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STROUD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN REVIEW - Draft Plan For Consultation 2019 - re PARISH CLUSTERS

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Further to our online response re POLICIES AND DELIVERY, Mid Cotswold Tracks & Trails Group would like to register our interest in all the Parish Cluster Groups shown in the plan.

We would also like to clarify that, although the online Policies form forced us to choose just one of the areas to comment on - there was no opportunity to select "all" - those comments submitted were intended for all districts.

Where allocations are proposed we would like to be included in all future discussions in all areas. MCTTG, although formed as a British Horse Society bridleway group, has worked for multi-user access for many years, and we have access to statistics, examples and advice from many sources.

As well as BHS assistance to the group, I am personally also a founder member of Horse Access Campaign UK, which is a facebook site with over 3,000 people with a wealth of knowledge and experience of access matters. There are senior members of Open Spaces Society, We are Cycling UK, BHS, IPROW, Trails Trust, DEFRA and other people with national and regional experience linked to the group who will all advise, discuss and share examples on any question or topic. MCTTG is also in a position to apply to the BHS for grant funding via both their own Paths For Communities direct funding and their Grant Funding Officer who will research and assist with larger project funding via other sources.

Examples of areas our riders have already raised issues in, and should be consulted with regard to, are:

**The Stonehouse cluster** - Nupend bridleways existing and new - a crossing needed at Nupend - inclusion in the Nupend off-road safety track - the Standish to Haresfield off-road multi-user track.

**Cam and Dursley** - the Cam Greenway

**Gloucester's Rural Fringe** - riders have raised issues here re new safety links and community connectivity - Upton St Leonards, Brookthorpe - we have several riders in these areas who have suggestions, and several who have been working directly with Highways England on the A417 changes at Birdlip as part of the WCH team.

**The Berkeley cluster** - we have raised the issue with Highways of a crossing at Sanigar's Lane in respect of the huge lorries now in that area all day and night every day of the week - it is not even quiet to cross on a Sunday morning, plus other issues in this area

**The Severn Vale** - riders have raised issues with Frampton, Slimbridge canal and other links

**The Wotton cluster** - we are aware of a greenway being looked into at Kingswood

**The Cotswold cluster** - riders have raised the need for a link at Cranham

**The Stroud Valleys** - further to the cattle grids and Nailsworth Greenway, there is much potential for improved, safe community circuits throughout this area

MCTTG has started a programme of online Parish Surveys with a simple format of response re how useful the existing tracks are as part of useable circuits, and what condition they are in regarding safety of use or obstruction etc. Our object was to find the routes most needed and easy to improve as a starting point for

improvements. It may be useful to adapt these surveys for specific uses regarding community connectivity and site mitigation.

We look forward to being part of the Green Infrastructure improvements and expansion for the Stroud Area as projects unfold.

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