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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**
**Request ID: REQ00909**

Thank you for your request for information relating to the B4428 Coventry Road footpath works near Coombe Abbey –

The narrow footpath between Coventry and Coombe Abbey is currently undergoing works on the B4428 near to Coombe Abbey. Warwickshire County Council may be the client for this work?

All year round this route is frequently used by pedestrians and also cyclists from Coventry who are prepared to leave their cars at home and get to Coombe Abbey in a sustainable manner. Coombe Abbey country park is a popular leisure facility owned and managed by Coventry City Council

1. Whilst the subject footpath is in Warwickshire can you tell me if Coventry City Council has looked for sources of funding (joint or otherwise) to assist the enhancement of the subject footpath into a combined footpath/cycleway and the outcome of that investigation?

2. Can you tell me if the renewal of the subject footpath or enhancement to become a combined footpath/cycleway has been discussed in any way with neighbouring Warwickshire County Council and the outcome of any discussion?

3. Whilst the footpath is in Warwickshire can you tell me if Coventry City Council has discussed in any way the renewal of the subject footpath or enhancement to become a combined footpath/cycleway with any cycling organisations, national or local and the outcome of any discussion?
4. Whilst the footpath is in Warwickshire can you tell me if Coventry City Council has discussed in any way the renewal of the subject footpath or enhancement to become a combined footpath/cycleway with Sustrans and the outcome of any discussion?

5. Whilst the footpath is in Warwickshire can you tell me if Coventry City Council has discussed in any way the renewal of the subject footpath or enhancement to become a combined footpath/cycleway with national government and the outcome of any discussion?

Footnote: The B4428 is a dangerous single lane highway that has suffered numerous serious road traffic incidents over many years. A 50mph speed limit has been imposed in recent years but the route is still seen as a race track.

The footpath route is within Warwickshire County Council’s boundary. Coventry City Council have not looked at improving this route, but there is an aspiration to improve cycle routes out to Coombe Abbey. We work closely with Warwickshire Country Council on developing cross-boundary cycle routes, but have not looked specifically at this route in detail.

We also work in partnership with Sustrans, but have not worked with them on this section of route.

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Yours faithfully

Business Support Officer