

**North Yorkshire Local Access Forum****6 July 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 February 2016, a formal consultation response was submitted on behalf of the Forum in respect of the Hambleton District Council Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation. The response was acknowledged and the next stage of the Plan's development is expected later this year (see below for a general update on Local Development Plans).

Feedback from last meeting

- 2.2 At the last meeting, members commented on the Countryside Access Service Review. Officers have provided the following update on progress with the Review:

Since the most recent discussion of draft proposals at LAF in February, the following progress has been made on the Countryside Access Service review.

- Discussed approach to prioritisation with NYCC Executive Member in late April, and received his support to continue along the lines discussed with the LAF.
- Undertaken an exercise to map the proposals in detail across the entire NY network (outside of the NPAs). This has led to a requirement to make some alterations to the proposed categories within the prioritisation model. For example the data to map 'Points of Interest in the countryside' and 'tourism centres' is only available from Ordnance Survey at significant cost, and therefore these items have been removed from the list of characteristics. The two proposed characteristics of 'other' and 'obsolete' routes have been joined together as it was not possible to easily map them. The

exercise has simplified the proposal while maintaining the overall approach.

- Agreed to undertake a public consultation on the approach. The detail of the public consultation is currently being developed, and we expect to start consultation during August and allow 8 weeks for residents and interest groups to provide their comment.
- Started detailed process review work on how the service deals with issues reported to it – namely ploughing and cropping, and bridge inspection and maintenance. Further time has been set aside during July to review the service’s approach to dealing with enforcement, furniture items – gates and stiles etc, and signposting and waymarking.

### Restrictions

2.3 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. Ten 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>
2016048070	9-27 May; 31 May -3 June; 6-10 June	Middlesmoor, Lofthouse and Rigg Section 22
2016048091	14-27 May; 31 May -3 June; 6-10 June; 13-17 June	Copperthwaite Allotment Section 22
2016048095	14-27 May; 31 May – 3 June; 6-10 June; 13-17 June	Ramsgill Moor – Ramsgill Bents Section 22
2016048098	14-27 May; 31 May – 3 June; 6-10 June; 13-17 June	Gouthwaite Section 22
2016048099	14-27 May; 31 May – 3 June; 6-10 June; 13-17 June	Dewhurst Allotment Section 22
2016048127	9-13 May; 16-20 May; 23-27 May; 31 May – 3 June; 6-10 June; 13-16 June	Angram Moor
2016048128	9-13 May; 16-20 May; 23-27 May; 31 May – 3 June; 6-10 June; 13-16 June	Stean Moor
2016048129	9-13 May; 16-20 May; 23-27 May; 31 May – 3 June; 6-10 June; 13-16 June	Keasden Moor
2016048133	23-27 May; 31 May – 3 June; 6-10 June; 13-17 June; 20-24 June; 27-30	Colsterdale Moor, Masham Moor, Iton Moor, Ellingstring Moor and

	June	Galloper Moor Section 22
2016068184	22-23 August; 30-31 August; 5-6 September; 12-13 September; 26-27 September; 0-11 October; 24-25 October; 7-8 November; 21-22 November; 5-6 December	Longside Moor Section 22

#### National conference and regional meeting

- 2.4 3 members of the forum attended the northern national conference for Local Access Forums on 1 March in Leeds – David Barraclough, Barrie Mouny and Paul Sherwood. A summary report of their experience was circulated shortly after the conference.
- 2.5 The Chair attended the regional meeting of Local Access Forums across Yorkshire and Humberside on 9 March in Beverley, and draft minutes of the meeting have been circulated to members. The next meeting will take place on 21 September in Barnsley.

#### LAF Newsletter/Huddle

- 2.6 Natural England has recently published the ninth 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/529126/laf-newsletter-issue9.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/529126/laf-newsletter-issue9.pdf)
- 2.7 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.

#### Local Development Plans

- 2.8 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.

<b>Authority</b>	<b>Status</b>
Craven	Further consultation on preferred site allocations/designations should start in late July 2016. Publication of the final local plan should be in September 2016 and submission should be in December 2016
Hambleton	Preferred options consultation scheduled between September 2016 and August 2017
Harrogate	Draft Plan anticipated October 2016
Richmond	Plan adopted
Ryedale	Plan adopted
Scarborough	Plan submitted for independent examination
Selby	Anticipate consulting on PLAN Selby – Draft Preferred Options during summer 2016
Minerals and Waste Joint Plan	An interim preferred options consultation is now expected to take place during the summer of 2016 to take account of a number of new sites submitted for consideration, as well as any major changes to policies, before a final draft Plan is produced for publication later in the year

2.9 As can be seen, there are a number of consultation documents which are scheduled to take place between this meeting and the next meeting of the LAF in October. It is suggested that, in each case, the LAF agrees to ask the relevant District Council liaison representative to work with the Chair and Secretary of the Forum to prepare a draft response on behalf of the LAF. 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, assuming that this is before the LAF meeting on 12 October 2016.

#### Working Group report

2.10 Following the decision at the last meeting, a working group consisting of Rachel Connolly, Mike Bartholomew, Barrie Mouny and Paul Sherwood met with officers from business and Environmental Services on 9 June 2016. Members discussed highways design and planning issues with Pam Johnson and highways surfacing with Colin Quinn. A report on this session will be circulated before the Forum meeting.

## England Coast Path

- 2.11 The LAF has been invited to send a representative to the launch of the England Coast path in North Yorkshire and Teesside on 21 July 2016. The vice-chair will be attending on behalf of the forum.

### **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 the Local Development Plan consultations anticipated to take place over the summer of 2016 as set out in paragraph 2.8 above. 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, assuming that this is before the LAF meeting on 12 October 2016.

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**Background Documents:** None