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Dear Sir or Madam

A presentation was given by a Suffolk LAF member at a conference organised by The Access Company in Ely in February 2007, describing how the Forum had felt it necessary to present its case at Public Inquiry in relation to a crossing point for non-motorised users over a new section of the A14 trunk road. Discussion following on from this made it apparent that other LAFs had experience of similar problems, particularly in regard to the A14; with failure to provide safe crossing points resulting in the severance of routes and the creation of areas where the trunk road became, in effect, a barrier; with riding, walking, wheel chair use or cycling restricted to one side or the other. Delegates expressed frustration over the Highways Agency's apparent lack of obligation or inclination to address the matter.

At the conference it was suggested that this was an area in which LAFs might achieve more by working together and this letter is to ask whether this idea would receive your support. We would like to hear of any examples of LAF recommendations being adopted in respect of Highways Agency road schemes.

Our interest in this matter is urgent as Draft Orders are due to be published this autumn in connection with the A11 Trunk Road Fiveways to Thetford Improvement.

Please address your replies to me at the above address.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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