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4 December 2011

Dear Mr Williams

Green Infrastructure Plan (GIP) for consultation

With regard to your request for comments on the above **The Collipriest Lane Action Group** very much supports the need for a robust strategy to provide multiple social, economic and environmental benefits to the community.

It is obviously in the interest of the community not only to provide new opportunities to promote tourism and healthy leisure pursuits such as walking, but to **protect existing amenities**. The Exe Valley Way is an example of such an amenity and as such deserves protection from being undermined by heavy traffic.

In spite of South West Water recently making some improvements and temporary repairs there remains the long term problem of how to improve the vehicular access to the Tiverton Sewerage Treatment works which is already totally inadequate, overused and below standard.

The Council gave permission for the Water Treatment works to be built there originally in 1880 and have since allowed many extensions to it. The heavy traffic carrying waste going to the site on behalf of the Water Company have done enormous amounts of damage to the road over the years and it has no foundations, having been a road originally built for horses and carts.

Walkers and their dogs are often forced to climb banks to allow large vehicles, tankers etc to pass by and when two such vehicles meet and need to pass there is an ever present danger of a bank collapsing allowing spillage into the river Exe which runs alongside.

This is an accident waiting to happen to the individuals concerned as well as causing environmental damage to fish, birds and other wildlife.

Yours sincerely

GIP

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ACK: ✓ 5.12.11

SUMMARISED:

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