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be abandoned?

[REDACTED] - I missed this amongst a myriad of emails.

The Land Reform Act right to roam is not absolute and is secondary in this scenario - you will appreciate the Park is also a PIC and we have powers to close PICs in whole or part for reasons of safety. On our statutory obligations in other ways I am comfortable we have made the correct decisions.

That being said all of us want to see public access happening and for reasons I cant go into because they relate to an accident and investigation things have been slowed up. Things are moving now and we will shortly re-visit the outline options appraisal we did previously, have discussions with Ministers planned and take this forward in the context of a larger strategic plan for the Park which is long overdue. As an interim we are enabling some access to specialist groups as resources permit.

Have a good weekend

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Radical Road - Why Should Scottish ruins be abandoned?

Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your letter. I think I heard that HES has now found a new Chair? If so, I hope that this will lead to the kind of broader thinking that issues originating from the unfortunate closure of Radical Road, for what will soon be four years, have high-lighted. I would be very happy to discuss these with you or anyone; perhaps we could fix suitable time?

On the Radical Road, I am afraid I do not share your clarity of view about the legal position. Firstly, as SNH and the Visitor Safety Group publications emphasise, the law is fundamentally about what is reasonable. Given that there have never been any fatalities and the risk is demonstrably less than for a road, river bank, cliff, railway platform etc. not to mention Arthur's Seat itself, and it is impossible to eliminate risk entirely, the attempts and the expense to do so are not reasonable. Secondly, regrettably, it does not seem the responsibilities and balancing legal rights of access have been taken seriously.

All best wishes,

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