

**LAF LDF Priorities**

- 1 Ensure that in new developments full opportunity is taken to provide links for non-motorised use to local services and existing rights of way.
- 2 Take every opportunity to enhance existing routes especially those with high usage.
- 3 All new rights of way (ROW) to be defined as authorised for all users and to include access by those who are less able and wheelchair users.
- 4 All links within new developments and linking to routes outside should, as a condition of the planning consent or development value, be provided by the developer to the standards required by the North Yorkshire County Council Rights of Way Section. They should be established as formal rights of way before the development is completed and a formal agreement should be entered into setting out who maintains these routes and if by the developer for how long this commitment lasts. Such new routes should be added to the 'List of Streets' or recorded as Definitive Rights of Way
- 5 During development existing ROWs should be both protected and if a diversion is required liaison should take place with the County Council to ensure that the diversion is agreed and outside consultation takes place before the development is completed. Although it is appreciated that Government Development policy precludes the requirement to legally complete the diversion before development commences all efforts should be made to achieve a quick solution. If possible the agreed diversion should be laid out during the course of the development.
- 6 District Councils should take advantage of Section 106 Planning Gain, Wind farm and Quarry Tax to invest in initiatives and improvements for access.
- 7 Accessing 'Access Land' to be made easier by using available legislation and promoting access
- 8 Missing links in existing ROWs to be recognised and eliminated by implementing the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) by agreement with the appropriate parties.
- 9 Improve ROW and access in existing developments to allow non motorised use both to local services and into the neighbouring countryside.
- 10 Ensure adequate amenity spaces are established in new developments.
- 11 The LDF must incorporate the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and ROWIP proposals and can be used to promote access and access links through the LTP.
- 12 Improve liaison with NYCC and work together to improve the local access network.
- 13 Existing and new ROWs should be protected and promoted by the District Council to enhance their sustainability.