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Buckinghamshire Council (c/o Cllr Martin Tett, Leader of Council)
Sent by email

Dear Cllr Tett,

R.E. Colne Valley Regional Park – 2025/26 Funding Withdrawal

The Parish Council wishes to express it's extreme disappointment that Buckinghamshire Council is planning to withdraw the core funding it provides to Colne Valley Regional Park Trust in the forthcoming financial year.

We believe that the decision is short-sighted and that it will have a detrimental impact on the Trust's ability to operate and function effectively to protect Colne Valley and fulfil the charity's six aims and objectives:

- To maintain and enhance the landscape, historic environment and waterscape of the park
- To safeguard the countryside of the Park from inappropriate development. Where development is permissible the Park will encourage the highest possible standards of design.
- To conserve and enhance biodiversity through the protection and management of species, habitats and geological features in the Park.
- To provide opportunities for countryside recreation and ensure that facilities are accessible to all.
- To achieve a vibrant and sustainable rural economy, including farming and forestry, underpinning the value of this precious area of countryside.
- To encourage community participation including volunteering and environmental education, and promote the benefits of health and social well-being afforded by access to high quality green space.

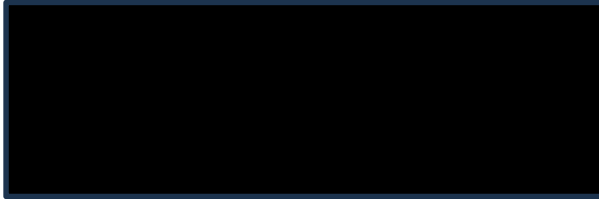
Whilst we recognise the tough financial circumstances the Council faces, we believe that Colne Valley represents a area of strategic importance and that greater value should be placed on the work of the Trust and therefore that core funding should continue into the new financial year. We believe that the withdrawal of the funding, will only serve to create additional pressures on Buckinghamshire in terms of weaker performance in the rural economy which will potentially reduce business rate income to the Council, plus a decline in recreational facilities which will increase demand and

pressures on Buckinghamshire to provide alternatives.

In addition, if the Council is minded to proceed with the withdrawal of core funding, then we would strongly urge that the Council authorises the provision of some officer time from an appropriate team to support the Trust with seeking and securing long-term alternative funding to replace the shortfall created by the funding withdrawal.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,



Cllr Ciarán Beary
Chair of The Ivers Parish Council

*Copy to: Unitary Councillors – Cllr L Sullivan, Cllr P Griffin and Cllr W Matthews
Joy Morrissey MP
Colne Valley Park Trust*