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Agenda item 7: Access Land

What is Access Land?

Land shown on Conclusive Maps issued by the Countryside Agency (in England) as Open Country or Registered Common Land, and registered common land and land over 600m where no Conclusive Map has been issued, but not land that is excepted land.

Mapping Stages

Draft → Provisional → Conclusive → Commencement Order by Secretary of State.

Area 3 mapping process		
Draft Map published	Public comment	3 September 2002
Provisional Map	Appeals lodged by those with a legal interest in the land	Published 23 May 2003
Appeals	Appeals processed by the Planning Inspectorate, hearings staggered	Currently being processed
Conclusive map		Summer 2004

Where we are now: the Provisional Map and Appeals.

Preliminary survey of Provisional Access Land.

What next?

The Conclusive Map and Commencement Order

Conclusive Map to be published next summer. Commencement Order date unknown, but may be simultaneous.

Issues for Access Authorities

- Access to land by Access Authorities
- Signage of Access Land
- Means of Access Agreements under s35
- Ownership of land
- Education of the public (with Countryside Agency)
- Responsibilities within the Access Authorities
- Funding (A power not a duty and grant schemes)

Proposed Access Land logo



For consideration by the JLAF:

- Long term restrictions made by the Countryside Agency (Countryside Agency and English Nature have offered to brief the JLAF on these).
- Priorities for work on Access Land

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