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Dear Dr Evans

I am writing to you on behalf of constituents in Dorchester who have approached me about the question of footpaths from Poundbury to Maiden Castle in connection with the new phases of development at Poundbury.

I see that Natural England, the CPRE, Dorchester Town Council, and the Local Access Forum have all commented on this same issue in connection with the planning application for the new phases of development.

In particular, I am writing about a specific right of way that was proposed in the 2006 Poundbury Development Brief (which, I understand, was subsequently adopted as a supplementary planning document).

The specific route in question is marked as running from the letter K via the letter X to the letter Y on the map provided by the Local Access Forum as part of their submission in relation to the current application. This route consists of a track that runs from Poundbury under the by-pass and then crosses fields to link with the existing Maiden Castle to Monkeys Jump footpath.

In the light of the considerable concern locally about the importance of this particular route for cyclists, walkers and the disabled, and in the light of the submissions from Natural England, CPRE, the Town Council and the Local Access Forum, I hope that WDDC may be willing to stipulate as a condition of the planning permission for the next phases of Poundbury that this particular route should be included as a right of way in accordance with the Poundbury development brief.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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