

**Answers to questions posed at HertsLAF Public Meeting following presentation on Coastal Access
by Fiona Taylor of NE**

1. **Working on the proposed model (5 new stretches/year, 3-4 years to complete each stretch) how long until the work is complete?**

Based on that model, about 2027 – but we're still finding out how long it takes to do one stretch and a programme of this length is inevitably subject to changing priorities and resources over the years. Hence there is no deadline in the legislation.

2. **You might have brought some leaflets with you**

In the interests of sustainability, Natural England asks people to view this information electronically. The Scheme is described in a large document (some 180+ pages!) so I recommend you refer to the PDFs about each stretch where we're working on. These can be found on the coastal access pages: www.naturalengland.org.uk/coastalaccess . The link for the Scheme description is given here:

<http://naturalengland.etraderstores.com/NaturalEnglandShop/NE269> . The information can also be downloaded if required.

3. **When is the public consultation for Durham, Cumbria and Kent?**

My mistake – it is the public consultation part of the process which we hope to begin by the end of March 2012

4. **Is there information about currently usable coastal access available?**

Please see our 2008 access audit on the coastal access webpage:
www.naturalengland.org.uk/coastalaccess

5. **Will people be allowed to conduct extreme sports such as climbing along the coastal margin cliffs of new coastal paths or sea jumping?**

Yes, unless access to the cliffs is restricted for some reason, for example flora, fauna, geology.

6. **Who'll be responsible for putting the path in on the ground?**

<http://archive.defra.gov.uk/rural/countryside/coastfaq.htm#q18>

7. **Will compensation be paid to farmers/ landowners affected by the new right?**

<http://archive.defra.gov.uk/rural/countryside/coastfaq.htm#q19>

8. **How will the new coastal access right be funded?**

<http://archive.defra.gov.uk/rural/countryside/coastfaq.htm#q16>

9. **Who will maintain the paths?**

Please see link for Q8 above.

For further information and links to other FAQs, please follow this link:

http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/Images/coastalaccess-fags_tcm6-11004.pdf

or see Defra's FAQs here: <http://archive.defra.gov.uk/rural/countryside/coastfaq.htm>

I hope you all find this helpful.