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Dear Consultee

**Consultation on proposed regulations on representations and objections under Schedule 1A to the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, as inserted under Schedule 19 to the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009**

1. I am writing to invite views on one piece of secondary legislation that will be made under Part 9 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. Part 9 of the Act provides the framework for establishing a new right of access to the English coast, through the creation of a route that people may walk along the length of the English coast, and access to a wider margin of land for the purpose of outdoor recreation.

2. The 2009 Act inserts a new Schedule 1A into the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. It is contained in Schedule 19 to the 2009 Act. This consultation sets out our proposals for regulations which will cover the process in Schedule 1A under which representations and objections may be made about Natural England's coastal access proposals. Objections made by a person with a relevant interest in affected land may be referred to an "appointed person".

3. The following documents may be found on Defra's website at:  
<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/coastal-access2010/index.htm>

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

4. 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. If you wish to obtain a hard copy of this consultation, please write to us or e-mail using the addresses below.

## **Responses**

5. Please either e-mail 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

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Responses should be received no later than **14 June 2010**.

### **Consultation criteria**

6. This consultation is in line with the Government's Code of Practice on Consultations. This can be found at <http://www.berr.gov.uk/whatwedo/bre/consultation-guidance/page44420.html>.
7. 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.
8. 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, 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.
9. 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 Defra's Consultation Co-ordinator, Area 7C Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR, or e-mail: [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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