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## **Stakeholders guide to influencing your local council**

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### **Background and brief description**

- Recreational riding of horses in Wokingham Borough is threatened by increased development and the additional traffic the new developments will bring.
- In some parishes horse riders are using main A and B roads to access the off road routes that are available to them. Without an increase in safer routes, horse riding in Wokingham Borough will become severely compromised.
- In Wokingham Borough, Bridleways make up only 10% of the rights of way. To meet with the expectations of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) this needs to significantly increase.
- The Wokingham Greenway Plan can help in bringing the % up.
- Of the 90% footpaths in Wokingham, 10% are Bridleways. There is no specific outcomes yet but The British Horse Society has been invited to meetings. There are no routes on the ground yet but there are promises of a few this year.
- A cyclist can delay people so how did people feel when 40 horses delayed them during the protest? Very few people were annoyed; the protest was well received.
- Does the group have contact with cyclists? The British Horse Society would like contacts with cyclists in Wokingham to work with.