

North Yorkshire  
Local Access Forum

28<sup>th</sup> February 2008-02-20

Croft Site Visit

1.0 Purpose of the report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members on the site visit that took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008. Present from the LAF were of D Gibson, Rachel Connolly, John Taylor and Allan Aspden. Aidan Rayner represented North Yorkshire County Council.

2.0 Introduction

2.1 North Yorkshire County Council was approached by the Estate with a proposal to change a number of routes within their ownership. After initial discussion NYCC felt it would be useful to involve the LAF in some capacity.

2.2 Aidan Rayner introduced the proposal at the Improving Access Sub-Group, it was decided that it would be useful to be involved and a site visit was arranged.

3.0 Progress

3.1 The site visit took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2008, all those involved felt the visit and being involved at this stage was very useful. It is seen as a benefit to users and consultees to involve the LAF in matters such as this in the future.

4.0 Conclusion

4.1 The principal in this instance at Croft of accepting the diversion as set out with the additional user benefits of additional R.O.W on the flood bank and four other small sections of track. The diversion is justified on safety grounds alone.

4.2 In considering the details for negotiation it is felt that higher rights i.e. Bridleway status should be strived for with two short sections.

- i. The short link from Jolby Lane to Monk East Farm.
- ii. Middleton Tyas Lane to the connection with the circuit track.

The Diversion would approximately double the length of R.O.W and this is considered acceptable. However use of the concrete roads could avoid passing close to the circuit even with the diversion and perhaps should be considered further.

6.0 Recommendations

6.1 It is recommended that members receive this report and comment as required.

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