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Dear Sir / Madam,

East Sussex Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

Railfuture is Britain's leading, longest-established, national independent voluntary organisation campaigning exclusively for a better railway across a bigger network for passenger and freight users, to support economic (housing and productivity) growth, environmental improvement and better-connected communities.

We seek to influence decision makers at local, regional and national levels to implement pro-rail policies in transport and development planning.

We welcome the County Council's first LCWIP and support its ambitions, and in particular the priority accorded to the coastal corridor and larger market towns. The coastal corridor across the southern part of the county is not only a principal rail corridor but also a priority area for policy development through the Outer Orbital Area Study currently being conducted by Transport for the South East, while most of the larger market towns are also rail hubs.

Our primary interest in the LCWIP is in supporting the development of exemplary walking and cycling routes to and from rail stations as integral parts of promoting seamless multi-modal sustainable and accessible travel choices for residents and visitors. Two often under-rated indicators of such high-profile routes are well-maintained high-quality surfaces and clear, consistent and well-maintained wayfinding signage.

Yours faithfully,

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