

Subject: Rural Access from Poundbury

This email is to inform local organisations of a campaign we have organised aimed at providing improved rural access from Poundbury to the surrounding countryside in both a westerly and southerly direction. This involves utilising the existing subways under the A35 and A37 (both no longer accessible), linking up with existing footpaths in the vicinity and providing a new path leading towards Maiden Castle. All of this was actually included in the Poundbury Development Brief agreed in 2006 following a public enquiry however these provisions have not been implemented. Our goal is to obtain a commitment to implement these provisions, from the Poundbury Development team, as part of their planning application for phases 3 & 4 which is imminent. If they do not then we will formally oppose the application and encourage others to do likewise.

Campaigning for improved rural and coastal access is part of the Ramblers' ethos but I recognise this is not the case for most other organisations and I am not seeking your support for our campaign directly (although it would of course be welcomed if offered). What I am asking for is your support for the **aims** of our campaign, i.e. to provide access to the countryside surrounding Poundbury without the current risks and dangers of crossing the dangerous trunk roads (A35 & A37) as agreed in the Poundbury Development Brief.

A simple response to this email would be most appreciated and thank you for taking the trouble to read this message. Should you desire more information please do not hesitate to contact me or visit our campaign website at:

<http://campaign.southdorsetramblers.org.uk/campaign/index.html>.

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