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**Sent:** 25 August 2026 20:39  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** Save Benbradagh  
**Subject:** Brishey Wind Farm: PROW Investigation

**RE: Planning Application LA01/2023/0008/F**

A Chairde,

Please be advised that Save Benbradagh was not advised that the form initiating investigation could be submitted without PROW User forms until **19th August 2026**.

25th November 2025

An officer from the Countryside team sent across the guidance, initiation of investigation, PROW user form and map.

It was not indicated that the initiation form could be submitted on its own.

14th May 2026

Save Benbradagh provided an update to the Countryside Team.

It was not indicated that the initiation form could be submitted on its own.

19th August 2026

Countryside Team advised that the initiation form could be submitted without PROW User forms.

“It would assist if the investigation initiation form was submitted as soon as possible. User evidence forms may be submitted as they are completed.”

24th August 2026

Initiation form submitted with list of documentary evidence.

It is our position that the Council should have investigated, asserted and recorded the pathways in order to protect long established public access, public spaces and high value tourist assets on Benbradagh mountain.

Assets include:

- Viewing point from peak of Benbradagh
- Network of walkways including the Ulster Way, North Sperrins and International Appalachian Way.
- US Bunker & US Base

The planning office has made an assertion that there is no public access beyond the top of the Curragh Road without conducting an investigation.

Public access to Benbradagh is of vital importance to the community and to tourism in the Sperrins AONB. The status of the pathways must therefore be ascertained **before** a decision is made. The status will determine the appropriate assessments to be provided by the Applicant in respect of any potential obstruction and/ or public safety. The planning committee must have all relevant information before it in order to make a decision.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email.

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