
NORTH YORKSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

AGENDA

Meeting: Local Access Forum

**Venue: Brierley Meeting Room,
County Hall, Northallerton DL7 8AD
(see attached location plan)**

Date: Wednesday 12 July 2017 at 10.00 am

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Business

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2017 (To follow)
3. Matters Arising from the minutes
4. Public Questions or Statements

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5. **Highways Authority and Landowner Responsibilities** – Report of the Corporate Director Business & Environmental Services

(To follow)

Purpose: To provide an outline of the respective responsibilities of the Highways Authority and Landowners in relation to Public Rights of Way as a context for Member discussion
Attending: Ian Kelly, Countryside Access Manager, North Yorkshire County Council

6. **2026**

Purpose: Standing item to enable the LAF to discuss any new information regarding the 2026 cut-off date for the recording of public rights of way within the Definitive Map and Statement – no new information to report

7. **Craven Draft Local Plan Consultation** - Report of the Secretary

(Pages 6 to 7)

Purpose: To consider the draft Local Plan and the Forum's response

8. **Grasscutting on verges** – Issue requested by Rachel Connolly

9. **National Conference** – Report of the Secretary

(Pages 8 to 13)

Purpose: To consider feedback from the National Conference on 21 June 2017

10. **District Council Updates** – Report of the Secretary

(Pages 14 to 16)

Purpose: An opportunity for District Council liaison representatives to update the Forum on activity since the last meeting

11. **Secretary's Update Report** – Report of the Secretary

(Pages 17 to 19)

Purpose: To receive an update on developments since the last meeting

12. **Forward Plan** – Report of the Secretary

(Pages 20 to 22)

Purpose: To consider and prioritise items of business for future meetings

13. **Dates of Next Meetings**

Wednesday 11 October 2017

Wednesday 11 April 2018

Wednesday 17 January 2018

15. **Other business which the Chair agrees should be considered as a matter of special urgency because of special circumstances**

Kate Arscott
Secretary to North Yorkshire Local Access Forum
County Hall
Northallerton
6 July 2017

