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Improving access to the English coast Secretary of State announces decision on way forward

On 27th September 2007 at the Labour Party Conference in Bournemouth, Secretary of State, Hilary Benn, announced that the Government intends to legislate so that the public will have the right to walk around the English coast for the first time.

This decision follows the end of the consultation on options to improve access to the English coast. We expect to publish a report on the responses to the consultation before the end of the year.

See http://www.labour.org.uk/conference/hillary_benn for the full transcript of Hilary Benn's Conference speech.

The consultation document can be found on the Defra website at:
<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/coast-access/index.htm>.

Closure of coastal consultation email address

From 1st November 2007, the email address that was set up to receive responses to the consultation will close: coast.consultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk. If you wish to send an email about improving access to the coast, **from now on**, please use the following email address:
access@defra.gsi.gov.uk