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To whom it may concern

Horse riders from the county and beyond deserve better provision we are vulnerable road users and have shared existing rights of way for decades without issue why is it that now funding is available for cycling and walking a huge population of people are being left out.

Please ensure we get a fair portion of funding and rights of way available to us 1. We should ask that the LDP takes account of this need for land to include horses and carriage drivers on routes for non motorised users. This is so we don't have to transport our horses in vehicles but can access our communities on hoof.

2. Where this isn't possible, we need land for parking horse transport as if we can't ride to safe sites for riding then we need to be able to park. It is just as unsafe for children on ponies to be on the road as it is for children on cycles and the incident statistics for Carmarthenshire from BHS indicate these have doubled. Input your own local issues and say where you want to ride. Examples may be forestry, beaches and parks.

3. We are reminded that we are not "transport" but are considered a leisure activity but there is no mention in the LDP specifically about equestrian sports or sites where we can go to to ride safely. We appear in the Planning Policy technical advice for leisure activities with walking and cycling but there is provision for them embedded in other policy but not for us. The LDP needs to more robustly provide for us as a leisure activity wanting countryside access, access to parks and green space, (not a menage). This requires land allocation in order to ensure we are not discriminated against as is currently happening under the planning policies. For health and well being and future generations of equestrians, we need to recover access we have lost and gain consideration alongside other vulnerable road users. By excluding us under Active Travel as transport, we need provision as leisure users so at the very least, any leisure routes need to include equestrians. Not all routes for walking are public footpaths, so not all routes for horses need to be bridleways. If we can't share a route then an alternative should be provided for us.

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