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## Slough Local Access Forum

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Ref: LAF Linear Park/Ditton Park Cycle Path

Dear Ruth,

I am disappointed to report that the Slough Local Access Forum has still not received a response from you to our letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

We would now like to hear from you that the Council has considered our concerns and will take responsibility for the Linear Park in Slough by ensuring it is afforded sufficient funding as an important off road sustainable transport route. In the first instance this means a one off investment required to ensure the path condition is brought back up to standard and thereafter a suitable revenue budget to allow a dedicated maintenance regime.

To reiterate the sentiments expressed previously; the Local Access Forum feels that this route does not get the recognition it deserves as a major off-road leisure and commuter route and that the Council should be showing that it takes sustainable routes seriously. These are the routes which allow people the opportunity to improve their health and well-being and therefore reduce obesity and health problems in our local communities.

We would very much expect a response to this our second letter on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair 2015, Slough Local Access Forum

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