

**COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS FORUM FOR WEST SUSSEX (CAFWS)
HIGH WEALD FOREST DESIGN PLAN
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COMMENTS LOG**

REF	RAISED BY	COMMENT
7.1	CAFWS High Weald Sub Forum	<p>Forest Enterprise (FE) wishes to improve the well-being of communities by providing stimulating, attractive and accessible environments for people to enjoy.</p> <p>To help achieve the accessible part of this, FE should actively look to create links in the ROW network, both within their woodlands and to the surrounding ROW network, for all users, but especially cyclists and horseriders (as dedicated access land, there is an open access policy for walkers in the majority of FC woodlands).</p> <p>This would be of great benefit to the local communities in the High Weald, where safe, traffic-free routes, for informal recreation are badly fragmented.</p>
7.1	CAFWS High Weald Sub Forum	<p>In certain popular forests there is conflict between the needs of walkers, cyclists and horseriders, primarily because the poorly-drained soils mean that paths used by horseriders get too churned up to be pleasurably used by walkers or cyclists. FE should recognise this and draw up site-specific plans for separate interlacing networks of bridleways, cycleways and footpaths.</p>
7.1	CAFWS High Weald Sub Forum	<p>FE's commitment to providing access and recreational opportunities and continuing to promote events and activities are to be welcomed. It is acknowledged that in FE's woods in the High Weald, the paths/tracks/fire breaks and ROW form a satisfactory network for walkers and that the paths/tracks/firebreaks are generally in good condition. It should be pointed out that the network is not completely shown on present O/S Explorer Map 134, and should be surveyed to provide data for next edition. It is suggested that maps from the survey should be erected on posts at path/track junctions with "you are here" stickers</p>