

When considering access matters the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum works to the following principles:-

1. All rights of way should be maintained to the standard required and where appropriate upgraded physically and legally to a higher standard.
2. The Forum will work to see rights of way developed to redress the fragmentation of the network, connect communities and improve links to places of demand.
3. Any new access should be at the highest rights practicable.
4. The Forum will work to develop more access opportunities to include the widest possible range of users, especially families, children, minority groups and the less able.
5. The Forum seeks the establishment of an annual budget to fund the fulfilling of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP).
6. Whilst the creation of all access is welcomed, the Forum stresses that permissive (temporary) access does not equate with the public benefit of definitive (permanent) access.
7. The Forum wishes to raise awareness of how different users can enjoy responsible sharing of routes, whilst supporting appropriate challenges to illegal use.
8. The Forum recognises the establishment and challenges of new initiatives such as coastal access, access to water, access to woodland and dedication of land for public access.
9. The Forum supports the continuation of Best Value Performance Indicator for rights of way (BVPI 178) to measure the ease of use of rights of way in the county.

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