

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

5<sup>th</sup> July, 2017