Dear Committee,

I would like to comment on Q.11: “Are there any further parts of the Act which are currently in force that need to be reconsidered as a result of developments since 2006?”

Section 67, which curtailed vehicular use of Restricted Byways and other unsurfaced roads, I feel strongly should be reconsidered as a result of the development of obstructions to access since 2006.

Before then, when I rode these routes they were generally wide and open, kept that way by motorcycle and vehicle use. Since then, overgrowth has been unchecked, restricting width, headroom and visibility of surface, preventing access by walkers and particularly horse riders and cyclists. Many RB’s are now impossible for all users.

Please reconsider section 67 and bring back these important links in the countryside access network.

Yours sincerely,

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