

Scottish Sports Association

Scottish Government

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003
(Modification) Order: Consultation on the
temporary closure of land and core paths
under Section 11 orders (2013)

A submission on behalf of the Governing Bodies of Sport in Scotland

Annex D: Respondent Information Form
Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 (Modification) Order 2013:
Consultation on temporary closures of core paths.
RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM



Please Note this form **must** be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately

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3. Permissions - I am responding as...

Individual

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Group/Organisation

Please tick as appropriate

(a) Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

(b) Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis

Please tick ONE of the following boxes

Yes, make my response, name and address all available

or

Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address

or

Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

(c) The name and address of your organisation **will be** made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site).

Are you content for your **response** to be made available?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

(d) We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Please tick as appropriate

Yes

No



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Submission from Scottish Sports Association

The Scottish Sports Association (SSA) thanks the Scottish Government for the opportunity to contribute to this consultation.

The SSA is the independent voice for sports governing bodies in Scotland. We represent their interests and currently have 52 full members and 21 associate members. The governing bodies of sport are responsible for the governance, development and delivery of their individual sports and provide a formal structure for over 13,000 sports clubs in Scotland. Many of these organisations are run on a not-for-profit basis and are managed by volunteers. They provide coaching, competition and participation development opportunities for their local communities and most of the 195,000 people who volunteer in sport do so within the club structure. Currently one-fifth of our population participate in sport as a member of one of Scotland's 13,000 sports clubs.

The SSA has compiled this response following consultation with our Outdoor Pursuits Group, which contains representatives from 20 of our member Scottish Governing Bodies (SGBs) involved in outdoor and adventurous activities.

The SSA broadly supports the Modification Order.

We would, though, like to raise the following points:

Areal Closures

- Where a core path is closed as a result of a wider areal closure, wherever possible alternative access should be provided, including the provision of adequate information and signage relating to this alternative. Where this is not possible, the applicant should state the reason(s) for this.
- A process should exist for consultation on areal closures to provide opportunities to support the gathering of input/consultation/comment/objection from required/interested/affected parties.

Risk Assessments

- Where the event management is not able to provide a risk assessment to the local authority prior to consideration of closing core paths, the applicant should state the reason(s) for this.

Application Timelines

- A recommended time limit should be set for which an application should be submitted to the local authority requesting consideration for a closure prior to the date of the requested closure. It is recognised that flexibility may be required in this regard, but that a recommended timeframe would set best practice to support the gathering of input/consultation/comment/objection from required/interested/affected parties.

Short Term Closures

- A process should exist for dealing with short term closures, as opposed to just longer term closures. It is appreciated that flexibility may be required in this regard, but any process should be proportional to the scale, impact and timeframe of the proposed closure. This process would include specified opportunities for consultation/comment from those which may be interested/affected by the proposed closure.

Charging

- Specific guidance should exist to support the potential charging of fees by local authorities for the allocation of Section 11 orders. This guidance should be proportional to the nature of the closure being implemented and should also state what such fees are entitled to cover – ie that these should be limited to a cost recovery exercise for the administrative time taken to process the application only and should not be a means of income generation.

Should you have any queries or if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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