

LOCAL ACCESS FORUM: 7 JUNE 2012

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE POLICY AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consult the forum on proposals published by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) to change how public rights of way and recorded, diverted and extinguished.

2. **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has launched a consultation on a proposed package of changes to streamline the processes for recording, diverting and extinguishing public rights of way. The deadline for responses is the **6<sup>th</sup> August 2012**.

Feedback will be used to inform Government decisions on whether and how to implement the various proposals for improvement as outlined in the following consultation document.

The public consultation document is included in this report as appendix A.

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