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The hills are alive with an unholy row

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Some time ago, Wicklow County Council asked me and others to suggest routes that could be included in their plan. This we did, without receiving thanks or even acknowledgement. I have now seen the 16 routes the Council have included.

They have completely ignored our suggestions. Instead most of the proposed rights-of-way are straight lines drawn on a small-scale, 19th century map, without regard to terrain or the needs of walkers. The Council have annotated the maps with ludicrously incorrect place names that indicate that they haven't a clue about the Wicklow mountains.

The last time the Council drew up a list of rights-of-way, they withdrew every last one of them at the first signs of a complaint from landowners. Wicklow County Council are obviously aiming too high: they can't even fool some of the people some of the time.

David Herman,

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Sir - The article in the *City Life* supplement on Tuesday, January 13, and indeed many of the articles and editorials I have read on the subject, seems to give a very one-sided view of the whole hill-walkers right of way issues.

The writers appear to be solely on the side of the poor unfortunate hill-walkers against the nasty old landowners. After all, how dare the farmers presume that because they've paid for the land, and have their name on the title deeds, that it actually belongs to them for their use alone.

The issue is not as clear-cut as this paper and others would have us believe. Walking on private land is usually considered trespassing. In the case of farmland, there's also the issue of damage caused to crops by walkers, gates being left open for livestock to stray, littering etc.

And while I know that the majority of hill-walkers would be responsible enough, it only takes one idiot or one deliberate vandal to cause irreparable damage to a crop.

And what happens if a walker gets injured while on a so called 'right of way'? In this day and age a landowner who allows, or at least doesn't disallow, walkers on his land faces public liability issues and raised insurance premiums. It's no wonder that they'd prefer to simply keep the public away.

I'm not saying that threatening people and behaving abusively is the answer, but there's two sides to every story and both need to be heard.

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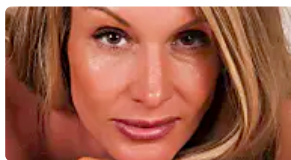
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