

Croft Quarry Extension
2019/CM/0125/LCC

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The LLAF is an independent statutory body, set up as a result of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (CROW) 2000, and exists to represent the interests of everyone concerned with access to the countryside and the public rights of way network including footpaths, bridleways and byways, cycleways and areas of open access.

Section 94 of the CROW act makes it a statutory function of the Forum to give advice to a range of bodies, including local authorities, on access issues in respect of land use planning matters.

This proposal would affect PROWs V57, V58, V59, V67. I would point out that the Technical Appendix G - Transport Assessment (Section 3.2) Highways makes no mention of these routes which are pedestrian highways and are part of our cultural heritage. Technical Appendix C - Heritage considers effects upon cultural heritage but does not mention these. It refers to designated cultural heritage assets, such as Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas and Registered Parks and Gardens but any Right of Way on the definitive map should be of equal importance.

Page 123 of the Environment Statement does cover this issue however. V57 and V58 bound the site and V58 also links to V59 and V67. We note the company propose to upgrade the status of V57 Public Rights of Way from a footpath to a multi user path although what they mean by this is not clear. Is it to become a cycleway or even a bridleway or merely be surfaced to permit for buggies and the less able?

We welcome the general access arrangements but would like to see a number of the permissive paths dedicated as rights of way.

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