

Consultation 2011

It is the aim of the Access Forum to achieve a sustainable management strategy for island wide access.

The Forum plans to implement agreed improvements to enhance the current schemes, enable continued conservation of the machair habitat and improve the visitor experience. To ensure proposals have public approval a consultation process began in February 2011. The purpose of the consultation was to collect views on the need/appropriateness of infrastructure installations for improved access to the beaches and habitat conservation in access 'hotspots' around the island.



The following report summarises public response collected from February to September 2011. Responses were invited from the general public, residents, local interested organisations, crofters, landowners, local businesses, agencies and visitors in order to try and get a true picture of opinion surrounding access issues and determine the current and potential needs of all users in relation to: -

- I. Which beaches are being accessed the most, by whom and where there is need for improved infrastructure due to erosion and damage. This will enable us to deliver access solutions, which are suitable for the purpose.
- II. The level of support for the voluntary parking permit
- III. Adequacy and appropriateness of current signage to the sites and whether a custom designed uniform signage system would be welcomed
- IV. Response to proposals for additional toilet facilities around the island
- V. Adequacy of the current waste disposal site is available at Scarinish to take effluent from chemical toilets used by campervans/motor homes