

Appendix A – Ulster Way Map



7th June 2022

Re: Ulster Way Insurance Policy

Dear Anne,

As you are aware, NIEA covered from 2009 to 2019 the cost of an insurance policy that indemnified private landowners along quality sections of the Ulster Way. In 2019, NIEA stopped paying the premium and since then, ORNI continued to pay the premium from its own reserves. Unfortunately, the premium has increased threefold this year and consequently ORNI's Board of Directors have taken the decision that it was no longer viable to continue to pay the cost of the insurance.

This policy has now lapsed, and it is now the Councils responsibility to either indemnify these landowners through its own Council insurance policy or enter into PPA with the private landowners along the route to take on the management, maintenance and liability of such.

If any quality sections of the Ulster Way were to be developed on private land in the future, the above would also stand.

As you know DAERA is working towards producing new access legislation in the future and we have once again reinforced the need for any new legislation to give protection to private landowners in the future.

Yours Sincerely,



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