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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 meeting of the Local Access Forum on 2 September 2013 under the agenda item 'Correspondence' the Forum discussed its letter sent to you on 23 July 2013 (attached as an appendix to this letter). The Forum commented that they were disappointed that they had not received any response from you to this letter or the previous letter sent on 10 April 2012 regarding their comments on Coombe Dean School and agreed to write to you again.

The Forum have expressed their disappointed at having to write to you for a third time and request that you respond to their comments on Coombe Dean School.

Members felt that the letter you sent 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

Please provide a response to all the points above. The Forum would like to receive a response to this letter by 2 December 2013, in time for its inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting on 16 December 2013 at 10:30am.

Yours Sincerely,

Ray Fairchild,
Chair of the Plymouth Local Access Forum

Encs:
Appendix A – all previous correspondence

cc. Anthony Payne, Director for Place