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

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Cllr. Charles Gerrish
Park House
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Keynsham
Bristol
BS31 2BN

Ray Newbigin

16 January 2009

Dear Cllr. Gerrish

Route around Chew Valley Lake

You will no doubt be aware that the Planning Application for this route has been withdrawn because of objections by Natural England.

We are very concerned about this delay and the three JLAF Officers and the Secretary met with Jeremy Williams (Director of Corporate Affairs) and Bob Hansford (Fisheries and Recreation Manager) of Bristol Water to find out their attitude. I am pleased to confirm that Bristol Water want the proposed work to go ahead as soon as practical.

I have also contacted Sustrans and we will be meeting them within the next few weeks. They tell me that they believe that the necessary surveys will be done in May and July 2009 and the practical work done in the period from August to October 2009.

The purpose of this letter is to ask that at least £75,000 is allocated to this project in the B&NES 2009/2010 capital budget. I hope that you can agree to this.

Yours sincerely,

Ray Newbigin, Chairman, Joint Local Access Forum

cc. David Trigwell, Divisional Director, Planning & Transportation

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