

Workshop to Develop Proposals for Inclusion in the Green Paper Relating to Access and Outdoor Recreation

Invitation to Stakeholder Workshop

Date: 05 September 2013

Time:10:00-16:00 hrs

Location: Upper floor, International Pavilion, Royal Welsh Showground Llanelwedd, Builth Wells, Powys,LD2 3SY

Dear Colleague

The Minister for Culture and Sport, John Griffiths AM recently announced a review of the legislative framework relating to access and outdoor recreation in Wales. The aim is to secure better access to the outdoors for recreation, modernise and simplify the current regulatory framework, and provide clarity and certainty over where people can go and what they can do there.

The review will consider a wide range of areas but broadly these relate to access to the countryside and urban green spaces, improving public rights of way, and better provision and administration of allotments and community gardens.

As part of the review we are holding a number of workshops with key stakeholders around Wales to inform proposals for inclusion in a Green Paper consultation at the end of this year. Discussion is welcome at all the events on any of the areas under consideration, however in order to enable focussed dialogue each workshop will have a specific emphasis – the event in north Wales (4th September) will focus on rural access to land and rights of way; the mid-Wales (05 September) will focus on access to inland waters; and the event in Cardiff (11th September) will focus on urban green spaces, including allotments and community gardening, and linear access (inc. right of way and other active travel routes).

As a key stakeholder, we would like to invite you to the **mid Wales** workshop with the focus on access to inland water to be held from **10:00 to 16:00hrs on Thursday 05 September, International Pavilion, Royal Welsh Showground,Llanelwedd, Builth Wells, Powys,LD2 3SY**. If you would prefer to attend one of the other workshops in place of, or as well as this one, make your preferences clear on the attached form and we will hopefully be in a position to accommodate you.

The workshop will be participatory and we will be asking you to actively contribute to discussions on the practical problems and potential solutions with regard to the relevant topic areas. Delegates will be split into groups to explore specific issues in detail. We are expecting around 45 participants

from a range of sectors and levels. The event is free of charge and a light lunch will be provided.

Attached is a discussion paper that you may find useful to consider prior to the workshop.

If you would like to attend, please complete and return the attached form by **28August 2013**. Interest in the review has been high and consequently we are restricting attendance to invitation only. However if you feel that your space would be more effectively filled by someone else in your organisation, please let us know.

Yours sincerely

John Watkins
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From:

Name:.....

- 1) I will/will not be attending the workshop.
- 2) I would like to nominate.....to attend on my behalf.
- 3) I would like to attend theworkshop *in place of / as well as (delete as appropriate) the appointed workshop.*
- 4) Contact details are:

Organisation:.....

Address:

Telephone:

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Please identify here any dietary requirements:

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