

**Ditton Park Cycle Path – Draft Response to CA Technologies:**

Dear Mrs De Rojas,

Thank you for your letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012. We are very pleased to hear that CA Technologies is fully committed to the cycling route through the Ditton Park Estate.

With the path running through two Local Authority areas you will appreciate your letter raises issues which need to be answered by Council Officers from both Slough Borough Council and Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. After consulting with the aforementioned the following applies.

We fully appreciate that there will be some unforeseen circumstances requiring closure of the path which do not allow 21 days' notice to be given to Windsor and Maidenhead Council, though some of the conditions you describe including bogginess and high winds would not constitute acceptable reasons for closure of any public path.

Also please note under Cause 4.8.10 of the S106 Agreement that the route should only be closed for as long as is necessary in the event of a security or safety or other risk or alert.

In the event of an emergency any notice is better than none, to allow time for it to be advertised. Your suggestion to send an email advising of emergency closures as soon as possible and of planned closures where 21 days can be given is entirely acceptable.

**The contact you should use for notice of all closures is;**

**Anthony Hurst, Principal Rights of Way Officer at Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead**

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**Tel: 01628-796180**

**Mobile: 07775-818622**

**email:anthony.hurst@rbwm.gov.uk**

We are also very happy to note that you will be carrying out repair works to the path surface in the near future and ask that you provide further detail of the intended start date and estimated length of these works. This information will be forwarded to Sustrans and both Councils' to allow for advance warning notices to be placed where users can see them.

With regard to the other management issues you raise within your site, whilst we appreciate these are a concern; there is no one person to whom they can always be reported due to the variety of incidents (i.e. some of these may require reporting to the police). It will be dependent on the nature of the incident and this will need to be assessed by your facilities company.

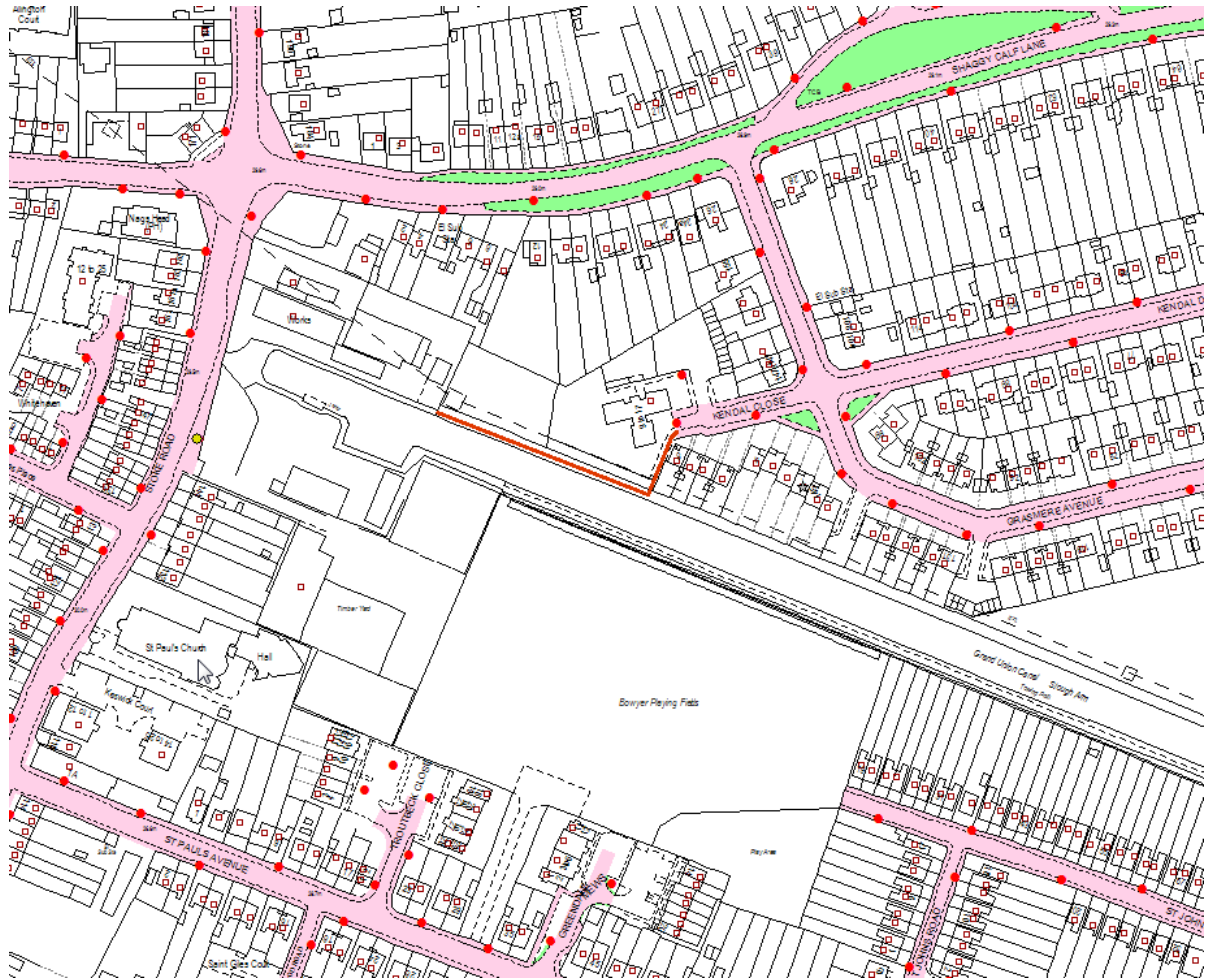
As a cycle path we can confirm that the route is for cyclist and pedestrian use only, so you are correct in advising horse riders they cannot advance.

Thank you once again for your commitment to this important local route and I hope this will allow the continuing progression of communication links between all parties involved.

We look forward to your further response.

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**PATH BETWEEN KENDAL CLOSE AND CANAL BASIN** – Route shown in red. Links to privately owned land. Need to consult with CRT to confirm their long term intentions for the basin and what public access it will have.



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