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Dear Dr Gill

**ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS STRATEGY AREA
WORKSHOPS 2001**

In 1997 Aberdeenshire Council developed, through consultation, an Aberdeenshire Countryside Access Strategy. For the last 4 years the Council has been implementing this Strategy and has informed the communities of Aberdeenshire through the running of Annual Access Workshops.

The last workshops were held in February/March 1999 and it was the Council's intention to run the next round of Workshops in May/June 2000 to tie in with the publishing of the proposed Land Reform/Access Legislation consultation document.

This document however, was delayed and was finally published on 22 February 2001. Aberdeenshire Council had proposed to run the delayed series of Access Workshops in March to enable the Council to consult with the Aberdeenshire community on the document before submitting a Council response to the Scottish Executive. However, in light of the Foot and Mouth outbreak, these workshops were cancelled as it was felt that it would be difficult for all sectors of the community, especially the farmers and landowners, to be able to attend.

The consultation was undertaken by circulating a questionnaire to interested parties in Aberdeenshire and their responses were used in the Council's response to the land reform Bill and will form the background information for one of the workshop sessions of the Area Workshops.

Below is a list of the rescheduled workshop dates and locations. We would request that no more than two representatives of your organisation or group attend (if applicable) so we can accommodate as many of the representatives groups of the area as possible.

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Workshops All 7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Kincardine & Mearns	Stonehaven Council Office	Tuesday 13 November
Marr North	Lumsden Village Hall	Thursday 15 November
Banff & Buchan	Fraserburgh Academy Conference Room	Tuesday 20 November
Marr South	Aboyne Victory Hall	Wednesday 21 November
Buchan	Aden CP Lecture Theatre	Tuesday 27 November
Garioch	Kintore Arms Hotel Inverurie	Wednesday 28 November
Formartine	Aberdeen Arms Tarves	Thursday 29 November

An outline of the Workshop Programme will be as follows:-

ACCESS WORKSHOPS PROGRAMME

Tea/Coffee

- 7:10 Update on achievement of Aberdeenshire Countryside Access Strategy
- 7:30 Feedback on Access Evaluation
- 7:40 Workshop 1 – Communication & Information provision
- 8:10 Summary of Consultation on Access Forums feedback
- 8:20 Workshop 2 – Access Forums for Aberdeenshire
- 9:00 Way forward/next steps

The aim of the evening is to provide the opportunity for local communities, user groups and landowners/managers to contribute to the development of the Aberdeenshire Countryside Access Strategy and ongoing project development.

If you would like to attend one or more of the workshops, please complete the attached attendance slip, so that appropriate seating and catering arrangements can be made for the expected numbers attending.

Yours faithfully,

PP Madeleine Fulton

**Linda Mathieson
Environmental Officer**

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Reply Slip – Aberdeenshire Countryside Access Strategy Workshops November 2001.

Names

Workshops Attending

OR I will not be attending any of the Access Workshops.

Name: _____

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Dear Ms Baillie

Establishment of an Aberdeenshire Local (Outdoor) Access Forum

As you will be aware the new Access Legislation is due to come into effect in the near future and this Legislation requires each local authority to establish a Local Access Forum(s).

Aberdeenshire Council began their consultation on what should be established for Aberdeenshire at a series of Access Workshops run throughout the Aberdeenshire Area in June 2003. These workshops did not provided a consensus view as to how many Forums there should be in Aberdeenshire and so Council Officers consulted other agencies and Local Authorities throughout Scotland to help guide this process.

The framework for the establishment of the Aberdeenshire Local Access Forum (LAF), compliant with the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, was approved by Aberdeenshire Council on 26th August 2004. The purpose of the Forum will be to advise on responsible access to the countryside and, in particular, to help prepare the Core Paths Plan for Aberdeenshire.

If you are interested in being considered as a member of the Aberdeenshire LAF or would like to be involved in the selection process, we invite you to participate in an introductory public meeting. **The meeting will outline the process of the establishment of the Aberdeenshire LAF and will be held in the Inverurie Town Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 27th September 2004.**

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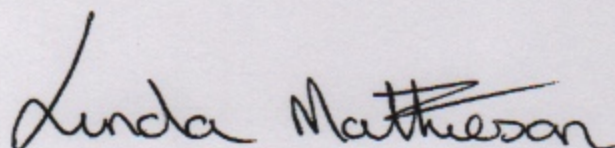
The Act requires LAF's to provide a balanced representation of stakeholders in countryside access, ie representing land managers, access participants, the community, and public agencies. The above meeting will be the first part of the process of achieving this. A number of you will have already completed a "note of interest form" either at the last round of Access Workshops or through subsequent contact with one of the Council officers involved in access. We have these forms on file but we would still appreciate you completing the attached as we are aware that some time has passed and you may wish to reconsider your involvement in the process.

