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Dear Mr Fairchild

Thank you for your letter of 10 July 2013.

We are sorry that you disagree with our decision.

We feel that the projects we have put in place for the recording of public rights of way on council owned land represent the most cost effective and beneficial way forward in the current financial climate and they appear to us to be working well. This view is shared by the many local communities and user groups who have benefited from this work. We currently have a series of successful schemes carried out with the full backing of local people, users, ward councillors and stakeholders these include such sites as Ham Woods, Southway Valley, Woodland Woods, Efford Valley, Forder Valley, Radford Woods and Devil's Point Park.

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In my previous response I stated that we identify sites, that we secure capital funding to carry out improvement works that are community led and that we have a robust history of creating new public rights of way on Council owned land. We continue to believe that the project you are suggesting would detract significantly from the benefits our project is delivering to local communities because it simply does not deliver the same level of benefit whilst absorbing all our available funding.

We are always grateful for your feedback and look forward to working with you in the future on other projects. However we have nothing further to add and consider this matter closed. I ask that if you have any further queries or any other issues regarding the authorities' obligations in terms of public rights of way then I ask you to direct them to the Council's Public Rights of Way Officer in our Transport Team. They can be contacted at prow@plymouth.gov.uk or on 01752 304233.

Yours Sincerely

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