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Dear Councillor Hughes,

### **Teign Estuary Trail Public Consultation**

I am writing to ask if you will make a decision in accordance with Paragraph 11 of the County Council's Scheme of Delegation by approving progression to public consultation on a proposed section of the Teign Estuary Trail from Passage House Inn to the west fringe of Teignmouth, locally known as Morrison's junction.

The Teign Estuary Trail seeks to complete the 'missing link' of the National Cycle Network Route 2, connecting Newton Abbot to Exeter via the Exe Estuary Trail. Connecting Dawlish, Teignmouth and Newton Abbot through the extension of the Teign and Exe Estuary Trails would form a national showcase supporting leisure as well as local cycling utility trips, providing economic and health benefits.

The Teign Estuary Trail remains a long-term aspiration for Devon County Council and the current strategy is for the route to be delivered incrementally, with some sections having already been delivered. Design work has continued to progress on the outstanding sections, and in March 2019, Devon County Council and Teignbridge District Council each committed £200,000 to progress a planning application between the Passage House Inn and Teignmouth.

We would like to progress to public consultation in advance of the planning application submission in order to obtain feedback on the scheme design, route strategy and provide information on the project's next steps. Although a face-to-face exhibition will not be possible under current COVID-19 restrictions, the consultation will be advertised to ensure local communities have the opportunity to engage in the process.

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Please find enclosed two copies of the Cabinet Member Decision form, to enable you to formally advise me of your decision and in so doing confirm that the entry in the 'interests' box is accurate or amend it accordingly. I would be pleased if you could advise me of your decision as soon as possible by returning one copy of the decision form in the enclosed pre-paid envelope.

If you require any further information, please contact Dave Black by telephoning (01392) 38 2822 or e-mailing [dave.black@devon.gov.uk](mailto:dave.black@devon.gov.uk).

In accordance with procedures a copy of this letter has been sent to Councillor Alistair Dewhirst as Chairman of Corporate, Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee; and to Councillors Ron Peart and Sylvia Russell as Local Members.

No action will be taken until all Members of the County Council have been advised of your decision and five working days have elapsed to enable Members to request that the decision be referred to the full Cabinet for consideration or called in by Corporate, Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee.

Yours sincerely

**Dave Black**  
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Enclosed:            Record of Decision x 2  
                          Pre-paid envelope