



## Hertfordshire Local Access Forum



3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010

Stuart Pile  
H&T Panel Chair  
Executive Member  
County Hall  
Hertford

Dear Mr Pile,

You will be aware that the statutory role of the Local Access Forum (LAF) is to act in an advisory role wherever appropriate in relation to matters of Access. In this capacity, we met on 1<sup>st</sup> November to discuss the forthcoming proposals for HCC spending cuts and to consider whether there was anything relevant for our comment.

We agreed to write to you outlining our views on this matter, which are as follows:

1. We would argue against any reduction in spending on access services which is higher than the general percentage cut, i.e. 25%;
2. We would strongly urge that any reduction in spending is spread evenly over a three year period rather than in a large one-off reduction;
3. We would welcome the opportunity to work with you and your officers to offer recommendations for prioritisation and implementation of any reductions in spending, which may be faced.

The LAF recognises that change is inevitable given the present financial climate, however our members are keen that initiatives which are achieving positive and long-term outcomes across many agendas (such as: town and countryside access, health and LTP targets including cycling) should not be lost.

We are available and keen to offer our support and expertise to reach new solutions wherever possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liddy Lawrence'.

Liddy Lawrence  
LAF Chair