Agenda item 231 - Correspondence

a. Views Sought - East Sussex Rights of Way Access Plan

Dear Hadlow Down Parish Council

Work is beginning on a review of East Sussex County Council's Rights of Way Access Plan. East Sussex County Council wants your views before drafting the new Rights of Way Access Plan so that it reflects local priorities and what you think is important.

The County Council is responsible for around 2,000 miles (3218 km) of <u>public rights of way</u>. These paths are important for enjoying and exploring, for travelling to work or school and for health and wellbeing. They are part of what makes East Sussex a special place to live, work and enjoy.

The Rights of Way Access Plan is an important policy document which the council is required by law to have in place. It sets out how the County Council can make sure public rights of way meet the needs of the public, now and in the future. The Rights of Way Access Plan aims to address the priorities of the County in terms of health and wellbeing, supporting people living with disabilities and mental health issues, regeneration, growth, transport, climate change, tourism and other priorities.

East Sussex County Council has set up an online parish and town council survey. Please submit only one official response on behalf of your council. This link is for parish and town councils only and should not be shared with the public.

The survey for parish and town councils can be found here:

https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/eb728fd7/

We have also set up an online survey for members of the public. We would we grateful if you could publicise the survey and encourage as many people as possible to complete it. We have also produced a poster which we would be grateful if you could display, or use for social media.

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/rightsofwaysurvey

Both surveys close at midnight on 14 March 2025.

b. Update from UK Power Networks on planned works on A272

Afternoon Vicki,

Yes all going as planned for start date 17th Feb.

Best regards,

Note from Clerk – I responded asking for more details i.e. maps etc and have contacted ESH to ensure the permits are in place as usually we get notified. No response from either as yet so whilst they are saying it is starting on the 17th February, I am not hopeful.