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Dear Jonathan

I am very concerned that interested people like myself never knew anything about the decision to upgrade The Green Lane, Haddenham to a bicycle track. It only came to my attention when local riders began to contact me for information about changes to their bridleway. It has clearly caused much distress to local residents of Haddenham who have felt that they have not been informed and properly consulted about it. Some people only came to know about what was going on when the work on widening and putting tarmac on the bridleway was set in motion. Incidentally, as I have pointed out before, the BHS is very opposed to tarmac being used on bridleways and would prefer an unsealed surface such as Flexi-Pave, which is made of rubber crumb and is porous.

In view of this I would like to propose that we have a discussion about the plans for this bicycle track and also any others in Bucks which make use of public rights of way. I do feel that as the British Horse Society County Access and Bridleways Officer for Bucks I should have had some advance notice of your plans and the chance to have some input. Perhaps other key people working in the access area may feel this same.

Ideally I think, where appropriate, bicycle tracks should be designed as multi-user routes rather than just made for cyclists. There is a great shortage of joined up bridleways in some areas especially in the area through which this track will go.

Kind regards

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