

Draft letter to members of the Duchy Council

10th July 2009

Dear Sir

Poundbury Rural Access Issues

I am writing to advise you of a campaign we are running to improve public rural access from Poundbury to the surrounding countryside. We seek the implementation of the provisions for access incorporated in the Poundbury Development Brief which was agreed after a six week public consultation process in 2006. These have not been implemented and although underpasses exist on both the A35 and A37 trunk roads enclosing Poundbury no footpaths have been established for their use. Our main website (above) provides a link to the campaign website which gives background and details of our campaign.

We hope that the Planning Application for phases 3 & 4 of the Poundbury Development will satisfy the provisions of the Brief and thereby obviate the need for our campaign and the need for us to raise objections to the Planning Application. I hope you agree that any apparent conflict between The Ramblers' and The Duchy over such a sensitive subject as the denial of rural access will no doubt be seized upon by certain elements of the media with potential damage to both parties.

Yours faithfully

Peter G Evans
Secretary, South Dorset Ramblers