

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum

Principles to Underpin the Forum's Work

Including amendments agreed by the Access for All and the Improving Rights task groups.

N.b. The only apparent point of disagreement up to now between both groups is the use of the word 'legal' rather than 'permanent' in principle 6.

The principles have been reordered.

The links to the NY ROW Improvement Plan are still to be checked / updated.

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum Principles	Links to the NY ROW Improvement Plan Actions
1. All rights of way should be created and maintained to the standard required so that they are accessible by users.	AC27, AC28, AC30, AC31, AC32
2. The Forum wishes to develop more access opportunities to include the widest possible range of users, especially families, children, minority groups and those with disabilities.	AC1, AC2, AC4, AC9, AC15, AC 17, AC20, AC23, AC24, AC25, AC26, AC27
3. The Forum would like to see an annual increase in the number of routes that are accessible for people with disabilities by creating new routes and improving existing routes. These annual improvements to be regularly publicised.	AC6, AC8, AC12, AC11, AC16, AC22, AC25, AC32
4. Any new access to the network should be at the highest appropriate rights possible.	AC5, AC29, AC30
5. The Forum would welcome the establishment of an annual budget with separate budget headings to fund the creation, maintenance and improvement of public rights of way.	AC10
6. That the introduction of permissive rights would be welcomed but the Forum would prefer the development of	AC18, AC20

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permanent rights. A planning aid for developing new rights of way to be prepared to assist Parish Councils and other organisations.	
7. The Forum wishes rights of way to be used appropriately. It will support initiatives / actions that ensure that everyone is aware of the correct level of use, and support appropriate actions to reduce illegal use.	AC4, AC10, AC29
8. The Forum wishes to see rights of way developed to redress the fragmentation of the network, connect communities and improve links to places of demand.	AC11, AC19, AC21, AC31, AC32
9. The Forum recognises that some rights of way may benefit from temporary or permanent diversion, where this is compatible with the needs of all parties involved.	AC1, AC19, AC20, AC21, AC28, AC29
10. The Forum recognises the establishment of a Coastal access corridor, access to beaches, and access to waterways where these are compatible with the needs of all parties involved.	
11. The Forum supports the continuation of BVPI 178 to measure the overall ease of use of footpaths in the County.	AC11