

22/03/02

The Institution of Environmental Sciences

The professional body for environmental scientists
President: His Grace the Duke of Westminster OBE TD DL



PO Box 16
BOURNE
PE10 9FB

Telephone & Fax: +44 (0) 1778 394846
E-mail: ies-uk@breathemail.net
Web site: <http://www.ies-uk.org>

Our File Ref: 7.5.5

Penny Flanagan
Countryside Division 5
DEFRA - Zone 1/01 Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Temple Quay
Bristol BS1 6EB

22/03/02

COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY ACT 2000: RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENTS PLANS DRAFT GUIDANCE TO LOCAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITIES

The following are the comments of the Institution of Environmental Sciences on the above Consultation Paper.

On the majority of issues the Guidance seems appropriate and adequate and we are happy with these. However, there is one provision that is not recognised.

Increased public access will inevitably create additional visitor traffic to the points of entry to the 'access' with a potential nuisance value. Routes identified for use by persons with disabilities will almost certainly require traffic to the point of entry. Adequate and safe approach roads, parking facilities, signing, etc. may be needed but not necessarily available or made available.

The Guidance to Local Highway Authorities should feature the requirement for the provision for safe approach and adequate parking facilities for access amenities and indicate these locations and routes on the Plans. A lack of such facility or restriction on such availability should be indicated also.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. R. A. Fuller
Hon. Secretary