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Ref: LAF Linear Park/Ditton Park Cycle Path

Dear XXXX,

We are writing on behalf of members of both Slough and the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Access Forums.

As you know the cycle path through Ditton Park is widely used and a significant strategic path within both boroughs. Members of both Locals Access Forums recognise this and therefore the path is often considered at Forum meetings.

In this instance both forums would like to express their satisfaction about the resurfacing works that CA Technologies has done on the Northfield path last year and the improved communication links between you and the Local Authorities of Windsor and Maidenhead and Slough.

Members appreciate these works as a timely investment under the obligations of the S106 planning agreement signed in November 1997. However, continued maintenance of the Northfield path is of paramount importance for members with reports of weeds growing up through the path. Ensuring that a regular spraying regime is in place would help tackle this issue.

As a result of feedback the Slough Forum received at their January 2015 meeting, members would like to ask for an update from CA Technologies on the aforementioned issue as well as on the following;

- Installation of signage to replace missing pointers identified.
- Confirmation of spraying regime to prevent weeds on Northfield path. (as detailed above)
- Availability of funding to solve the drainage problems on Southfield path.

Concerns remain over the potential flooding of the path across Southfield. Members suggest that construction of a causeway or raised boardwalk at this location could provide a possible solution though further construction works to raise the level of the path would be preferable.

We also feel that in the event of another flooding on the Southfield path it would be very helpful if users of the cycle path were given temporary access to Ditton Park Road along the main Ditton Park entrance as an alternative route. This could be facilitated by the use of temporary signage. Your agreement to this alternative temporary route would be appreciated as is your continued overall attention to this important local route.

As always we look forward to your response on these matters which are of concern to both the Local Access Forums in this area.

Yours sincerely,

Chair 2012, Slough Local Access Forum, Chair 2012, RBWM Local Access Forum

cc. XXXXXX, Principal Rights of Way Officer, Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead
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