

## 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