NOTES

(a) **Interests**

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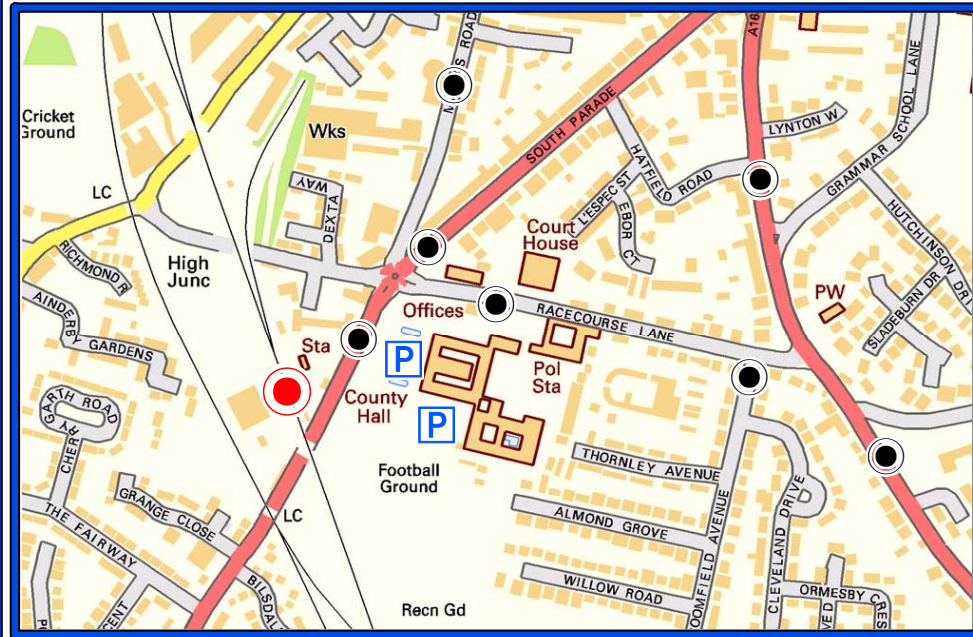
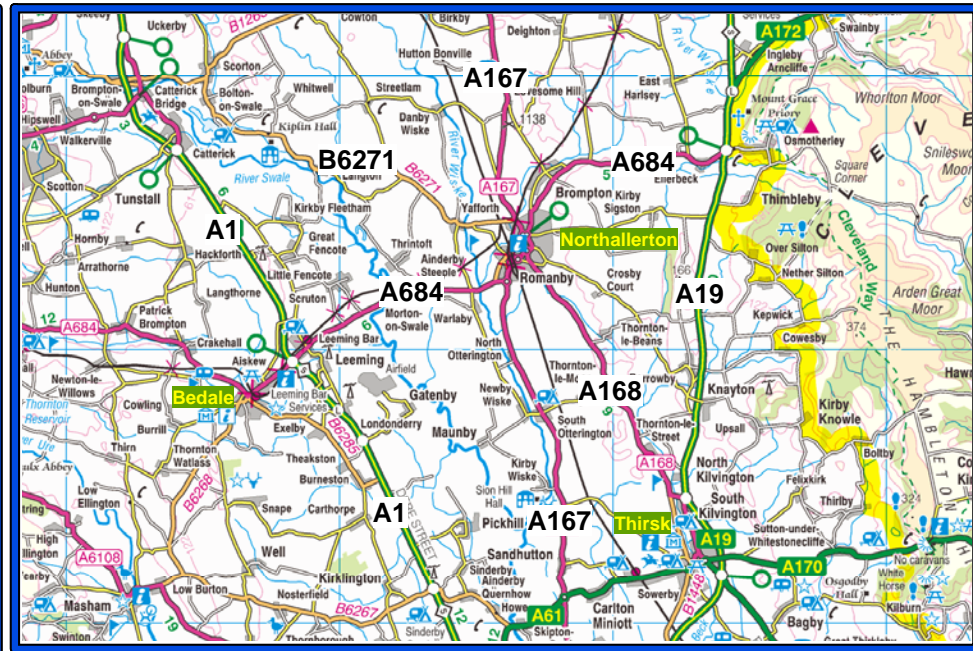
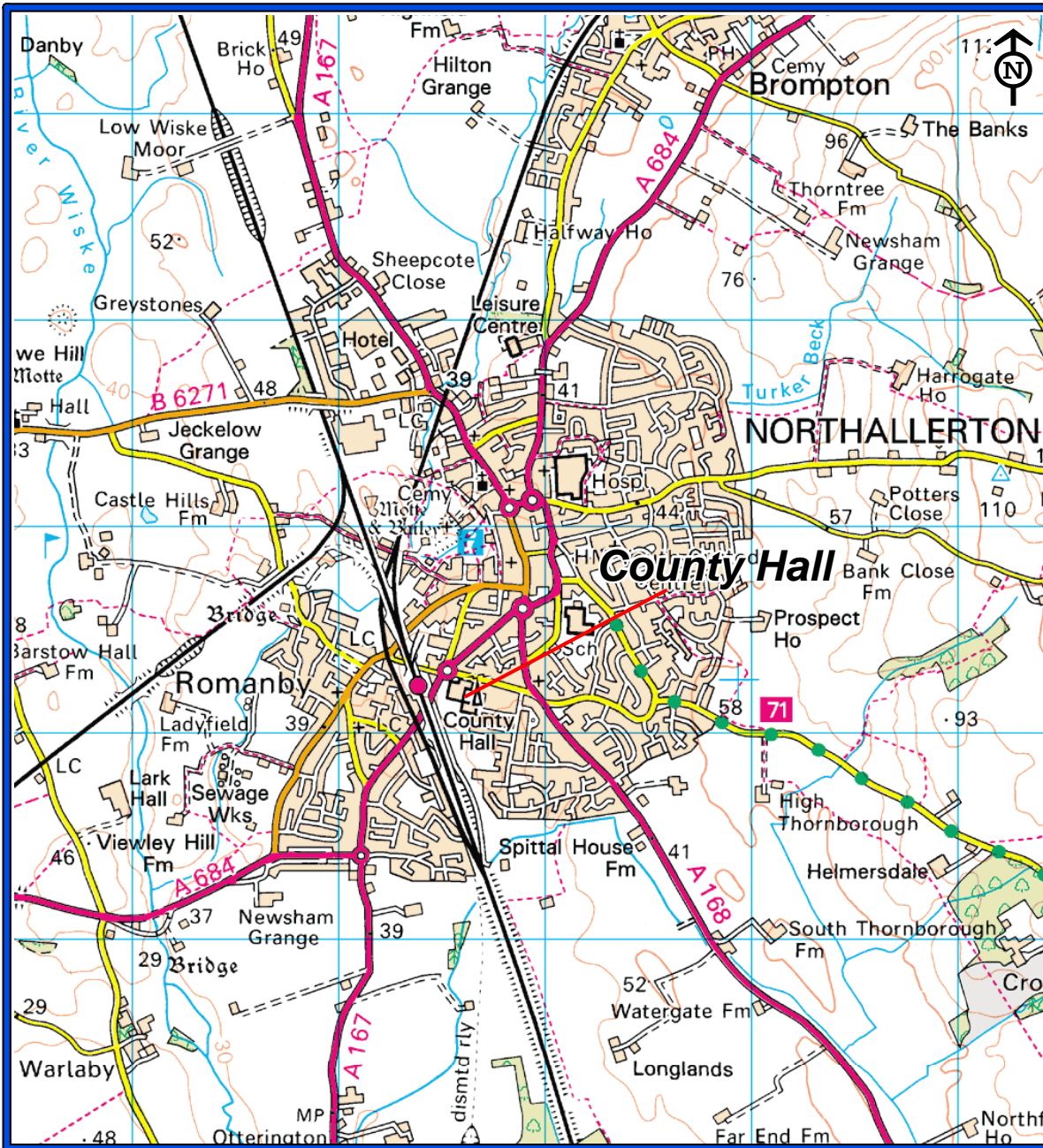
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NORTH YORKSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Membership