For those of you living within the boundary of the Cairngorms National Park, you will have recently received a letter from us informing you that the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA) will be the "Access Authority" once the Land Reform (Scotland) Act comes into effect. They will be responsible for forming their own Local Access Forum(s) and being responsible for the Core Paths Plan within their area. (The CNPA are holding a number of workshops to discuss the establishment of their LAF(s) throughout the Park area in mid September). As a result of this if you wish to be removed from the Aberdeenshire Council database then please indicate this below.

Attached are two appendices that outline how Aberdeenshire Council see the Aberdeenshire LAF linking with supporting groups and the proposed process of selecting the members of the Aberdeenshire LAF from the various interest groups.

If you would like to attend the introductory meeting and/or express your interest in participating in the work of the Aberdeenshire LAF, please complete and return the attached proforma.

Yours sincerely



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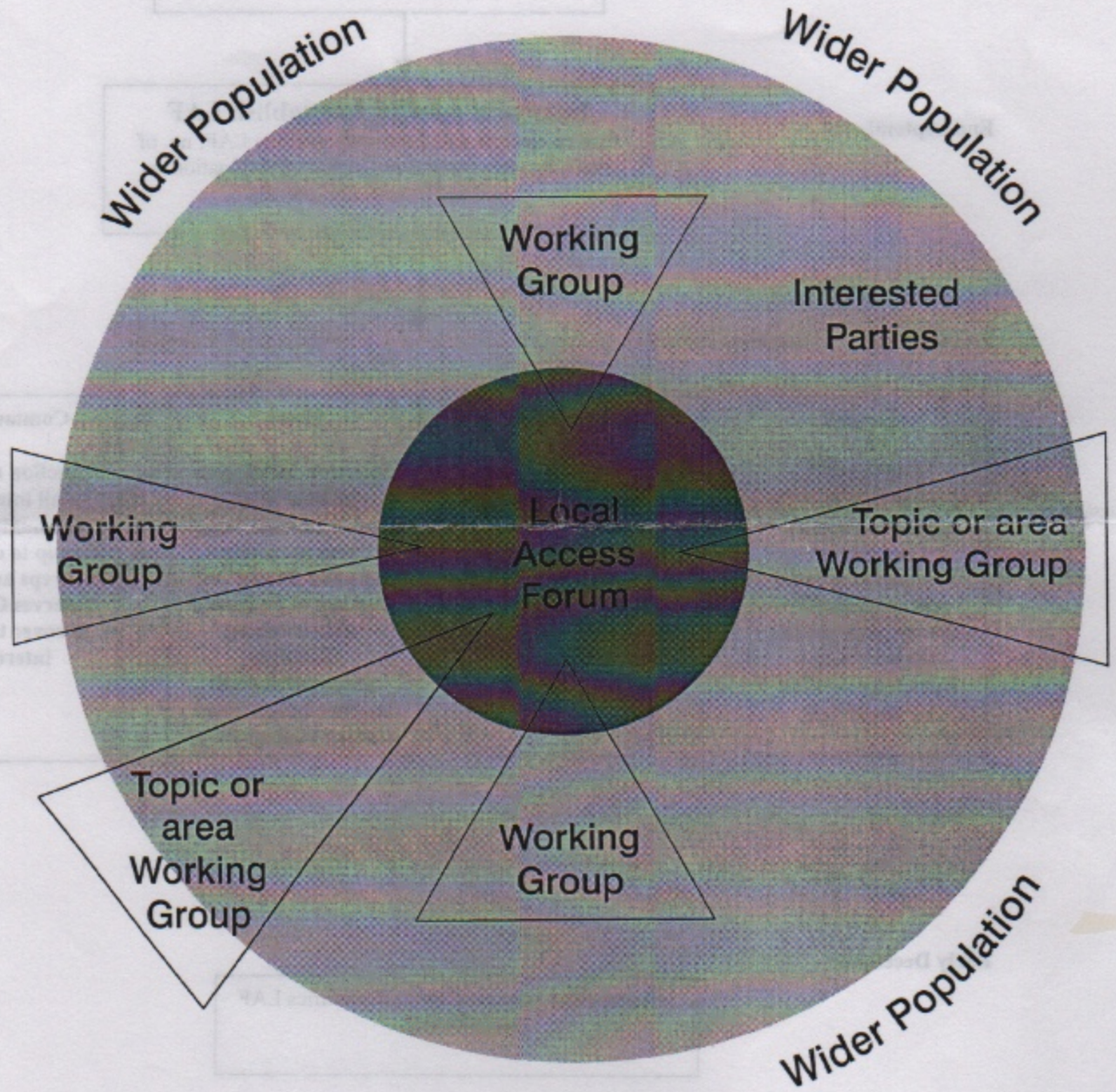
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Appendix 1

APPENDIX 1

Establishment of a Local Access Forum (LAF) for Aberdeenshire

Proposed Model for LAF Mechanism



Interested Parties - These are landowner, community and user interests that the Council have on their database.

APPENDIX 2

Establishment of a Local Access Forum (LAF) for Aberdeenshire

