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## NEW WASTE ACCESS AGREEMENT, CORNWOOD

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**Briefing Note - 22 April 2014**

In 1999, the Authority entered into an access agreement at New Waste, Cornwood for car-parking and access on foot/horseback to enable access onto common land at Stalldown Barrow. The land at New Waste was subsequently mapped as open country under the CROW Act 2000 and the Access Agreement was amended to provide permissive access for parking and horse riding (reflecting the change in the new right of access).

The land at New Waste has since changed hands and the new owner has given notice to the Authority to terminate the Agreement on 24 June 2014. Despite discussions with the landowner's agent, it appears that the new owner is not persuaded to maintain permissive access for parking etc.

**This means that the public will no longer be able to park cars or ride horses through the land at New Waste from late June.** Access will still be available on foot under CROW access rights.

New Waste is a popular and well used access point onto the moor, both by the public, D of E groups, schools etc and the removal of access for parking in particular is likely to cause concern to residents and visitors. The road network leading to New Waste is narrow with nowhere to park easily and users could be faced with up to a 2.5km walk in from Cornwood.

Andrea Roberts is the sector ranger and has posted notices on site to inform the public that the Agreement will be ending in June.

We are likely to receive "complaints" from the public about the loss of parking and possibly some media interest. Calls, letters and emails are being logged – please pass any contacts from the public to Andrew or Sue B. **Any media enquiries are to go to Sam Hill or Mike Nendick.**

The public can also be referred to our permissive access website page at:

<http://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/visiting/vi-enjoyingdartmoor/vi-countryside-access/permissive-access>

The decision to terminate the Agreement is legitimately one for a private landowner to make, however we have left the door open and we are continuing discussions with the land agent in the hope that access can be secured in the future.

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**Bill Hitchins** Chairman **Kevin Bishop PhD** Chief Executive (National Park Officer)

The purposes of the Dartmoor National Park Authority are to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park; and to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the area's special qualities. In pursuing these purposes the Authority has a duty to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of the community.

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