

NORTH YORKSHIRE  
LOCAL ACCESS FORUMS

November 16th 2006

Rights of Way Improvement Plan  
Progress Report

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide a progress report with regard to the Rights of Way Improvement Plan for North Yorkshire.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Local access forums are required to provide input into the production of Rights of Way Improvement Plans (RoWIPs). There are three local access forums in North Yorkshire, one for North Yorkshire outside the National Park Authority areas and one each for both the North York Moors National Park and Yorkshire Dales National Park.
- 2.2 One Rights of Way Improvement Plan is being prepared for the whole of the County which will be gradually merged into the Local Transport Plan for North Yorkshire. This is a progress report regarding the preparation of the RoWIP.

3.0 CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 The technical team (composed of officers from North Yorkshire County Council, the North York Moors National Park and the Yorkshire Dales National Park) meets each month to review progress with regard to the preparation of the RoWIP. The table below outlines key dates which need to be met in order to deliver the plan before the statutory deadline. The project plan is tight. It only allows for 2 months slippage.

<b>Key task</b>	<b>Target date</b>
Technical Summary Consultation Results completed	November 2006
Form designed for receipt of public consultation responses for publication on web and to send out by post on request	December 2006
20 page RoWIP pamphlet produced	Nov/ December 2006
Joint LAF workshop event	22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2006
RoWIP steering group meeting	28 <sup>th</sup> November 2006
Comments into draft	November/December 2006
Draft plan to members of County Council and National Park Authorities before public consultation	December 2006 (January 2007 now for County Council)
Public consultation on draft including appendices	January/February – April 2007 (minimum 12 weeks)
RoWIP steering group meeting re consultation results and final statement of	April/May 07

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Comments into plan	May – July 07
Plan to members of the county council and National Park Authority	August/September 07
RoWIP steering group meeting	September 07
Statutory deadline	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2007

- 3.2 An internal consultation is being carried out upon the initial draft RoWIP before the draft goes out for statutory public consultation in early 2007. The plan is therefore being circulated within the County Council, two National Park Authorities and to members of the steering group which includes the seven District Councils and three Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- 3.3 All members of the three local access fora in North Yorkshire should have received a hard copy of the draft RoWIP together with supporting technical summaries which are contained on an accompanying CD.
- 3.4 LAF members have been invited to respond to the draft plan. Local Access Fora have also been asked to nominate six members to attend a joint LAF event which is being held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2006. This more informal event is being held to discuss the draft plan in more detail with Officers from the Technical Work Group.
- 3.5 A RoWIP steering group meeting is being held on the 28<sup>th</sup> November. This has been attended in the past by two members from each LAF, that is the chairperson and one other member. The steering group includes members from the seven District Councils, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Technical Work Group and Highways North Yorkshire.

#### 4.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- a) This report is received for information.
- b) Members provide responses to the draft plan either individually by writing/e-mailing the RoWIP Officer or to members who have been nominated to attend the joint LAF event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2006.
- c) The names of the two members who will attend the RoWIP steering group meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> November are confirmed to the RoWIP Officer.
- d) Any initial comments which members wish to make which will be held on public record are welcome at this meeting however the plan is not yet in the public domain.

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