

Duncan Graham CBE
Chairman of The England Access Forum

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Dear LAF Chair,

Review of the England Access Forum:

You will be aware from recent correspondence that Natural England and the England Access Forum are currently discussing future working arrangements. This is timely since it also corresponds to the decision taken at our formative meeting in May 2008, where we agreed to review progress after two years. We are now seeking your views as the Statutory Access Forums.

We recognise the good links between Natural England and LAFs which are developing regionally, and which we wish to continue to support.

In seeking your LAF's views we would be particularly interested in comments on

- The links between EAF and the LAFs through the regional coordinators.
- The effectiveness of the links between LAFs and Natural England at a national level through EAF.
- The added value that a national body representing LAFs can bring.
- The options for EAF's development.

The wealth of experience and knowledge resident within England's 81 Local Access Forums is invaluable and we believe that the England Access Forum has a key role to play representing the LAFs at the national level to Government, Natural England and other national bodies. We wish to see the EAF properly resourced, and your responses will help us assess what is needed.

Please do let us have your LAF's views and also any other comments you might wish to make. We would welcome your views by the end of September 2010 please to Andrew Mackintosh (Andrew.Mackintosh@naturalengland.org.uk), the Natural England secretary to EAF.

Yours sincerely

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