

Access Legislation Q&A Transcript

Good morning and welcome to the ORNI webinar Access Legislation in Northern Ireland.

We will be starting soon.

This webinar is being recorded and all resources will be available via an e-newsletter tomorrow.

What developments have there been since DAERA invited organisations to respond to the Review of Outdoor Recreation legislation in 2017?

Answer: Yesterday DAERA started their Key Stakeholder Consultation on 'The provision of access for outdoor recreation in NI' - written responses are being sought to a document. ORNI can pass this on to anyone to see. It has gone to an extensive list - but DAERA will be happy I'm sure for others who didn't receive it to contribute.

What is the difference between a PROW classified as a Carriageway, and an unclassified public road (e.g. typical country lane). Is it the case that over time PROWs as carriageways have become adopted as public roads?

Does a 'Permissive Path' require planning permission?

Mark said that when a PROW is asserted it should be 'recorded'. Where and how should it be recorded?

Would it be possible to get a best practice example of a Permissive Access Agreement circulated?

The separate PPA for each landowner on the Arney trail - was each PPA identical in content? e.g any particular conditions asked for?

What is the difference between a PROW classified as a Carriageway (allowing vehicular access), and an unclassified public road (e.g. typical country lane). Is it the case that over time PROWs as carriageways have become adopted as public roads?

Graham, you mentioned that access to open country is already covered by existing legislation but not used. Could you explain that further?

Is there a formal structure within NI legislation for provision of country parks?

Do we actually have figures for recreational walker claims against landowners/statutory agencies - the nature of claims, etc...