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Dear Ms Church

Proposed Gating Order – Leyhill Drive to Homestead Way Park Footpath, Luton (Ref: JMW/001900)

**This letter constitutes formal advice from the Central Bedfordshire and Luton Joint Local Access Forum.**

**Luton Borough Council is required, in accordance with section 94(5) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to have regard to relevant advice from this forum in carrying out its functions.**

Thank you for consulting us on the proposed Gating Order for the footpath which runs from Leyhill Drive to Homestead Way Park.

The Local Access Forum wishes to see safe routes to and from recreation areas, playgrounds, schools, shops etc and does not support the restriction of this access except where it has been shown to be unavoidable or in the best interests of the public. In this instance, despite the alternative route being a lengthy detour, it appears that the reality of the situation on the ground, with the high levels of anti-social behaviour along the footpath, does support the gating of this footpath. The forum therefore does not have any specific objections to the Gating Order being made as proposed.

Yours sincerely

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