

PROPOSED RESPONSE TO THE COUNTRYSIDE AGENCY

Traffic Regulation Orders (permanent or seasonal)

The Ridgeway Management Group's proposals recommend investigating and, where appropriate, initiating Traffic Regulation Orders on selected sites. The County Council supports this approach and will seek to implement appropriate TROs in the current year, prior to the winter of 2003.

Repair of The Ridgeway National Trail to the standards as set out in Surface Standards Document (April 2001)

The standards as set out in this document are higher than would be specified by the County Council for similar routes countywide but are appropriate for a Trail of national status. However, it is agreed that the current surface conditions are not acceptable and the County Council urges the Agency to approve the bid for grant aided funding to enable works to commence to be completed within three years.

Seek policing of The Ridgeway National Trail to deter illegal use

As part of the consultation process for Traffic Regulation Orders, the views of the police will be sought and taken into consideration. Ultimately the enforcement of any Order or infringement of any part of the Road Traffic Act or alleged illegal use is a matter for the police. The County Council will seek a joint meeting with Swindon Borough Council and the Chief Constable to agree a format to address this issue.

Seek alternative routes for agricultural vehicles

The County Council will support the National Trails Officers in this work.

Segregation of users where appropriate

The County Council will support the National Trails Officers in this work if investigations show that this is a viable option.