

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum

Standing Task Groups

1. Four task groups

1.1 In order that the advice of the Forum should be well prepared, proactively available and maintained up to date, it has been agreed to establish 4 standing groups:

1.1.1 Improving the North Yorkshire Rights of Way

1.1.2 Definitive Map Issues

1.1.3 Access for All

1.1.4 Appeals and Notifications (to meet as required)

1.2 Membership of Groups – all members will be invited to take an active part in at least one task group.

1.2.1 Members may opt to take part in up to 3 of the 4 groups.

1.2.2 Each of these would have a maximum of 8 members and their composition should seek to have as balanced representation of member interests.

1.2.3 An annual preferencing exercise will take place to arrange the membership of the task groups.

1.2.4 The 3 main standing groups should each try to meet between the full meetings of the Forum, and should provide regular feedback on their progress at each Forum meeting.

1.2.5 The Appeals and Notifications sub will only meet when business requires it to do so.

1.3 In order to assist the task groups with their work, which in the main will be focussed on delivering the improvements to the rights of way network, the Forum members will establish and maintain a range of principles based on the Statement of Action in the ROWIP.

1.4 Each group will prepare its own workplan and priorities for development, as agreed with the full LAF meeting.

1.5 The Local Access Forum may pass items to the task groups for further consideration. Each group must bring then its suggestions or advice to the LAF for further consideration and ratification.

1.6 Groups may bring forward proposals or suggested advice to be considered for adoption by the Local Access Forum.

2. The Range of Work for Each Task group

2.1 The following areas of development are initially assigned to each task group:

2.1.1 Improving Rights of Way Task group

- Developing ROWs
- Linking routes
- Circular routes
- Multi-user / higher rights
- Diversions and extinguishments

2.1.2 Definitive Map Task group

- Identification issues
- Discovering Lost Ways
- Conflicts

2.1.3 Access for All Task group

- Enhancing the visitor experience
- Access for those with limited mobility, challenges or difficulties
- Safety
- Health and sport
- Young people
- Signage, gates and stiles
- Publicity and promotion of the network
- Travel links
- Volunteers
- Recreation use
- Any other lawful purpose use
- Access to water

2.1.4 Appeals and Notifications Task group

- To meet to respond as required to statutory notifications under section 38 (1) of the CROW Act
- Highways Act (Gating Orders)
- Dog Control Orders 2006

2.2 A group can agree to add further areas of development. It will prioritise its own work plan in respect of these.

The Business of Task Group Meetings

1. To appoint a chair and record keeper.
2. To agree the membership of the group.
3. To work within the terms of reference for the NY LAF task groups.
4. To agree areas of interest to be covered by the task group.
5. To establish and maintain a forward work plan for the task group.
6. To assist the NY LAF establish to establish and maintain a set of agreed principles arising out of the ROWIP.
7. To agree the key outcomes of each meeting to feed back to the full meeting of the Local Access Forum for consideration.
8. To agree a time, venue and date for task group meetings.