

8th October 2007
Wayne Bexton

To ...see address list attached

Dear.....

West Derbyshire and High Peak Greenway Strategy - Final Consultation

Derbyshire County Council has prepared a draft Greenway Strategy covering the topographical West of the County inclusive of the High Peak and Derbyshire Dales. This Strategy will extend the area of study already covered by the East Derbyshire and South Derbyshire Greenway Strategies. A Greenway is described by the Countryside Agency as a largely off-road route connecting people to facilities and open spaces in and around towns and cities, and the countryside; for shared use by people of all abilities on foot, bike or horseback, for car-free commuting, play or leisure. The, draft, strategy has identified routes that meet these goals and create a user-friendly network to link communities and places of interest across the West of the County and through the Peak District National Park. Greenways provide a valuable resource to encourage accessibility and promote healthy living.

The aim of the Strategy at this stage is to identify the potential for developing a network of Greenways in West Derbyshire in the future. No funding for this strategy is in place as yet but it is hoped that the strategy will help safeguard the routes and provide the means for bidding for funding as and when opportunities arise.

As part of the final consultation exercise for the draft, key stakeholder groups and interested organisations are being invited to comment on the routes that make up the strategy. Initial consultations helped to actually establish these routes and its hoped that idea's and suggestions that were put forward are reflected in these draft plans.

Included with this letter are the plans and maps of the Greenways and an executive summary of the whole strategy. The actual strategy is much larger and will be available for loan on request. Its worth highlighting that the exact lines of the routes identified are not in anyway formally agreed and are indicative only. Negotiations and discussions for individual sections of the routes identified would take place in the future during the implementation phase.

If you wish to co-ordinate any suggestions or issues from your interest group or organisation that you may wish to put forward for consideration in the strategy, either, return the attached questionnaire or submit a response by **January 11th 2008**.

If you require more information or have any queries then please feel free to contact me.

Thank you in advance of your response.

Yours sincerely,

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Draft Greenway Strategy Consultation

Contact Name:

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Telephone No

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1. Do you support the principals of the West Derbyshire and High Peak Greenway Strategy?

YES

NO

Comments

2. Do you have any comments about the routes identified? If YES please specify in the comments box below.

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3. Do you have any other routes to suggest? If YES please specify in the comments box below.

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4. Any other comments? Please specify in the comments box below.

Comments

Please return by 11 January 2008 to:

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