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Subject: Public Notice Section 117 - U72 Donkey track

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Dear Andy,

With respect to U72, Donkey Track, from a Mountain Bike perspective although this is away from the usual routes this still forms an off road section in a flat area where there are not many options. This is something we should be encouraging as part of the Government's strategy to encouraging persons to get out and about and continue to have paths/routes away from the main roads particularly for mountain bikes. Although this does not currently fit into the Active travel strategy at this time, who's to say it won't in the future, so to loose this now would be, in my opinion, an error.

As far as I am aware this route has been used by bikes until recent times as was always presumed to be a right of way.

Should government money be spent on this? then the answer is yes as part of keeping ancient highways open as if this one closes its sets a precedent for other ancient highways. One would have thought that costs to keep this open (noting work carried out by GLUG in recent times) would be minimal with willing volunteers to assist and so an easy win on public expense.

Disclosure - I am a member of GLUG as the mountain bike representative.

Best Regards

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