

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum

6 April 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 North Yorkshire County Council's Executive considered the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan on 7 March 2017. All consultation responses were reported and noted, including those from the LAF.

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	A revised local plan timetable (LDS) was considered in January 2017. The pre-publication draft plan was expected to be published for consultation during March/April 2017
Hambleton	Hambleton District Council expects to consult on the Draft Local Plan in autumn 2017. There will be a further consultation on sites in spring 2017.
Harrogate	Consultation on the publication version of the plan is anticipated for July 2017
Richmondshire	Delivering Development document – Issues/Preferred Approach due June 2017
Ryedale	The next anticipated consultation will be the Local Plan Sites Document

Scarborough	The independent Planning Inspector published his report on the Scarborough Borough Local Plan on 9 February 2017. The Borough Council will now start the process of adopting the Local Plan over the coming months.
Selby	Consultation on the next stage of 'Plan Selby' – Further consultation: Sites and Policies – is now anticipated in 2017
Minerals and Waste Joint Plan	Subject to confirmation regarding any further consultation required, the County Council in May will be asked to approve submission of the 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 the consultations originally envisaged for the spring may take place before the next 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 12 July, 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 Members have requested that the Secretary investigate the options for a NYLAF webpage. Following discussion with the County Council's web team, it is suggested that the most appropriate location for such a page would be the North Yorkshire Partnerships website, which is currently maintained by a County Council officer. It is suggested that the Secretary drafts a webpage for the NYLAF for circulation and comment by LAF members. It may be that a LAF member wishes to volunteer to work with the Secretary on this project. A link to the website is available here:

<http://www.nypartnerships.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=8379>

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 no new notifications received from the Open Access Contact Centre at Natural England confirming restrictions since the last meeting.

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 12 July 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 agrees to the drafting of a webpage to be added to the North Yorkshire Partnerships website.

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