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Cc. Dr Fiona Simpson
Director of Planning, Architecture and Regeneration

Dear Minister,

I am writing on behalf of Scottish Environment LINK to ask for an update on the next stage of the Scottish Government's review of Permitted Development Rights.

As part of the review, consultations were carried out in phases. We were assured by Scottish Government officials that the issue of hill tracks would be included in Phase 3 of the consultation. Given the time that has passed since the earlier phases were completed, we would be grateful for an update on when this next phase is expected to take place.

Hill tracks can have significant impacts on Scotland's landscapes, biodiversity and public enjoyment of the countryside. However, many can currently be constructed under permitted development rights without the level of planning scrutiny that applies to other forms of development. This has been a longstanding concern for many of LINK's member organisations, which is why we welcomed the Scottish Government's commitment to consider hill tracks as part of the Permitted Development Rights review.

We would welcome an update on the Scottish Government's plans and would be happy to engage as the review progresses.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
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