

NORTH YORKSHIRE
LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

THURSDAY 19th August 2010

DEFRA DISCUSSION PAPER
'AN INVITATION TO SHAPE THE NATURE OF ENGLAND'

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Forum of the publication by DEFRA of a discussion paper on the Nature of England

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Government aims to produce a white paper on the Natural Environment by Spring 2011 and is seeking to engage all interested parties in its' development .
- 2.2 As part of this stakeholder engagement DEFRA have published a discussion paper entitled 'An invitation to shape the nature of England' a summary of which is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.3 A copy of the full document is available at www.defra.gov.uk/our-responsibilities/nat-environment/ or by hard copy on request to the PRow Team Leader.

3.0 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The document seeks answers to a number of questions on the Natural Environment, which the LAF may wish to consider in formulating a response.
- 3.2 Whilst Access is not highlighted as a major theme it is inherent in many of the suggested themes.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 It is recommended that the LAF consider the discussion paper and provide any appropriate comment on its' relationship to Access by 30th October 2010.

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