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Fiona MacLeod

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Dear Ms Shipston,

Discovering Lost Ways (DLW)

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 discussed the above project at its meeting on 17th October 2007. Members felt that DLW is largely a legal process and Local Access Forums such as CAFWS should not be involved directly in that process. However, Forums should advise on priorities to meet local needs.

The WSCC Rights of Way Improvement Plan should already highlight areas where links in the present network are missing and where extra legal/administrative resources are needed to address the situation.

Yours sincerely,



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