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*Dear Colin*

LAW OF TRESPASS

Thank you for copying to this office your letter of 23 December to David Watts?

As far as Northern Ireland is concerned the reference in paragraph 7 is satisfactory.

We quite understand the need to consider seriously and to canvass the case for new criminal laws in the field of trespass, and accordingly should not object to the publication of the draft consultative paper. At the same time we must share the obvious doubts about anything which might involve a great deal more police, prosecution, court and penal time in dealing at public expense with complaints about activities which in the past have for the most part been quite satisfactorily resolved privately or at most by civil action. We may hope that the proposed consultation will throw up a more limited way of dealing with those few instances of trespass which may justify public action.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

*Yours ever*

*Dave Hill*

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