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Dear Consultee

**Consultation on proposed regulations for appeals against works notices, exclusions or restrictions of access and dedication of land**

Part 9 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 provides the framework for establishing a new right of access to the English coast. It will achieve this through the creation of a continuous long-distance walking route along the length of the English coast. This route will be combined with an associated area of wider coastal land ("spreading room"), which will be accessible for the purposes of open-air recreation – for example, for people to enjoy the scenery, have a picnic or carry out bird-watching.

I am writing to invite views on a number of pieces of secondary legislation that need to be made relating to coastal land:

- regulations for appeals under paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 20 to the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 against notices given under paragraph 3(3) of that Schedule, and "means of access" appeals under section 38 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000;
- regulations for exclusions or restrictions of access on coastal land; and
- regulations which will allow a landowner or long leaseholder to be able to dedicate land on or adjacent to the coastal margin as coastal margin under section 16 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

The following documents may be found on Defra's website at:

[www.defra.gov.uk/consult/coastal-access-1104/](http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/coastal-access-1104/)

- A copy of this letter
- The consultation paper
- A response template
- List of consultees

We have prepared an electronic template which we hope you will find helpful in responding to the consultation, but responses in any format are welcome.

## Responses

Please either email your response to [coast.consultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:coast.consultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk) or send it to the following address:

Coastal Access Team  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
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Responses should be received no later than **Friday 24 June 2011**.

## Consultation criteria

This consultation is in line with the Government's Code of Practice on Consultations. This can be found at: <http://www.bis.gov.uk/policies/better-regulation/consultation-guidance>.

When this consultation ends, we will put a copy of responses received in the Defra library at Ergon House, London. This is so that the public can see them. Also, members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation.

If you do not want your response – including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note that if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer that will not count as a confidentiality request. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation but, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded (other than those which asked not to be made public), but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details. To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact the Defra library at:

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If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, as opposed to comments about any of the issues in the consultation paper, please address them to Rhonda Marshall, Defra's Consultation Co-ordinator, Area 7C Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR, or email: [consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

If you have any queries please contact us as above. Thank you for your help.

Yours faithfully,

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