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Further consultation on an order for the Isle of Wight published 11 December 2013

A Consultation on an order for the Isle of Wight under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 was published by Defra on 24 July 2012. A Summary of responses to the consultation published on 16 July 2013 said:

'The Government has decided that it will not make an order for the Isle of Wight as it is not a priority for the coastal access programme. It considers that the Isle of Wight Ramblers should work with local landowners and the local authority to see what can be achieved by voluntary agreements.'

The Government has now re-considered what respondents had originally said to the consultation and its decision on the outcome of that consultation. It proposes to hold a further consultation.

The purpose of this new consultation – issued on 11 December 2013 - is to give a second opportunity for people to state (or re-state) their views on whether or not the Government should make an order for the Isle of Wight. It particularly invites views on the degree of priority that should be accorded to the making of an order, and the implementation of any coastal access proposals for the Isle of Wight as against the rest of the coastal access programme, given limited funds for the overall programme.

The consultation is available at:

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/landscape-outdoor-recreation-and-forestry/isle-of-wight-coastal-access>

If you submitted a response to the previous consultation please note that it will be taken into account and there is no requirement for you to submit a new response unless you wish to do so.

We would prefer you to give your answers to the consultation using the

consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an on-line consultation tool).

However, if you are unable to do so please send your consultation response either by using the pro-forma response template to:

Commons, access and inland waterways team
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Zone 1/09, Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Temple Quay
Bristol
BS1 6EB

or by email to the following address: coast.consultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Responses should be received **by 24 January 2014**.

Brendon Commons Council

Following the consultation on a proposal to create the Brendon Commons Council under Part 2 of the Commons Act 2006 (which we mentioned in Access Newsletter edition no. 57) Ministers have decided to establish the Council.

The Brendon Commons Council Establishment Order 2013 was laid on 25 November 2013. The Council will be established on 1 April 2014.

The Order is available at:

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/2959/pdfs/ukxi_20132959_en.pdf

The consultation summary is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/brendon-commons-council-establishment-order>

If you have any queries about the above, please email us at:

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