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**Subject:** RE: Ramblers coastal access document

Dear Helen

The principle of prior disclosure of all material by the deadlines that have been set for exchange of documents, precognitions, additional written submissions and rebuttal statements is a very important requirement of the Inquiries Procedure Rules, as it avoids surprises and ensures that all parties are aware of other parties' cases before the inquiry starts. The reporters are therefore very reluctant to allow the late submission of any of the inquiry material from any of the inquiry parties.

However, the reporters appreciate that the timing of the conference is unfortunate in relation to the timing of the inquiry. In these exceptional circumstances, if the conference results in additional material relevant to the inquiry, which the Ramblers wish to produce, they will hear submissions at the inquiry from the Ramblers, the applicant and other interested parties before deciding whether it can be lodged. If the reporters decide that it can be, in the interests of fairness, any opposing parties must be given the opportunity to comment on it.

Regards

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Dear Colin

Further to our conversation, I am replying to address the Reporters' concerns about the reference in our Statement of Case to a proposal to circulate one of our documents during the second week of the inquiry. I would like to address those concerns as follows.

In the Ramblers' Association's precognition, we intend to refer to coastal access policy in general terms and incorporate information that we already know on European access provisions. However, we are conscious that we will be attending a European Ramblers conference in Malaga from 5-7th June in which coastal access in relation to new development will be discussed. If any additional information arises from this conference which we feel is relevant to the inquiry, we would like to produce a short report to set this out. We feel it is important to the Reporters to have available the latest thinking on coastal access issues relating to Europe.

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Nevertheless, I would like to stress that we will only provide this information if we feel it is additional to that already outlined in our precognition, and relevant to the case.

I hope this is satisfactory, and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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