

THE LAND REFORM SCOTLAND ACT 2003, PART 1: KEEPING THE SCOTTISH OUTDOOR ACCESS CODE UNDER REVIEW - MONITORING FORM

This form is designed to help SNH monitor the effectiveness of the Scottish Outdoor Access (the Code). The resulting information will help SNH to determine when a review of the Code may be required.

Why do we need you to gather this information?

Keeping the Code under review is a statutory requirement for SNH under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. It is important to gather information about the implementation of the Code so we are ready to inform the timing and scope of the full review.

Who should complete this form?

Input is welcome from a wide range of individuals and organisations involved in access work. Please complete this form if you are:

- Access Authority staff member (Access officers, rangers, etc.)
- Non Governmental Organisation (recreation, land management, conservation)
- Staff member of SNH, Forestry Commission and other public agencies
- Land Manager (farming, forestry, fishery, shooting, etc.)
- Recreational User (individuals and organisers)
- Member of the general public

What information do we need?

While this form is primarily about monitoring the Code, it seeks to identify the nature of access issues against different categories including:

- the need for guidance and interpretation of the Act;
- the scope, wording and interpretation of the Code; and,
- the need for practical advice to influence responsible behaviour.

When and how often do we need the information?

We would like to encourage feedback at any time as issues arise, whilst they are fresh in the mind. We hope to gather sufficient information over time to determine when a review of the Code may be required. Monitoring forms will be promoted on a quarterly basis to prompt and request regular feedback.

What will we do with the information gathered?

SNH staff will collate the information and issue periodic summaries to key partners and interested parties.

This form is for on-going monitoring not for incident reporting. Incidents should be reported to the local authority or national park authority. **Respondents should not expect the reported issue to be resolved by completing the survey form nor should they anticipate changes to the Act.**

Please tell us about your issue by writing in the spaces provided. You do not need to complete all questions. Write clearly and use **BLOCK CAPITALS**.

PART 1: Contact details

(Please provide your contact details to help us to keep our records)

Name:		Organisation Name:	
Address:		Post Code:	
Telephone:		Email:	

PART 2: The issue

2a) When did you identify the issue? *(Please provide the date, month and year where possible)*

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2b) In which location did the issue occur? *(Please state Local Authority Area or National Park Area and the City\Town\Village or Place. If known, please provide 6 fig Grid Reference)*

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If known Grid Reference?	

2c) On what type of land or water did the issue occur? *e.g farmland, forestry, hill, loch, river.*

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2d) Please indicate if the issue is theoretical or real? (Tick ✓ one box only)

Real Theoretical

2e) What is the issue? *(Please briefly describe the issue and any consequences of this issue.)*

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2f) Has the situation deteriorated as a result of access rights? (Tick ✓ one box only)

YES NO perhaps

2g) If you know of other similar cases to this one please provide brief details and list locations:

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PART 3: How can the issue be addressed?

(Please respond to the relevant questions below)

3a) The **Act** - could better guidance and interpretation of the Act help to address this issue?
(if yes, please provide examples of how this can be achieved with reference to extract(s) from the Act)

3b) The **Code** - could the issue be addressed by improving scope, wording or interpretation?
(if appropriate, please refer to section(s) of Code and provide an extract(s))

3c) **Practical management** – could the issue be addressed by practical approaches to influence responsible behaviour, eg. signage, path management, land management?

3d) **Other** *(could the issue be addressed another way not covered above?)*

**Once you have completed all relevant parts of this form, please return it to:
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