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Dear *Duncan,*

RE: Natural England support to the England Access Forum

Natural England, in consultation with Defra, has recently been examining the level and nature of its support to both Local Access Forums and EAF and, as part of our current budget review restructuring process following our CSR settlement, we have made the decision to concentrate available resources on our direct work with LAFs.

I therefore have to advise you that from 31 March 2011, Natural England will cease to fund the operation of, or provide the secretariat for, the England Access Forum.

Natural England recognises the independent status of EAF and also what it has achieved in its two year history as a representative of Local Access Forums. With these achievements in mind we hope that in the future Natural England can continue to work with the forum in support of the wider LAF family.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing voluntary work in support of EAF and wish you the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Poul." with a horizontal line underneath.

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