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Dear Colleague,

Natural England
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Publication of National Trails Review Outcomes

Over the last two years Natural England has been working closely with a wide range of partners and stakeholders to review the funding and management arrangements for National Trails. We are immensely grateful to all who have contributed so generously to the Review.

The Review has now been completed and 'the new deal' was endorsed by our Non-Executive Board on 6 March 2013.

We have today published a report of the responses to the formal consultation that we carried out last summer, as well as the recommendations made by two independent stakeholder groups on standards and funding.

We have also published a summary of the revised arrangements that explains how National Trails will be delivered in the future and gives details about our continuing role supporting the Trails at both national and local levels.

To find out more information about the findings of the review you can visit our website at <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/enjoying/places/nationaltrails/review2012.aspx>

In the coming months we will be working closely with our local partners to support their transition to the new arrangements.

If you have any further questions about the review please contact Susan.Kasprowicz@naturalengland.org.uk or your local Natural England Partnership Manager.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Newton".

Liz Newton, Director of Access and Engagement

