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Dear Mr Eden,

Thank you for your letter of 19 November 2018 regarding Lucy's Mill Bridge. Please accept my apologies for the time that it has taken for me to respond.

County Council officers have in good faith, attended meetings at the request of your technical team, and have provided their professional opinion on the proposals put forward when they have met. Our opinions on the proposals put forward, may not have been those that your team were hoping for.

The matter of a feasibility study lies at the heart of the issue here, in establishing, if and where another crossing of the river in Stratford on Avon would be best located and serve all users in the future. Looking at the future needs for the highway network is not a function carried out by the Bridge Maintenance Section, and this function comes under the remit of our Transport Planning Group. I have forwarded your letter to Stephen Rumble in our Transport Planning Group, who I believe is looking at a possible feasibility study for a possible additional bridge to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists, which would be DDA compliant. However I believe that no timescale has been identified for this, and its remit may not extend down to Lucy's Mill. I have discussed your letter with Mr Rumble and he is happy to correspond with you regarding the future needs of the network in the area.

I do note your comments regarding cyclists, and as you acknowledge, cyclists do ride in the Recreation Ground, despite it being prohibited. I expect that the majority would also ignore signs to dismount where facilities are provided that do not force them to do so.



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Your comments regarding ownership are noted, however as outlined in my previous letter, the ownership of the bridge is best served by remaining with the County Council. I am not aware of any approach by the District Council about taking over the bridge.

I cannot see any practical way taking your project forward especially given there is no funding available for this type of project at this current time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Young', written in a cursive style.

Steven Young

Bridge Maintenance Manager