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Dear Parish Clerk,

Electronic map of public rights of way and countryside access opportunities in your Parish

Following requests from many Clerks, we are happy to provide your Parish Council with an electronic version of the GIS map for its area showing registered public paths along with commons/greens and permissive paths. This is being made available as a pdf at a scale of 1:10000 and the copy for your parish accompanies this letter.

Please note that there may be some paths shown in unexpected places. This is because we are still part way (approximately 30% parishes complete) through our project to consolidate the Definitive Map. As a result, what is shown on the other 70% of parishes includes the *strictly legal* line of every path, and this may not reflect recent or even past diversions where the legal work is not yet complete. If you have any major concerns, please contact me by email. However, please be assured that we are on track to have the legal work for all parishes completed by mid-2012.

In the light of this, we plan to send all Parish Councils a paper copy of their legally up-to-date map of public rights of way at the end of the project. In the meantime, we will *not* be able to provide paper copies except as part of particular casework. Most local printers should be able to print you a hard copy of the map either from an email or from a CD/Memory stick. We are more than happy for you to add the PDF to Parish websites or to use them to produce village maps.

Yours sincerely,

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