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Dear Mike

Thank you for your letter of 23 February, regarding the forthcoming consultation on proposals relating to access and outdoor recreation.

It is my intention to develop proposals on access to the outdoors for recreation which are best suited to the cultural and physical landscape of Wales. Whilst we can learn from approaches used in other countries, including the Scottish approach called for in the petition, I believe it is necessary to acknowledge Wales already has some established rights of public access to areas of open country and paths. It is from this position I intend to develop proposals to enhance the type and variety of land and water available for a wider range of outdoor recreation activities and to reduce the associated administrative burden.

Work is underway to develop the proposals, but there is currently no formal timetable for consultation.

Regards
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