1	BARRACLOUGH, David
2	BARTHOLOMEW, Michael
3	BATEMAN, George
4	CARTWRIGHT, Doug (Vice-Chair)
5	CONNOLLY, Rachel
6	DENNISON, Edward
7	HAIGH, Roma (Chair)
8	HALSTEAD, Tom
9	HESELTINE, Robert (County Councillor)
10	JEFFELS, David (County Councillor)
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12 July 2017

Craven Draft Local Plan Consultation

Report of the Secretary

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To advise members of the current consultation on the Craven Draft Local Plan and to invite the Forum to consider its response to the consultation.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Craven District Council is currently consulting on the third pre-publication draft of the Craven Local Plan.
- 2.2 The latest draft has been shaped by previous rounds of consultation in 2014 and 2016.
- 2.3 During the consultation period the District Council is seeking views from town/parish councils, residents, businesses and organisations on draft local plan strategy, policies, designations and preferred housing, employment and mixed use site allocations in the area covered by the plan. This current period of public consultation on the draft Local Plan is a chance for interested individuals and groups to help further improve the plan before the plan is formally published and submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government via the Planning Inspectorate for formal examination later this year.
- 2.4 The District Council is inviting views about:
- 2.4.1 What needs changing in the draft plan?
 - 2.4.2 Why does it need to be changed?
 - 2.4.3 How does it need to be changed –your suggestions
- 2.5 Craven District Council has invited the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum to participate in the consultation. The consultation can be viewed here:
- www.cravencdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan
- 2.6 Craven District Council are unable to attend the LAF meeting, but have offered to provide a note on the consultation to assist members. It is hoped that this will be useful in helping the Forum to consider the contents of any formal response it wishes to submit as part of the consultation process.

