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**Subject:** ENGLAND ACCESS FORUM - SW REPRESENTATIVES

**Importance:** High

Dear LAF Secretaries

The SW Chairmen (Vice Chairmen) had a useful meeting with Duncan Graham, Chairman of the England Access Forum, yesterday.

One of the items on the agenda was SW representatives to the England Access Forum. As some of you already know Claire Stuckey has resigned as one of the representatives due to a change of job and other commitments. Those at the meeting asked me to seek someone to replace Claire. Bob Harvey (Devon) is the existing representative and Robin Moore (Cornwall) is content to remain as the reserve person

I should therefore be grateful if you could forward this e-mail to your LAF members and ask whether they are interested in standing for this position. If more than one person is interested an election will take place.

I thought it might be helpful to explain what the commitment might be now the EAF is actually up and running.

**HOW OFTEN DOES EAF MEET AND WHERE?**

Three or four times a year, in different places in the country.

**HOW DO I CLAIM TRAVEL COSTS?**

These are met by Natural England and not by the representative's LAF.

**WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT BETWEEN MEETINGS?**

There is a smaller working group of the EAF which deals with some business between meetings. You might be asked for views on specific documents, for example to assist in the pre-consultation development of policy. Where wider region views are sought the Regional Coordinator will assist in circulating LAFs and collating opinion. The Regional Coordinator will assist by cascading information/circulars from EAF to LAFs.

**WHAT IS THE ROLE?**

Representatives are on the EAF as representatives from their region. They are **not** mandated delegates and are free to express their views, based on their knowledge and experience gained as LAF members.

**WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?**

There is now a dedicated EAF website

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/leisure/access/eaf/default.htm> which gives information and details of past meetings.

**HOW CAN I APPLY FOR A SW PLACE ON THE EAF?**

Please let me have a short description of yourself and your interests and why you are interested in applying. I suggest this is no more than one page long. Please let me have this by **NOVEMBER 14th**.

Yours sincerely

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