



Devon Countryside Access Forum

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Dear Mr Dickins

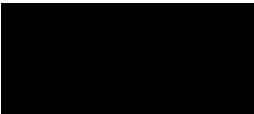
East Devon Village – Planning Development Document

Thank you for your e-mail of 2 August notifying the Devon Countryside Access Forum of the consultation on issues to be addressed in the above document.

The Devon Countryside Access Forum is a statutory forum established under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. Its specific remit is to advise on “the improvement of public access to land in the area for the purposes of open-air recreation and the enjoyment of the area”.

The Devon Countryside Access Forum (DCAF) has fifteen members, appointed by Devon County Council, who represent the interests of land managers, access users and other fields of expertise such as tourism and health.

The shortness and timing of the consultation period has not allowed this matter to be fully discussed or put on the agenda for the next public meeting of the Forum. However, the Forum has agreed a position statement on relevant matters for inclusion in Local Development Framework documents and a revised statement was agreed in April 2012. The Forum advises that it would be pertinent for East Devon District Council to consider this position statement in the context of the East Devon Village DPD and explore how policies to improve and enhance public rights of way and green infrastructure could be incorporated in the DPD.

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Hilary Winter, Forum Officer

Chair: Dr Justin Robbins
Vice Chair: Laura Leigh

The Devon Countryside Access Forum is a local access forum. It is required, in accordance with Sections 94 and 95 of the Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act 2000, to provide advice as to the improvement of public access to land for the purposes of open-air recreation and enjoyment.

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