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Dear Mark

### **Draft National Strategy on Walking Access and Draft Outdoor Access Codes**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft documents. With the one proviso below, we think that both are clear, comprehensive documents which meet should fulfil their intended purposes.

In the Code, there is one statement that we would take issue with. The statement “Even where access with vehicles is legally allowed, such as on an unformed legal road, it is a courtesy to contact the landholder to notify your intention, especially where the access crosses unfenced farmland” requires a small amendment. The landholder should be referred to as the “adjacent landholder”. It is clear from other references that the Commission’s view on this point concurs with ours, viz. that adjacent landholders do not generally have rights over unformed legal roads. We would not like to see Commission publications reinforcing the myth that they do.

Yours faithfully

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President