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8th April 2014.

Dear Paul,

Consultation Draft Oxfordshire Rights of Way Management Plan 2014 – 2024.

The Cotswolds Conservation Board is the statutory body established in 2004 under the provisions of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 with the duty to pursue two purposes:

- To conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)
- To increase the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the AONB.

In fulfilling these roles, the Board is required to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of people living in the AONB.

The Draft Rights of Way Management Plan is a thorough and comprehensive document. Consequently the Board has only the following comment to make:

The Board supports the concept of Parish Path Wardens. There is, however, the need for good liaison with existing groups performing similar roles within Oxfordshire, such as the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens, to avoid overlap, maximise coverage and avoid confusion within Parish Councils.

We recommend a clear role for Parish Path Wardens is produced to make sure volunteers know what they are being asked to as well as being clear on the limits of their role.

Conserving, enhancing, understanding and enjoying the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss our comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Connelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "M" and a long, trailing "y".

Mark Connelly
Land Management Officer