



# Joint Local Access Forum (JLAF)

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

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This letter constitutes formal advice from the Joint Local Access Forum (JLAF) for Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol City and South Gloucestershire.

Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol City and South Gloucestershire Councils are required, in accordance with section 94(5) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to have regard to relevant advice from this forum in carrying out its functions.

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Dear Mr Harvey,

**Planning Application 08/00884/FUL: Chew Valley Lake Walking and Cycle Route, Walley Lane, Chew Magna**

I am writing to you as Chairman of the Joint Local Access Forum (JLAF) for Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol City and South Gloucestershire. The JLAF is a statutory body with members who have a variety of interests, including those of land managers and of walkers, cyclists and equestrian users as well as a Councillor from each of the three Councils. Bath & North East Somerset Council has a statutory obligation to have regard to the JLAF's advice.

I wrote to you on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2008 to express the JLAF's support of this planning application.

We understand that this application has been objected to by Natural England and that discussions over matters related to the SSSI at the site have been ongoing between the applicant and Natural England. We are writing at this time to request that, should Natural England reconsider their objection, the planning authority proceed to grant consent as quickly as possible.

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*The JLAF is a statutory body established by the three councils shown below, to provide advice as to the improvement of public access to land in the area of Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol City and South Gloucestershire for the purposes of open-air recreation and enjoyment of the area. Its views do not necessarily represent those of the three councils.*

**Bath & North East  
Somerset Council**



**South Gloucestershire  
Council**

This project is programmed for completion in the financial year 2008/9 and Cllr Charles Gerrish, Cabinet Member for Customer Services at Bath & North East Somerset Council indicated that £75000 was allocated in the Traffic and Safety Works Programme for 2008/9. This funding is dependent on planning permission being granted.

Whilst we recognise that funding concerns are not a material factor in the consideration of an application, we hope that you will be able to take account of this in the speed in which you make and publish any decision. We are concerned that any delay in the progress of the application may endanger completion of this valuable project.

If you have any queries then please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

*Sent FR24OCT08*

Ray Newbigin, Chairman of the Joint Local Access Forum (JLAF)

cc Robin Winfield, Vice Chairman of the JLAF  
Ron Phelps, Deputy Chairman of the JLAF  
Councillor Les Kew, Chair of Development Control Committee, Bath & North East Somerset Council.  
Councillor Charles Gerrish, Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Bath & North East Somerset Council.  
Adrian Clarke, Nick Jeans and Alison Sherwin, Transportation Planning, B&NES Council  
Margaret Wilson, JLAF Member and Chew Valley resident.  
John Grimshaw and Mark Tucker, Sustrans  
Chris Dent, on behalf of Sustrans