



Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum

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Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan consultation

The Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum (CLAF) was established through the statutory provisions of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and its remit is to advise relevant bodies as defined in Section 94(4) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 on matters relating to access to the countryside. Section 94(4) bodies are required by the legislation to take the views of the Local Access Forum into account.

The Cambridgeshire LAF welcomes this opportunity to provide input into the Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan and how it might be revised and improved to better reflect the existing and potential future use of the non-motorised transport network across the Parish of Waterbeach.

We recognise that it's a very comprehensive plan, with a lot of concern for biodiversity, historical sites, and conservation. We are also pleased to see and support policies that aim to protect, enhance and develop the rights of way network providing a network of routes to promote walking, cycling and riding and to point out that circular routes, or routes that link with others, are particularly recommended.

We have the following specific points to make about the plan:

1. Footpaths need to be safe and the footpath at the exit from Car Dyke Road on to the A10 isn't (a baby was killed there recently, and mother is still in hospital).
2. We have concerns about the route of the proposed busway out from Cambridge needing to have houses demolished.

The CLAF would be happy to discuss further our concerns and how we might resolve these issues.

Yours sincerely

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