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SENT ON BEHALF OF SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear Chair

Work is beginning on a review of Surrey County Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP). Surrey County Council is seeking the views of Westcott Village Association prior to drafting the new ROWIP so that the document reflects local priorities.

Surrey County Council is responsible for around 2164 miles (3482 km) of public footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways open to all traffic across the whole of Surrey County, in both urban and rural areas.

Surrey County Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan is an important strategic policy document, which the council is required by law to have in place. It sets out how Surrey County Council can make sure the public rights of way network meets the needs of the public, now and in the future. The ROWIP aims to address the priorities of the area in terms of health and wellbeing, supporting people living with disabilities and mental health issues, regeneration, growth, transport, climate change, tourism and other priorities.

Surrey County Council would like the views of Westcott Village Association. Please find attached a letter from Claire Saunders, Surrey County Council's Countryside Access Team Manager, inviting the views of your group or organisation and setting out how you can respond.

The deadline for responses is 31 March 2024

We have set up a public online survey and would be grateful if you could publicise the survey and encourage your members to complete it.

This survey is at <https://www.surreysays.co.uk/environment-and-infrastructure/rowip-public> and closes at midnight on 10 March 2024.

If you have any queries about the engagement exercise for the ROWIP, please contact me at sccrowip@blackwoodbayne.co.uk. I am working on behalf of Surrey County Council to support them in producing their new ROWIP. Alternatively you can contact sccrowip@surreycc.gov.uk if you prefer.

Visit <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/countryside> for more information about public rights of way and country parks in Surrey. To report an issue on a public right of way, visit Surrey County Council's website <https://rightsofway.surreycc.gov.uk/>

Best wishes
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