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Dear Sirs,

### **Improving the Rights of Way Network**

I am pleased to respond with the Institution's comments on this consultation paper. Having studied the document carefully we find that we are generally supportive of and welcome the proposals. We consider these to be comprehensive and clear and have very little comment to make other than the following two points.

#### **Proposal 1 Periodic Review**

We would stress the importance of public consultation in the process of review, creation of new routes and closure of existing. "Local access forums" should be clearly understood to encompass various forms of consultations and diverse groups e.g. parish councils, local interest groups, etc.

#### **Paragraph 3.18 Sustainable Transport**

In an earlier consultation we raised the matter of parking facilities and road traffic occasioned by access points. Improved access for rambling and hiking could well generate additional road traffic and parking problems in relatively undisturbed areas (the Lake District being a glaring example). Improved access and the creation of new access requires sensitive handling of this related potential problem.

We trust that the above comments, albeit limited in their extent, may be of assistance.

Yours faithfully,



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Hon. Secretary

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