

## PROTECTING OUR ACCESS TO MINOR ROADS

Motorcyclists need to be aware of and prepared to respond to a current Defra consultation which could, in the worst case, remove our vehicular right to use our most historic routes - the old stone roads – which amounts to several thousand miles.

Technically known as Unsurfaced Unclassified County Roads (UUCRs) and they have long been in the cross-hairs of those who would wish to see all Mechanically Propelled Vehicles (MPVs) removed from any highway which is not tarred.

The opportunity to do this has come about from Defra's response to the Glover Report a review into the 'fitness for purpose' of our National Parks and designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Glover makes no reference to address MPVs in its recommendations, let alone further regulation, but Defra does – and it seeks to gain support for its stance by seeking public support from a public consultation, where numbers will count.

If Defra's attempt at further MPV regulation were to succeed it would be likely to affect where many Sections might choose to ride, so it is imperative that as many of our members as possible respond to this consultation by 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022: see the advice note below for all the hyper links.

The National Motorcycling Council, LARA and the TRF are at one as to how to respond to this consultation: it is best done by following the common advice on the pdf file available for download at the link below. (*After opening the link, click the download button for the consultation, it is likely the first button. Open the downloaded file in Acrobat Reader by double clicking on the file or right click and select 'Open with' ... 'Acrobat'. If it opens in your web browser the links may not work correctly.*) [Advice on how to respond to the consultation](#)

Respondants can find more information about the background and implications of the Glover Report and its recommendation to create at least 3 more National Parks, the amalgamation of the NPS and the ANOBs with enhanced regulatory powers, and a map of where these designated areas are projected to be in a separate note entitled 'Landscape Review Background' available at [gilesdavid@talktalk.net](mailto:gilesdavid@talktalk.net)

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