

To the Occupier.

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Our Ref: CAS/CAIP/FurleyPark11.11  
Date: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Dear Resident,

**Reference: Rights of Way Creation, Park Farm Ashford.**

The County Council is in the process of delivering its Countryside Access Improvement Plan and recommendations for pedestrian and cycling improvements have been made by members of your local community.

Agreements are being sought with local landowners to upgrade the existing public footpath shown on the attached plan to that of public bridleway status. The existing public footpath runs through land owned by both the County Council and Ashford Borough Council.

The motivation behind the upgrade is to facilitate a traffic-free cycling route to Furley Park school, whilst also providing an all weather surface and bridge suitable for both pushchairs and wheelchairs. Funding has been secured from Sustrans the sustainable transport charity and would be delivered at no expense to either County or Borough Council's.

As you may already have noticed work has already commenced to provide the all weather, accessible surface along the route. A certain amount of vegetation has also been removed in order to create a spacious and safe environment. Attached to this letter is a plan demonstrating the proposed route and locations of where furniture to be installed, intended to reduce speeds and prevent illegal use.

This consultation is to ascertain whether residents are supportive of upgrading the legal status of the path to that of bridleway, so as it may be used as a traffic free cycle route to school.

We should like to hear your views as to whether as a local resident you are in support of the proposed upgrade by answering the following questions.



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1. Do you support the path upgrade as proposed?
2. Is there any thing else you think we should consider in relation to this proposed route?

Your response can be made in writing to the responsible officer, Colin Finch at the address above or made via the internet at;

[http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/prow\\_kingsnorth/consultationHome](http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/prow_kingsnorth/consultationHome)

Comments should be made by **Friday 9th December** and details of any responses received will be made available via the above web address, following the consultation closure date.

Yours sincerely,



Colin Finch  
**Senior Projects Officer**  
**Countryside Access Service**



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