

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF CABINET - 20th JUNE 2003

119. **The Ridgeway National Trail** The Cabinet received a report by the Director of Environmental Services.

Mr. Ian Ritchie of Friends of The Ridgeway spoke to the Cabinet urging it to ban non-essential motorised vehicles, to which Miss M.F. de Rhé-Philipe, Cabinet Member for Environment, responded.

Resolved:

- (1) To affirm the general objective that, where problems exist, non-essential motor vehicles should be banned from rights of way (subject to site specific considerations).*
- (2) To endorse the Ridgeway Management Group's proposals for the management of repairs to the surface of The Ridgeway over its whole length, including the promotion of a permanent Traffic Regulation Order at Smeathe's Ridge and an experimental seasonal (Winter) Traffic Regulation Order on the section from Aldbourne Road (north) to the Swindon Borough Council border, to manage the use of the Trail.*
- (3) To urge the Countryside Agency to approve the bid for grant aid to carry out the necessary repairs to The Ridgeway within Wiltshire at a level of 75% in recognition of the national status and importance of The Ridgeway.*
- (4) To endorse the proposed response to the Countryside Agency detailed in Appendix 3 to the Director of Environmental Services report.*

Reason: To establish Wiltshire's proposed management techniques for The Ridgeway National Trail.

Other Options: As set out in the report.