



2024 General Election Equestrian Access Manifesto Asks.

When your prospective Westminster parliamentary candidates come knocking, why not ask them if they will support the following?

1. **To repeal the 2031 cut-off date** – 78,000km of off-road routes are at risk of been extinguished and lost for ever. These are public routes that exist at present but are not recorded and will be extinguished on 1st January 2031 if the cut-off date is not repealed.
2. **Ensuring that permanent and permissive public access options are embedded in the Environmental Land Management Scheme** paying landowners also to improve and enhance existing bridleways and byways (such as rolling green lanes or leaving cross-field bridleways uncultivated) and to create parking places so that people can access and enjoy those opportunities.
3. **Ensuring that horse riders have access to active travel routes** – horse riders like walkers and cyclists are vulnerable road users. Currently horse riders are often excluded from these routes leaving them to ride on roads that are not considered safe for walkers and cyclists to use.
4. **Extending the right of access, under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to Access Land to equestrians and cyclists.**
5. **Ensuring that equestrians are not required to purchase permits** to ride/carriage drive in the Forest England public forests – at present there are some forests where equestrians are required to purchase permits when this is not required of walkers and cyclists – this is unfair and discriminatory.

