

**MOVEMENT AND PLACE STUDY**

**Notes prepared for the Initial Workshop meeting MARCH 21st 2016**

**1.0 General requirements** for a project of this national/European significance

 **Brief** (similar to a consultant team interview) - to include

 Terms of reference

 Time scale

 Project stages

 Reporting procedures

 Criteria including all user/uses

 **Project team** to include

 Socio economic planner

 Movement engineer/planner

 Biologist

 Urban designer

 Landscape planner

 Historian

 **Project Governance**

Downs Committee or independent group ? and to include enforcement and implementation

 **Proposed options/stages** to consider

a **Short term measures** achievable **within existing legislation and funding**

 **b Medium time scale** measured against aims and objectives

 **c Long term visions**

 ***( Certainly NOT the current A,B, or C – these have no sound planning basis plus individuals, groups will like bits of each )***

 **General ethos and Social history** to include

 Natural historic landscape. Certainly not Hard municipal detailing ? '

**2.0 Specific comments on the presented report**

 **Apparent assumptions** on cycling - (all incorrect)

 Cycling is compatible with the unique natural environment

 Cycling is legal on the Downs

 Cycling is compatible with other already accepted users

 **Contacts/consultations**

 No contact appears to have been made with

 Ramblers, schools, elderly, disabled, tourist groups, disadvantaged etc

 **Hard surfaces**

No mention of loss of any ' rural natural' landscape and compensatory areas

 Additional comments on present document

 **Places**

 The references to Sea Walls and the Water Tower area are certainly not consistent with European status site

 **Segregation**

 The opportunity for a vertical segregation of pedestrians and vehicles is dismissed without reason

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The bridge over bridge valley road future planning application is dismissed . NOT objective or within any assumed terms of reference!

 reference to too expensive? Is unsubstantiated and subjective

Channelling all forms of access through one junction ( BVR ) is certainly not good practice particularly when other options have not been explored

Only one access zone has been considered setting a possible precedence for other access areas. The question of precedence also applies to the proposed lighting of an area around the Observatory

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**references** FOD+AG Constitution

 Uses/users – Downs and Avon Gorge

 summary

 Must be compatible with the 'natural environment'.

 Must be compatible with other accepted users

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 Cycling/cyclists on the Downs and Avon Gorge