



From County Councillor Mrs. R. Camamile

To:

Mr. J. Law
Leicestershire Local Access Forum

23rd October 2015

Dear John

I have spoken to County Council officers about your email regarding LCC policy around route literature and have been advised as follows.

If the Local Access Forum or any other group wish to develop any initiatives either on the ground or by way of improved publicity and promotion then officers would welcome an approach. Officers are happy to work with various partners including voluntary organisations to improve the existing facilities for disabled people but the resources available are limited. Any ideas will need to be properly considered and developed to a reasonable standard by the organisation bearing in mind practicalities, resources and likely outcomes.

Furthermore the Council has undertaken various surfacing projects on country parks over the recent years (including the resurfacing of the main track around Beacon Hill CP and the lower car park and the new surfaced route at Market Bosworth CP and many miles of routes at Watermead), and where resources allow will develop facilities for the disabled. The downloadable leaflets on the County Council website also include information relating to route surfaces and distances.

Having spoken to officers in the communications team it is not Leicestershire County Council's policy not to communicate information regarding disabled facilities and accessibility of the country parks, or to stop others communicating this information on their behalf. We do however look to publish the information digitally first, and have been told that information regarding trails and suitability for wheelchair users can be found on the website and is available on downloadable PDFS (www.leicscountryparks.org.uk).

The Council also produces a single leaflet designed to promote all the parks and signpost people to further information on the website.

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I believe you have previously flagged the ACE Accessible Countryside for Everyone website. This site also has a Leicestershire page with a number of local links to visitor sites, including County Council publications.

<http://www.accessiblecountryside.org.uk/leicestershire>

As stated earlier, officers would be happy to work with organisations such as the Local Access Forum to discuss new initiatives on the ground or in terms of publicity.

I hope you find that this responds to your enquiry regarding County Council policy. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself, or with Edwin and Ben.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Camamile', written in a cursive style.

Mrs. R. Camamile
County Councillor