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Dear Stakeholder,

South Downs Way Management Plan Consultation

Enclosed is a copy of the South Downs Way Consultation Draft Management Plan for you and your organisation to consider and I invite your comments.

The South Downs Way is one of only 15 National Trails designated under the 1949 National Parks and access to the Countryside Act and one of only two bridleway routes. Stretching the entire length of the Sussex Downs and East Hampshire Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty it is the flagship for countryside access to this fine landscape. It is the facility that enables millions of people from all walks of life to experience the landscapes, wildlife and cultural history of this stunning part of Britain.

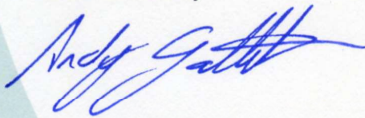
The enclosed Plan sets out the vision for the SDW, outlines the aims of management and what actions are required to fulfil those aims. It has been informed by the progress of the previous management strategy, stakeholder workshops and complementary strategic documents including the South Downs Management Plan and the Rights of Way Improvement Plans. However if this plan is to achieve its aims then the actions outlined within it must be delivered by a partnership of committed organisations.

Please consider the enclosed Plan and return any comments you have using the attached form to the address at the top of this letter or via return email by **Friday 1st February 2008.**

All comments will be collated and considered, with the final document being published in early April 2008.

Your views are essential to the success of this Plan and I look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours sincerely



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