



Joint Local Access Forum (JLAF)

for Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol City and South Gloucestershire

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Cllr Charles Gerrish
Park House
Station Road
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Bristol
BS31 2BN.

Wednesday, 12th December 2007

Dear Cllr Gerrish,

Route around Chew Valley Lake

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter regarding a route around Chew Valley Lake.

This route was originally proposed some 10 years ago and we would welcome progress, not only towards joining and extending the existing routes and trails, but to making a route which will totally encompass the lake.

The Joint Local Access Forum (JLAF) feels that not only could it benefit the local rate payers but it would also benefit Bristol Water and the area as a whole with tourists travelling to the area in order to enjoy this amenity.

The Chairman of the Disabled Ramblers Association has asked us to emphasise the benefit that the disabled have had from reservoir circuits such as Carsington in Derbyshire, Rutland Water, Pitsford in Northamptonshire and Kielder in Northumberland. Clearly a similar facility in the South West of the country would be of tremendous benefit to everyone.

I understand that £75,000 has been allocated to this project in the B&NES 2008/9 capital budget and we would ask that this sum is honoured. I also trust that adequate staff resources will be allocated to progress this most desirable project which will bring benefits to the wider public and which would be a beacon project for B&NES.

Yours sincerely,

R Newbigin

Chairman of the Joint Local Access Forum for Bath & North East Somerset, City of Bristol and South Gloucestershire

cc: Matthew Smith, Assistant Director: Environmental Services

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