3.0 Responding to the consultation

- 3.1 The closing date for the consultation is midnight on Monday 31 July 2017.
- 3.2 It is suggested that the Forum adopts the usual approach to that applied for other recent consultations – ie that the relevant District Council liaison representative and the Secretary work together to draft a summary of the Forum’s views based on the discussion at the meeting, and adding any additional issues arising from consideration of the consultation documents. The draft response will then be

circulated by email for members' comments prior to formal submission on behalf of the Forum by the given deadline.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Local Access Forum considers the content of any response it wishes to submit to the Craven District Draft Local Plan consultation.
- 4.2 That the relevant District Council liaison representative and the Secretary prepare a draft formal response to the consultation, and circulate it by email for members' comments prior to submission on behalf of the Forum.

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NORTHALLERTON

Report author: Kate Arscott, Secretary to North Yorkshire Local Access Forum

Background Documents: None

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum**12 July 2017****National Conference****Report of the Secretary****1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To provide feedback from the LAF national Conference held on 21 June 2017 in Birmingham.

2.0 Local Access Forum annual conference

- 2.1 The annual LAF conference took place at Carr's Lane Church, Birmingham, on 21 June 2017. Paul Sherwood attended the conference on behalf of the North Yorkshire LAF. His report is attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.2 There has also been some correspondence from the Regional Access Forum following the conference. This is attached at Appendix 2.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 That the Forum considers the feedback from the annual national LAF conference.

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Background Documents: None

L.A.F. National Conference, Birmingham - 21st June 2017

Brief Report

The 2017 annual conference, held at the Carrs Lane Centre in Birmingham had about 80 delegates, most of which were LAF members and associated organisations/bodies with several employees of local authorities. A fairly even mix of male and female delegates, mainly middle aged – if not elderly!

Due to the appalling venue this report is somewhat limited in quality of information. Fortunately, the centre was fairly close to Birmingham station and easy to get to, but unfortunately, the venue, a form of 'modern church' with no air conditioning on one of the hottest days of the year also had abysmal acoustics which did little other than enhance echo in the main hall. Likewise the smaller rooms for workshops had to have windows open for cooling which enhanced traffic noise from the adjacent main road. Most delegates were unable to hear any questions "from the floor" as there was no roving microphone. The visual aspect was little better than the audio, as most conferences are now 'powerpoint' based it would have been advantageous to have a large enough screen high enough above floor level for everybody to be able to see it. Allegedly this is the first LAF conference organised by Natural England that has charged delegates (£10) however, this was not reflected in the overall experience.

- Bruce Cutts a Senior Advisor at Natural England gave a fifteen minute update on Natural Englands current workload and asked for more engagement from LAF's on Open Access long term restrictions, currently running at 150 nationwide. Followed by a 'historic' background to and a fairly lengthy update on the progress (or lack of) the Deregulation Act, including reviews of definitive maps, it seems we are unlikely to hear much more on this topic until April 2018. Although he did point out that the Act can allow for an extension of time. Does this mean 'Brexit' overshadows the dreaded cut-off date?

A lot of information on the English Coastal Path, the 2700 miles to be completed by 2020, by July 2017 100% will be either open or being worked on.

- This was followed by an inaudible talk on 'Health & the Natural Environment' asking LAF's to work with N.H.S. and local Clinical Commissioning Groups. I was sat with the chairman and another member of Oxfordshire LAF we had no idea why we would get involved with such bodies, nor were we enlightened, or if we were, we never heard any reasoning.

There were pre-selected choices of four different 'workshop' topics:- Opportunities for Public Access, Urban Access Issues, Railway Crossing issues & solutions, Multi-user routes. I opted for the latter two.

Multi-user routes workshop:-

As two different workshops were trying to be heard against each other in the main hall it was a complete gamble as to who heard what. A representative from B.H.S. went through the repetitive arguments over horse (and rider) safety stating 80% of equestrian accidents are caused by vehicles being too close to horses or travelling too fast (or both), he informed us that Cambridgeshire & Hampshire are both wanting better use of cycle tracks for horses to

keep them off roads. He closed by handing out an interesting B.H.S. publication 'Advice on Surfaces for Horses'.

The representative from Cycling UK (C.T.C.) made some fairly controversial comments about cyclists being allowed to use any path, made no reference to how this would be financed (replace stiles in walls etc with gates) and even irresponsibly suggested cutting off padlocks which prevented cyclists from going where they wanted. *Personal views are that Natural England should not be having speakers that condone such illegal acts.*

During the lunch break several people asked me about the recent public consultation carried out by North Yorkshire County Council on rights of way maintenance, and asked if I had any idea of the interest shown by the public. That shows that other L.A.F.s were aware of the issue. I couldn't enlighten them.

