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Dear Mr Hedges

**Repeal of the 2026 cut-off for the recording of historic public rights of way**

We write to express our delight that the government will be tabling amendments to the Legislation (Procedure, Publications and Repeals) (Wales) Bill in stage 2 committee, following representations from the Open Spaces Society. This is long awaited and will be extremely beneficial to all who enjoy the outdoors, since their rights to unrecorded highways would otherwise be extinguished on 1 January next year.

We look forward to the amendments and to your committee's agreement that they should form part of the Bill. We also look forward to seeing the repeal take effect, and we are grateful to you for your committee's part in this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Kate Ashbrook'.

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