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Dear Michael,

Thank you for your correspondence of 21 February 2023, regarding the work the Department is undertaking to improve public access to Ash Ranges.

Further to our previous response, I am happy to confirm that all work on the Southern Enclave phase has now been completed and this area comprising of 15 acres of woodland and open ground is directly accessible to the public whenever the range flags are lowered.

I am also pleased to confirm that work on Phase 1b, the Linking Fence and Phase 2, East/West Route, which were unable to begin until the end of the bird nesting season, have now commenced and are on target to be completed by the end of March 2023.

I will write to you again when the work has been completed.

Yours sincerely,

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