Railway Crossing issues & solutions workshop:-

Despite heavy traffic noise, these two speakers were quite informative. One of them from Lincolnshire County Council, had similar issues to North Yorkshire with high-speed ECML running through the county but they possibly have a higher number of active branch lines with footpaths and bridleways crossing them than we have. They were part of a working group formed by the Institute of Public Rights of Way & Network Rail and appeared to be making some progress on what were insurmountable crossing problems as Network Rail have quite stringent 'duty of care' issues with passengers/staff and the associated Health and Safety Act regulations. It is a fairly complex issue which is very much a "case by case" matter, with thought and money some situations which were initially a straight forward 'CLOSE IT' matter have been overcome.

I queried if they were working with 'Heritage' railways, which of course come under the same railway regulations as 'real' railways; as yet, they have not, but emphasised that the safety rules are the same as on Network Rail. We only have two 'Heritage' lines in the county, excluding the North York Moors area.

The conference was scheduled to close at 1600hrs after a half hour Questions & Answers session; I (and several others) didn't stay for this, as the acoustics in the main hall made it fairly pointless.

Conclusion

Compared to the very good regional LAF conference at Leeds last year this was not a good use of public money, train fare alone (£130ish) and being away from home for fourteen hours makes a 'National' conference unviable.

I raised the matter of the dire venue with Natural England, by e-mail. This is their response: Thanks for your feedback – I was not at the event or involved with the booking so I have forwarded your comments to Jon Smith.

I have added your comments to my own database of venues as it is not one that I have used and looking at your comments I will not be using it in the future.

Paul A. Sherwood...

To: Pippa Langford NE

Congratulations on managing to arrange yesterday's meeting. The location caused problems not just for our disabled members but was not conducive to the type of meeting.

I would have liked to have had a discussion about LAFs generally and I thought that the last session was going to be about that but it was not.

I would like to see a National LAF having a similar format to the original NCAF, of which I was a member. NE has said that there are no funds. We have a regional LAF and we exist with no funds and rely on the goodwill of our members and NE and the Local Authorities e.g. for a meeting room.

I guess that if I was to beg NE to have a National LAF as described you will reject it. It was rejected when suggested at Sheffield about two years ago.

I had a chat with someone who chairs a Regional LAF including Surrey. They have problems with off road vehicles. I thought that it only happened in the North!!

We could learn from one another. It would good of NE would arrange and pay for the Chairmen of the Regional LAFs to get together.

With help from NE we try to see the minutes of other Regional LAFs in which are near us. Could I suggest that if we are not going to have a National LAF or a chairman's meeting then NE should find some time/money to ensure that all the minutes of the Regional LAFs are easily available. Please do not say they it can be done on Huddle, Huddle is not always easy to navigate. Could there not be one place when NE could ensure that we all see the others minutes?

Regards and thank you for yesterday.

Jerry Pearlman

Dear All

Responding to Jerry's email about the venue etc.

Whilst I think Birmingham is geographically suited for a national event, I agree the venue did not meet our needs.

Jerry's points about the lack of opportunity for members to have focussed discussion certainly chimed with me. As Dave Waterman pointed out, the room was filled with people with a wealth of knowledge and experience, but they weren't

allowed a communal way to share it or exchange views on current challenges. Perhaps the next conference could allow time for focussed general discussion.

Although we will get an opportunity to comment on the content when the papers are circulated, my initial thoughts about the day:

The Event:

Statutory Access, Bruce Cutts – it is encouraging that a substantial amount of access has been secured in perpetuity to the National Nature Reserve land and that it will be made available on line. News that the Coastal Path will be delivered on time is also good.

