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Subject: FW: Truleigh Hill Access Project Brief - Consultation

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Dear Mark,

Thank you for sharing the draft project brief for the Truleigh Hill YHA access project. Having been consulted during the development and evolution of this project, I'm now very pleased to see it reaching this point.

The users of the SDW, especially long distance users are very reliant on the type of cost effective short stay accommodation provided by the YHA and other hostels. Over recent years there has been a decline in this type of accommodation. The YHA has closed Winchester, Arundel (Warningcamp) and Alfriston as well as relocating Brighton YHA much further from the SDW. Truleigh Hill is now only one of two hostels right next to the SDW (the other being YHA South Downs at Southease). It is vital that these remaining facilities remain viable and fit for purpose.

The project will address two of the key issues that affect the SDW.

The accessibility of the facilities at YHA. The SDW and much of the surrounding rights of way network is readily accessible to users of off-road disability vehicles such as Trampers as well as families with pushchairs and buggies. However the area is under used by this user group because there is no access to toilet facilities.

The second issue is the quality of the landscape and trail corridor. The current building is tired looking and outdated and sticks out in the landscape. The proposed external cladding will greatly improve the feel of the trail corridor in this area.

Therefore from an Access and SDW teams perspective we are supportive of this project and believe it to be strategically important.

Kind regards
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