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**A487 Tremadog to Penmorfa – Cycle and Pedestrian Link
Bridleways – Dolbenmaen 108 – Porthmadog 1**

Proposal to Improve Bridleway at Penmorfa, Tremadog

Dear Mr Morgan

With 40 years of horse riding experience in this area, I've welcomed the recent improvements to gates, signage and a safe suitable surface to our local Bridleways. These provide a safe haven for Horse Riders away from cars, heavy goods vehicles and other potential hazards.

I strongly feel that Pedestrians & Cyclists are able to share Bridleways too. Provided we all take responsibility for the safety of other users. For instance I'm sure your aware that the Countryside Code states that on Bridleways, cyclists must dismount when passing pedestrians & Horse Riders.

In the document Gwynedd Rights of Way Improvement Plant, Assessment Phase Consultation Report May 2006. Section 7.4.2 -

'a factor which can quickly discourage use of a route. Equestrians felt that choice of appropriate surface was an issue. Slippery tarmaced minor roads, deep ruts and muddy/boggy routes were considered to be significant hazards for horses. Other issues such as insufficient head clearance from overhanging trees and vegetation encroaching on the path surface were also considered to be problems.'

I understand it is proposed that the Bridleway above may be Tarmaced. This would present a significant hazard to not only for horse riders but pedestrians too. Besides the high cost of re-surfacing, being untreated in winter time would make the surface icy & unusable, there is potential for cyclists to ride faster a quieter too and being surfaced would probably ignore the code.

I feel that crushed slate is a much cheaper & safer surface for all users. It's more durable too, forestry tracks being a prime example. As a responsible Horse Rider, I ask you to consider my concerns and would welcome any comments from you.

Yours Sincerely