Health and the Natural Environment, Sarah Preston – explained DEFRA is developing a 25 year Environment Plan focusing on delivering health benefits. This will allow for the creation of “Nature Based Interventions” for people suffering from various ailments. I found this helpful as members of my LAF have recently met with the Head of Public Health (Bradford) to explore ways we can work beneficially together. Although there was willingness on both sides to take it further, it was not clear how. This presentation contained some good ideas. However, I remain puzzled by what seems an over complicated approach to the obvious fact that the natural environment is good for people.

Deregulation Act update, Dave Waterman – I appreciated that Dave attended despite not being able to give us a definite time frame for going forward. I have mixed feeling about the slight hint that the cut-off date may be delayed. On one hand, time is getting very tight but on the other it allows the potential to kick the issue into the long grass yet again.

ROWIPS, Pippa Langford – the overall message was that our ROWIP reviews should be ambitious and forward looking despite the current lack of funding. Pippa also explained that ROWIPs need to broaden their scope to deliver wider benefits such as improved health outcomes, active transport, tourism and social cohesion. The MENE online tool <http://naturalengland.tns-global.com/Default.aspx> should be used to evaluate the proposals. Also, Exeter University are also in the process of developing a tool called ORVAL <http://leep.exeter.ac.uk/orval/>. As some ROWIPs in our region are up for review this year, it is helpful to be able to feed this back to our respective councils. Pippa also clarified that funding will come from Central Sport England. I have since emailed her to ask for more detail about potential funding.

The Workshops – I attended:

1. Urban Access Issues – this was awful. No preparation and very little discussion – learned nothing.

2. LAFs Changing Times, New Approaches – representatives from Shropshire CC explained that it has altered the composition of their LAF works and how it works under a new pilot approach supported by Defra and NE. At first I thought they may be onto something. They had identified many problems in their LAF common to others, e.g difficulty in attracting new members, achieving actual results and a lack of

recognition in the wider community of what they do. As a result, they had rebranded their LAF. It has now reformed as “Shropshire Great Outdoors Strategy Board” with new constitution and members drawn from a wider pool such as health, business and tourism. So far so good. But then it became sinister. We were told that these new and influential members were not interested in discussing the technical issues surrounding rights of way and access land. Instead, future discussions would need to focus on broader issues like health and tourism but without going into boring details. Hazel was there too – its safe to say neither of us was impressed!

Overall, I came away with the feeling that Defra/NE policy and delivery is changing in a way I do not yet fully understand (but must try to catch up). The Health and Environment, ROWIP & LAF Changing Times presentation were all directing us to take a broader strategic view of our own local access strategies. However, I had the distinct impression that it was also an exercise in managing people’s expectations with any imperfections with regard to policy making and delivery completely air brushed from the picture.

Best wishes

Didy Metcalf

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum**12 July 2017****District Council Updates****Report of the Secretary****1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To update the Forum on liaison with District Councils.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The LAF operates an agreed list of nominated representatives willing to act as the first point of liaison with the constituent District Councils in relation to planning and other relevant matters. From time to time the Forum also nominates representatives to take a lead on a particular issue or to attend a meeting on behalf of the Forum.
- 2.2 This agenda item provides an opportunity for the Forum to be updated on activity since the previous meeting.
- 2.3 David Barraclough co-ordinated a formal response by the LAF to a Forestry Commission woodland creation proposal in the Richmondshire district.
- 2.4 He has also commented to Richmondshire District Council on an outline application for up to 170 houses on an extensive, currently 'greenfield' site adjacent to the Somme Barracks in Catterick Garrison:
- "The Forum has no objection to the proposed development in principal, recognising the need for substantial additional housing in and around Catterick Garrison. However, we would expect to see the detailed housing scheme retain a substantial area of open space and provide links across the development site to the network of footpaths and bridleways in the wider area. As suggested by the British Horse Society, these links should be suitable for a range of non-motorised users – pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders."*
- 2.5 Paul Sherwood has provided the attached update on the Teesdale Way project.
- 2.6 Roma Haigh has corresponded with rail representatives with regard to HS2. She will provide details of the correspondence to date, which will be of particular relevance for the Selby area.

- 2.7 Rachel Connolly has responded to an invitation from the Head of Planning Services to comment on a draft legal agreement in relation to Ripon Quarry.
- 2.8 Nominated representatives are invited to report verbally at the meeting on activity undertaken.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 That members note the updates.

