

West Sussex Local Access Forum

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Dear Sirs

Worthing Sustainable Transport Corridors

I am responding to the above consultations on behalf of West Sussex Local Access Forum (WSLAF).

West Sussex Local Access Forum (WSLAF) is an independent advisory body, established under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to give access advice to local authorities, statutory organisations and non-government organisations. In giving that advice, the Forum's main objective is to ensure the existing network of public rights of way (prows), as well as the wider access network, is protected and where possible enhanced. The Forum has a balanced membership of knowledgeable and experienced users (walkers, cyclists, horse riders and carriage drivers), landowners and other interests (including conservation, disabled access, landscape). For further information about the Forum please visit www.wslaf.org.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these proposals. In principle The Forum always supports measures such as these to encourage more active travel and in particular to provide safe routes for walkers, cyclists and equestrians and other Non-Motorised Users (NUMs), so we are pleased to welcome these proposals.

We would however ask for some clarification of what the proposals are for the North end of the Corridor 1 route, at Grove Lodge roundabout (A24/A27 junction), as it is unclear from the map. We would like to see safe crossing points for NMUs to be installed at this location, to enable them to access Hill Barn Lane and so onwards (northwards) to the PRoWs network south of Cissbury and onto the Downs.

With respect to Corridor 2, it appears as if this route would connect with some PRoWs which then head westward. Some of these PRoWs have disappeared in the housing development in that area, and others have been turned into hard-surface walk/cycle ways. They all connect only to the A27, which is impossible for NMUs to cross safely. Consequently Corridor 2 would not be a useful addition to the PRoW network or access to the countryside without the provision of safe crossings across the A27.

This letter constitutes formal advice from the West Sussex Local Access Forum. West Sussex County 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 Local Access Forum in carrying out its functions.

Thank you for considering WSLAF's comments. Members look forward to being updated on progress on this matter and would welcome being consulted in the future on any similar matters that may impact on access.

Yours sincerely

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