



Aberdeenshire Core Paths Plan Consultation Survey.

In order to develop an effective Draft Core Paths Plan for Aberdeenshire, we need to identify access needs by engaging with a wide cross section of the public. We will be carrying out consultations in selected areas over the next two years but everyone has an opportunity of contributing to the process by completing this survey.

The responses you give will only be used to help us develop the Draft Core Path Plan and are confidential (although you have the option of being added to our mailing list if you wish to be informed about the progress of the consultation process).

Section 1.

1.1 Where are you normally resident?

Aberdeen		Aberdeenshire		Elsewhere	
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If Aberdeenshire, what is the first part of your postcode, e.g. AB32 ?.....

1.2 What is your age?

Under 16		16 -24		25 - 44		45 - 64		65 - 74		Over 75	
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1.3 Are you

	Male		Female	
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1.4 What type of outdoor activity do you normally take (you can tick more than one box) ?

Walking		White water canoeing / Rafting	
Jogging / Running		Canoe touring / sailing	
Hill walking / Mountaineering		Cycle touring	
Horse riding		Off road biking	
Other, please specify.			

1.5 Why do you take outdoor activity (rank in order from 1 – most common reason to 4 – least common, leave blank if not appropriate)

Enjoyment of countryside		To get from place to place	
To keep fit / healthy		Travel to work / school	
Other, please specify.			

1.6 How often do you take outdoor activity?

Everyday		Once a week		Less than once a month	
Several times a week		Once a month			

1.7 Do you have a health problem or disability that limits your daily activities?

Yes	No
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1.8 Do you normally take outdoor activity as part of an organised group or club?

Yes	No
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If Yes, what is it called?

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Section 2.

The following questions will help us to identify routes that may be included in the draft Core Paths Plan. Some routes might already be in use, some might exist but be currently unusable, others might be potential routes. Core Paths can be recreational, e.g. used for leisure purposes or they can be functional, e.g. used to get from residential areas to the shops or schools.

2.1 What routes do you use or would like to use that you would like to be considered for Core Path status (max 3)? (Grid references would be helpful if you know them)

	Start and end points (add another page if you require more space)
Route 1	
Route 2	
Route 3	

2.2 Are these routes available for use at the moment?

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
Route 1 (R1)			Route 2 (R2)			Route 3 (R3)		

2.3 What do you use (or would like to use) these routes for?

	R1	R2	R3		R1	R2	R3
Walking/Dog Walking				Canoe touring/Sailing			
Jogging/Running				Cycle touring			
Hill walking/Mountaineering				Off road biking			
Horse riding				Travel to work/shops/school/etc			
White water canoeing/rafting							
Other (please specify)							

2.4 Are there currently any problems with using these routes?

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
Route 1			Route 2			Route 3		
If Yes, please specify. (Add another page if you require more space)								

2.4 How often do you use these routes?

	Every day	Every week	Every month	Every 3 months	Less often
Route 1					
Route 2					
Route 3					

2.5 How often do you meet other people using these routes?

	Always	Frequently	Occasionally	Never
Route 1				
Route 2				
Route 3				

2.6 How do you access the start or end points of your selected routes?

	On foot	Cycle	Horse	Car	Public transport
Route 1					
Route 2					
Route 3					

Section 3: Only complete if you are a landowner/manager.

The preparation of a Core Paths Plan will establish what peoples needs and aspirations are for access in particular areas. While a right of responsible access over most land would still exist, the provision of a well signposted and way marked Core Path may assist in balancing use by the public and land management operations so avoiding potential conflict.

The involvement of landowners and managers in the Core Paths Planning consultation process is essential and by completing this section you will help in developing a draft Core Paths Plan based on consensus.

3.1 Please supply the first part of the postcode/s of the land you own/manage in Aberdeenshire.

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3.2 What does your land consist of? (Tick all that apply)

Arable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Woodland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Riverbank	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coastal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pasture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Upland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inland Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parkland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)							

3.3 How often do people visit your land for recreational access?

Daily	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Every 3 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less often	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3.4 Which of the following activities takes place on your land?

Walking/dog walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cycling	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hill walking/mountaineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access for canoeing/sailing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horse riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.5 Is access currently promoted on your land?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If Yes, how is it promoted?

Signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leaflets	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please specify)
Way markers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maps	<input type="checkbox"/>	

3.6 Are there current or potential routes on your land that could be promoted as Core Paths?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If Yes, please describe below (Max. 3) (Grid references would be helpful if you know them).

	Start and end points (add another page if you require more space)
Route 1	
Route 2	
Route 3	

3.7 Does public access over your land currently interfere with land management operations?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If Yes, in what way and how often? (add another page if you need more space)

3.8 How close is the land you own/manage to a settlement?

Within a settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 1 mile	<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 5 miles	<input type="checkbox"/>
Next to a settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 5 miles	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 4: Contact details

Please return this completed form to:

**CORE PATHS PLAN
FREEPOST RLYA-XEYB-AKUL
ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
GORDON HOUSE
INVERURIE
AB51 3WA**

If you would like a map on which you can mark your routes you can either write to us at the above address or email us at cpp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

If you would like to be on our mailing list for information about the Core Paths Planning Process in your area, please provide your contact details below and before signing the declaration, read the information concerning Data Protection.

Name:.....
Address:.....
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Telephone:.....
Email:.....

Data Protection

The information you have given in this questionnaire will be processed by Aberdeenshire Council to inform the planning and delivery of a Draft Core Paths Plan and the development and implementation of related policies and for no other purpose. If you have supplied your contact details, we will send you information related to Core Paths Planning and will store your contact details on a database specifically for that purpose. If at any time you wish to stop receiving this information or would like your details removed from the database, please contact the above address. All the information you have given will be held securely by the Council and will be treated as confidential except where the law requires the Council to disclose such information. Under the Data Protection Act 1998. You are entitled to access any of the personal information held about you by Aberdeenshire Council. Applications for such access should be made to The Director of Law and Administration, Aberdeenshire Council, Woodhill House. Aberdeen AB16 5GB.

Declaration: I authorise the use of my personal information for the purposes stated above:

Signed..... Date.....

Copies of this survey form and further information about Core Paths Planning, access related topics and the Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum can be found at:

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/outdooraccess

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