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Background Documents: None

Teesdale Way Project

A very slight update on the Teesdale Way project, which had appeared to have faltered, nothing having developed this year.

However, I had asked the lead member for an update for this meeting of North Yorkshire Local Access Forum, this is the response, received today 4th July:-

Hello Paul,

Your email arrived at precisely the right time! We held a TVLAF [Tees Valley LAF] meeting on Thursday last, and I received the draft copy of the minutes this morning.

I am pleased to report that the RTR [River Tees Rediscovered] project has a new delivery officer; Lucy Chapman. Lucy has worked for RTR previously, and seems very switched-on. We invited her to address the meeting and update us on what is happening. Below is an extract from the (draft) minutes of that meeting:

LC outlined the latest stage of RTR; which is now into year 3 of a 5 year Landscape Partnership Project, funded by the Heritage Lottery, developing over 20 projects covering Access and Learning, Skills training, Nature, Building and Social Heritage. Of the total £3m funding award, the team has committed approximately one third. Following last winter's withdrawal from the project by the Forestry Commission, it was necessary to re-profile the bid with the HLF and this has meant that the Teesdale Way and the associated Heritage Trail project now has £380K committed to it, with a further £30K available for promotion.

LC outlined her latest discussions with the new Combined Authority, who have agreed to use the Teesdale Way and the Heritage Trail Project as the backbone of a tourism- based website. This was very welcome news for the members, as concern had been expressed at the stalling of the website development, after including neighbouring LAFs in supporting this crucial part of the re-launch of the Teesdale Way.

The Combined Authority will give the site a longer life with national coverage and an experienced marketing team to develop it. LC hopes to use the £30K to match fund a complementary Arts and Culture activities programme engaging the local community using the Teesdale Way as the focus.

As you can see, there is much more reason for optimism. It would appear that our concerns about the site's long term future have been answered, and that people with the expertise to construct the site can be employed, due to the boost in funding.

Paul A. Sherwood

5th July, 2017

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum

12 July 2017

Secretary's Update Report

Report of the Secretary

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update members of the Local Access Forum on developments since the last meeting of the LAF.

2.0 Update

Consultation responses

- 2.1 Since the last meeting in April, Hambleton District Council have consulted on Alternative Sites and Green Spaces. In line with the agreed process, the District Council liaison representative, Rachel Connolly, worked with the Chair and the Secretary to lead in preparing a response in consultation with all LAF members. This was submitted in June 2017.

Local Development Plans

- 2.2 One of the key areas of involvement for the Forum is to ensure appropriate engagement in the preparation of Local Development Plans. A number of items have been included on recent agendas. Set out below is a brief summary of the current position in relation to each District Council area, and in relation to the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan. This information is taken from the websites of the relevant authorities and correspondence received.

Authority	Status
Craven	The latest draft plan consultation is taking place currently and is included on this agenda
Hambleton	The next stage of consultation is expected in November/December 2017.
Harrogate	Consultation on the publication version of the plan is now anticipated for January 2018
Richmondshire	Due to consider the approach to be taken towards Local Plan review at a Corporate Board meeting in July
Ryedale	The next anticipated consultation will be the Local Plan Sites Document

Scarborough	Scarborough Borough Council formally adopted the Scarborough Borough Local Plan on 3 July 2017
Selby	Consultation on the next stage of 'Plan Selby' – Further consultation: Sites and Policies – is still anticipated in 2017
Minerals and Waste Joint Plan	Public consultation on a schedule of proposed changes to the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan will take place prior to the submission of the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan for Examination in Public.

2.3 Where indicative dates are provided, these have been incorporated into the Forum's forward plan as provisional items of business.

2.4 It is possible that one or more of consultations may take place before the next scheduled meeting of the Local Access Forum. In the event that there are any consultations where the closing date is before the next meeting of the LAF on 11 October, it is suggested that the LAF authorises the relevant district council liaison representative to lead in preparing a draft response in conjunction with the Chair and Secretary. The draft response would then be circulated by email for comment to all LAF members before being finalised for formal submission to meet the deadline.

