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Dear Mr Price,

**Local Transport Planning – The Next Steps**

The Countryside Access Forum for West Sussex (CAFWS) is an **independent statutory advisory body** established by West Sussex County Council (WSCC) under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. Members are volunteers and represent a great range of experience and knowledge of access issues in the county. They are able to comment with authority on access matters relating to conservation, landscape, farming and forestry as well as all matters relating to public rights of way for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

The Forum is very disappointed to note that they, along with other Local Access Forums, had not been included as a consultee for the Local Transport Planning – Next Steps documentation. CAFWS has been instrumental in giving advice to West Sussex County Council during the production of its Rights of Way Improvement Plan, a document which it has a statutory duty to publish. As you are aware Rights of Way Improvement Plans needs to be fully integrated into the Local Transport Plan by 2010. The Local Transport Planning – next Steps consultation document contains no reference to rights of way, Rights of Way Improvement Plans or allocation for funding towards delivery of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan which is very disappointing.

Please can you add CAFWS as a consultee for future consultations. You should also note that CAFWS is a separate entity from WSCC and does not necessarily share its views.

I am enclosing your formal consultation response form and look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours sincerely,



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