in order to prevent any long term problems with the footpath.

It was commented that the letter submitted to the Forum on 12 March 2012 confirming the exclusion of land from long term lease for the footpath at Coombe Dean School failed to explain:

1. The status of the footpath.
2. The designation of the footpath as a public right of way on the Definitive Map and statement or as a footpath on the Highway Register.
3. Confirmation that the footpath would remain in the ownership of Plymouth City Council.
4. How the footpath would be protected or maintained.
5. Whether the footpath would be fenced.

6. In defining the footpath what costs would be incurred and how will these costs be met and by whom.
7. Who would be responsible for the maintenance of the footpath

Yours Sincerely,

Ross Johnston
Secretary to Plymouth Local Access Forum