

## North Yorkshire Local Access Forum

4 February 2016

### 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 Following the meeting on 4 December 2015, three formal consultation responses have been submitted on behalf of the Forum:
- Local Transport Plan 4 (North Yorkshire County Council)
  - Scarborough Borough Local Plan (Scarborough Borough Council)
  - Minerals and Waste Joint Plan – Preferred Options (North Yorkshire County Council)
- 2.2 The draft Local Transport Plan 4 is due to be considered at the County Council Executive on 2 February, prior to recommendation to the County Council for adoption on 17 February 2016. The report to the Executive includes the following reference to changes made in light of the comments submitted by the Local Access Forum:

Request for addition of text regarding green lanes, Byways Open to all traffic, and Unclassified Unsealed County Roads in the rights of way section.	Noted. Amendments have been made to public rights of way section of LTP4.
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The full report to the Executive can be found here:

<http://democracy.northyorks.gov.uk/committees.aspx?commid=18&metid=3154>

- 2.3 Scarborough Borough Council has formally acknowledged and registered as valid 7 specific comments from the Forum's submitted response. These comments will be forwarded to the Inspector for the Examination in Public. The comments are:

SBLP 705	Regarding 2 Vision, Aims and Objectives
SBLP 706	Policy HC15 Open Space and Sports Facilities
SBLP 707	Policy INF1 Transport
SBLP 708	Paragraph 9.19
SBLP 709	Policy INF3 Sustainable Transport and Travel Plans
SBLP 710	Policy INF4 Cinder Track (The former Scarborough to Whitby Railway Line)
SBLP 711	11 Monitoring Framework

Scarborough Borough Council has also provided the following response to the Forum's request for feedback on its advice:

"I note that the Forum has requested feedback on their comments. Unfortunately, at this stage of plan production we are unable to do so. Please note that over the coming months the planning authority will consider whether, in light of all the comments received through the representation period, any changes to the plan are required to make it 'sound'. If it is considered that modifications are required, these will be sent to the inspector prior to the Examination in Public in an addendum format.

The Forum should be aware that their comments provided in response to the Draft Local Plan in May 2014 did result in a number of changes to the document (reflected in the Proposed Submission Local Plan). These previous comments and our response to them can be viewed on the 'Supporting Documents' tab of the online consultation portal and within the document entitled, 'Report on Draft Local Plan (2014): Comments and Recommendations'."

<http://scarborough-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/planning/lp/pslp>

- 2.4 No formal feedback has been received so far in relation to the Forum's submission in response to the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan – Preferred Options consultation. However this consultation only closed on 15 January 2016. Any feedback received will be shared with Forum members.

#### Feedback from last meeting

- 2.5 At the meeting on 4 December, members asked the Secretary to investigate a mechanism for providing regular notification of County Council planning applications to interested LAF members. Members can access the County Council's planning register through the following link:

<https://onlineplanningregister.northyorks.gov.uk/register/>

## 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. Three notifications have been received from the Open Access Contact Centre at Natural England confirming restrictions:

<b>Direction Case No</b>	<b>Period of Restriction</b>	<b>Land Affected and Reason</b>
2015117981	9/12/15-31/3/16 excluding weekends and bank holidays	Langdale Stoney Rigg Section 25 (1)(b) – No public access Tree felling
2015117977	14/12/15-15/3/16 excluding weekends and bank holidays	Dalby Bickley Northside Section 25 (1)(b) – No public access Tree felling
2016018033	8/3/16-7/3/21	Bleara Moor Section 23(2) – discretionary dog exclusion to protect moorland birds

## National conference and regional meeting

- 2.7 Members will be aware that a northern national conference for Local Access Forums is due to take place on 1 March in Leeds. Each LAF is entitled to one guaranteed place at the conference. Other members may register as reserves, should additional places be available. All members were invited to express an interest and David Barraclough has been confirmed as the LAF's nominated representative. A number of members are on the reserve list and will be notified in due course whether places are available.
- 2.8 The next regional meeting of Local Access Forums across Yorkshire and Humberside takes place on 9 March in Beverley. The Chair will be attending on behalf of the Forum.

## LAF Newsletter/Huddle

- 2.9 Natural England has recently published the eighth edition of the Local Access Forum newsletter, which was circulated by email to all North Yorkshire LAF members.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/493163/laf-newsletter-issue8.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/493163/laf-newsletter-issue8.pdf)

- 2.10 Members can also keep up to date with issues of interest to LAF members through Huddle, an internet workspace provided by Natural England where LAF members can share information, good practice or ask advice on an issue. All LAF members are encouraged to join

Huddle. The Secretary can arrange this on behalf of any new LAF members who wish to sign up.

Sub groups

- 2.11 The Vice Chair has suggested that the Forum should consider whether any sub groups are required to assist the LAF in managing its business.

**3.0 Recommendation**

- 3.1 That the Local Access Forum notes the update report.

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**Background Documents:** None