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Dear Dr Gill

**ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS STRATEGY AREA
WORKSHOPS 2001**

In 1997 Aberdeenshire Council developed, through consultation, an Aberdeenshire Countryside Access Strategy. For the last 4 years the Council has been implementing this Strategy and has informed the communities of Aberdeenshire through the running of Annual Access Workshops.

The last workshops were held in February/March 1999 and it was the Council's intention to run the next round of Workshops in May/June 2000 to tie in with the publishing of the proposed Land Reform/Access Legislation consultation document.

This document however, was delayed and was finally published on 22 February 2001. Aberdeenshire Council had proposed to run the delayed series of Access Workshops in March to enable the Council to consult with the Aberdeenshire community on the document before submitting a Council response to the Scottish Executive. However, in light of the Foot and Mouth outbreak, these workshops were cancelled as it was felt that it would be difficult for all sectors of the community, especially the farmers and landowners, to be able to attend.

The consultation was undertaken by circulating a questionnaire to interested parties in Aberdeenshire and their responses were used in the Council's response to the land reform Bill and will form the background information for one of the workshop sessions of the Area Workshops.

Below is a list of the rescheduled workshop dates and locations. We would request that no more than two representatives of your organisation or group attend (if applicable) so we can accommodate as many of the representatives groups of the area as possible.

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Workshops All 7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Kincardine & Mearns	Stonehaven Council Office	Tuesday 13 November
Marr North	Lumsden Village Hall	Thursday 15 November
Banff & Buchan	Fraserburgh Academy Conference Room	Tuesday 20 November
Marr South	Aboyne Victory Hall	Wednesday 21 November
Buchan	Aden CP Lecture Theatre	Tuesday 27 November
Garioch	Kintore Arms Hotel Inverurie	Wednesday 28 November
Formartine	Aberdeen Arms Tarves	Thursday 29 November

An outline of the Workshop Programme will be as follows:-

ACCESS WORKSHOPS PROGRAMME

Tea/Coffee

- 7:10 Update on achievement of Aberdeenshire Countryside Access Strategy
- 7:30 Feedback on Access Evaluation
- 7:40 Workshop 1 – Communication & Information provision
- 8:10 Summary of Consultation on Access Forums feedback
- 8:20 Workshop 2 – Access Forums for Aberdeenshire
- 9:00 Way forward/next steps

The aim of the evening is to provide the opportunity for local communities, user groups and landowners/managers to contribute to the development of the Aberdeenshire Countryside Access Strategy and ongoing project development.

If you would like to attend one or more of the workshops, please complete the attached attendance slip, so that appropriate seating and catering arrangements can be made for the expected numbers attending.

Yours faithfully,

PP Madeleine Fulton

**Linda Mathieson
Environmental Officer**

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Reply Slip – Aberdeenshire Countryside Access Strategy Workshops November 2001.

Names

Workshops Attending

OR I will not be attending any of the Access Workshops.

Name: _____

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