

## **Note to supporters – Full Council Meeting 31 October**

### **Highcliffe Castle Zig-Zag – rebuild project Full Council Meeting 6.00pm Tuesday 31 October**

As you probably know, after Christchurch Council resolved to close the Zigzag path we set up a group (consisting of 5 retired professionals with the following skills: Civil Engineering, Construction, Geology, Surveying and Finance) to fight the decision. We have been working hard since that diabolic resolution was passed on 9 August. We've met several times for discussions with Council Officers and with various construction firms.

We've put together a viable, affordable scheme to rebuild the path and that scheme will be shared with all Councillors ahead of their meeting next Tuesday. Our plan has been to show unequivocally that the cost reported to the Committee on 9 August was very significantly overstated. Moreover, we're showing that a good quality path (with an estimated life of 60 years) can be built within the Council's approved budget.

We will be able to share our plans shortly after they have been presented to Councillors.

So, what do we want now? We need your support at the Full Council Meeting at 6.00pm on 31 October at the Civic Offices. It is vitally important for the Council to see that people do care about the path; the more people they see at their council meeting the better. We have no active part to play at the Full Council Meeting - other than simply being there - the Council will debate a Motion (see below) calling for the previous decision to be rescinded and for further consideration to be given by the Full Council to rebuild the path. It's the most important stage yet. Please be there if you possibly can.

Thank you.

The **Motion** states –

- **That no action be taken in respect of this resolution (Community Committee decision on 9 August) and no works are commenced to decommission the Zig-Zag path.**
- **That the decision be reconsidered by full council taking account of:**
  - 1. The Coastal Strategy Public Consultation**
  - 2. Further funding options explored**
  - 3. Alternative design and build tenders being sought and received**
  - 4. The full cost of retaining a similar on gradient path to the beach in this location be known.**

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