

NORTH YORKSHIRE
LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

WEDNESDAY 21st AUGUST 2013

ANNUAL REPORT

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The annual report of the Forum covering the year 2012/13 is due to be submitted to Natural England by 30th September 2013, members are invited to submit comments for inclusion within the annual report

2.0 PROGRESS

- 2.1 Officers have populated those fields requiring simple data or views from the appointing authority and the draft report is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 The remaining fields require the input of members, comments are welcome on those fields already completed by Officers

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that members agree on wording to complete the Annual Report.

Contact:

John Taylor
Chairman

Local Access Forum (LAF) Annual Review Form: April 2012 to March 2013

Name of LAF: North Yorkshire LAF

Name of LAF Chair: John Taylor

Name of LAF Secretary: Jane Wilkinson

Number of LAF members: 18

1 - Involvement and Representation

What interests does your current membership cover? Equestrian, Landownership, Off Road Driving, Walking

What skills, sectors, interest groups, experience are missing? Low on landowners

Describe any difficulties you had recruiting members from particular sectors: It is now very difficult to recruit landowning interests

2 - Operation of LAF

What procedures (e.g. expense claims, new applications etc) do you follow that help you work effectively? Are these effective?

How do you ensure that your members are able to work as a team? Regular meetings, special meetings where required and email communication between members

In what ways do you reach consensus? Voting

How do you ensure proper conduct and/or resolve any conflicts? Through discussion within meetings

Give up to 3 examples of where you have encountered operational difficulties (e.g. lack of resources); explain what mechanisms could be put in place to alleviate such issues:

1 -

2 -

3 -

3 - Partnership and Progress

Do you work well with the access authority? If not, why not?

Do you work well with your planning authorities? If not, why not?

Have you established a clear role for the LAF in the local area?

Were you successful in meeting the achievements set out in your work programme (please provide supporting information)?

Have you achieved something else?

Main or notable achievements?

4 - Profile and Direction

Has anything changed over the last year?

What changes / barriers can you see ahead?

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What are your priorities for the year ahead (list up to 3)?

- 1 - Upgrade of the A1 within North Yorkshire to motorway
- 2 - Major Bypass scheme at Bedale & Leeming
- 3 - Management of the Unsurfaced Unclassified Road network

What support or training do you need to deliver your priorities?

5 - Section 94 Bodies

Give up to 3 examples of advice given by your LAF to section 94 bodies:

- 1 - Response sent to A1 plus on proposals for improvements to the A1 between Leeming and Barton
- 2 - Advice given in respect of management of the UUR network
- 3 -

6 - Open Access Work

How many Restriction Cases have you been consulted on? 0

How many cases have you responded to? 0

Detail any informal involvement with Open Access Restriction cases: 0

7 - Number of consultations, meetings and initiatives your LAF has been involved with over the year (please add numbers into the boxes below)?

Public meetings	6	Working groups	
Training days		Definitive map modification orders	2
Highway orders		Green Infrastructure strategies	
Gating orders		Local transport plans and traffic management schemes	1
Cycle projects		Disabled access	
Dog exclusion/on leads/fouling orders		Housing development schemes	
Planning applications		PROW network and projects	2
ROWIP planning and objectives	1	Local development frameworks and planning strategies	
Local Nature Partnerships	1	Recording of paths and promoting use	

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Expiring permissive agreements under Higher Level Stewardship schemes - assessing the value and future of and liaison with landowners to improve access		Flood defence works - Environment Agency consultations and planning applications regarding	
Slipways and landing stages - public access to		Improvement of access through the Paths for Communities (P4C) scheme	
Disposal and development of land owned by the Council		Parish Council or local improvement grant schemes	
Shoreline management plans		Rail freight interchange strategic development	
Network rail and rail crossing closures		Access and nature conservation	
Horse routes and equestrian provision		Multi user routes	
National Parks		Coastal access	
Motorised vehicle access	2	Access to MOD land	1
New town & village green registration government consultation		Natural England consultations	
Defra consultations		Commons grazing proposals	
Highways Agency consultations	1	Department for Transport consultations	
Other (please specify):			

8 - Final comments from Appointing Authority: The work of the forum has been focussed on Road schemes of one form or another over the last year which is indicative of a desire to engage in new areas of interest following completion of implementation of Open Access and introduction of RoWIPs which formed the large part of LAF business in the early days.

9 - Final comments from LAF Chair: