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Dear Sir/Madam/Member

The future management of Staffordshire's countryside parks and green spaces

As you know, earlier this year the County Council announced plans to review the future management of Staffordshire's countryside parks and green spaces.

After months of consideration and preliminary talks with interested parties, including the Forestry Commission, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, parish councils and users' groups, a 12 week consultation is now underway and open for feedback on four proposed options.

Not all options will be suitable for all sites and in some cases a combination of options may work most effectively. This consultation will provide us with an opportunity to gather insight about how and why residents and visitors currently use our sites and what their future needs regarding these spaces may be.

The four options under consideration are:

- A: Maintain council ownership and seek opportunities to increase income from existing sites by working with volunteers, community, third sector and private parties;
- B: Transfer management on a site-by-site basis to local community or voluntary sector groups, such as parish councils;
- C: Establish a partnership of landowners to manage all green spaces in a particular area;
- D: Establish a not-for-profit trading company to run and develop parts of the estate.



More information about these options can be found at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/countryside-review.

Have your say

There are lots of ways to have your say on the Countryside Estate Review:

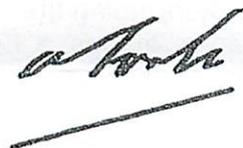
Feedback forms are now available at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/countryside-review.

You can also call us 0300 111 8000, alternatively write to us at Countryside Consultation, Staffordshire County Council, 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2DH.

All feedback received by 24 January will be analysed and considered by our Cabinet in *Spring 2016*.

We will of course keep you updated on any progress.

Yours faithfully



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