NYLAF Webpage

2.5 At the last meeting Paul Sherwood agreed to work with the Secretary to develop a NYLAF webpage to be hosted on the North Yorkshire Partnerships website, which is maintained by a County Council officer. This project has not progressed since April due to the Secretary's commitments on other aspects of her workload. It is hoped that this can be progressed before the Forum's next meeting in October.

Open Access Restrictions

2.6 The Forum is consulted on a range of restrictions under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. No consultations have been notified since the last meeting of the Forum. There have been 19 new notifications received from the Open Access Contact Centre at Natural England confirming restrictions since the last meeting.

Partnership

2.7 The Forum has been invited to nominate a representative to the 6 monthly Yorkshire Wolds Way Partnership Meetings. The East Riding LAF is also represented on the partnership. The meetings are split between County Hall, Northallerton and East Riding. The next meeting is on 12 September at 10.30am at County Hall.

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum Annual Report

- 2.8 All Local Access Forums are required to produce an annual report on their activities. The Secretary has spoken to the Natural England contact who has confirmed that Natural England has not yet sent out their usual template and request for the annual report, but hopes to do so shortly. The Chair and Secretary will work together to draft the report when the template is received. It will either be brought to the October meeting or agreed by email correspondence dependent on the timescale for completion set by Natural England.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 That the Local Access Forum notes the update report.
- 3.2 That the relevant District Council liaison representative be authorised to work with the Chair and Secretary of the Forum to prepare a draft response on behalf of the LAF to any Local Development Plan consultations with a closing date before the next meeting of the LAF on 11 October 2017. This would then be circulated for consultation by the Secretary and a formal LAF response submitted by the Secretary to meet the deadlines for each consultation.
- 3.3 That the Forum nominates a representative to the Yorkshire Wolds Way Partnership.
- 3.4 That the Forum notes the position with regard to the annual report.

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Background Documents: None

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum**12 July 2017****Forward Plan****Report of the Secretary****1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To invite members of the Local Access Forum to consider items of business for future meetings.

2.0 Background

2.1 The 'Guidance on Local Access Forums in England' published by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) strongly recommends that forums prepare a forward work programme which sets out the forum's priorities and special areas of interest.

2.2 This can play an important role in helping the forum to:

- Ensure a focus on issues which are the most relevant for the area
- Clarify the issues on which the County Council or other section 94(4) bodies would benefit from receiving advice
- Timetable when specific matters are likely to be considered
- Inform the public about the forum's work
- Identify training needs
- Review effectiveness and prepare an annual report.

3.0 Forward Plan

3.1 Future meeting dates are:

- 11 October 2017
- 17 January 2018
- 11 April 2018

3.2 The Forum will need to consider items of business for future meetings. The attached draft forward plan presents the business currently identified.

4.0 Meeting Venue

4.1 At the last meeting, Members agreed to hold at least one meeting a year at a location other than County Hall. Arrangements are being made to hold the October 2017 meeting in Harrogate.

5.0 Recommendation

5.1 That the Local Access Forum agrees items of business for future meetings.

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Background Documents: None

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Forward Plan 2017/18

Date of Meeting	
Standing items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes • Matters Arising • Public Questions and Statements • Consultations • Secretary's Update Report • 2026 update • District Council Updates • Forward Plan
11 October 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 LAF annual report • Countryside Access Service Review Update • Data on work completed by Volunteers • A59 Kex Gill Realignment – Development Update • Hambleton Local Plan consultation (provisional) • Selby Local Plan consultation (provisional)
17 January 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harrogate Local Plan consultation (provisional) • •
11 April 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Pathways to Health schools Project •
Unscheduled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling (deferred from January 2017 meeting) • Draft terms of reference • Health and Wellbeing Strategy (suggested at February 2016 meeting) • Rights of Way Improvement Plan • Review of Public Rights of Way prioritisation framework after a year of operation (agreed at March 2017 meeting) • In-depth discussion on reinstatement (agreed November 2016) • Executive Member (to be invited every 12-18 months – last attended March 2017)