

**North Yorkshire Local Access Forum**

**11 October 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 July, the LAF has submitted formal comments in response to Craven District Council's consultation on the pre-Publication Draft Craven Local Plan and the Harrogate Local Plan Alternative Sites Consultation.
- 2.2 Further consultation took place on the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan on proposed changes to be adopted following the previous consultation in 2016. This was reviewed by the Chair and no action was taken as the changes were presented for representation relating to legal compliance and soundness only.
- 2.3 The Public Rights of Way – Results of Public Consultation report was discussed by the Corporate Director and Executive Member and was approved for implementation on 21 July 2017.

Local Development Plans

- 2.4 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.

<b>Authority</b>	<b>Status</b>
Craven	The next stage of consultation will be the Publication Draft Plan. This is expected in October/November 2017.

Hambleton	The next stage of consultation will be the Publication Plan. This is expected in November/December 2017.
Harrogate	Consultation on the publication version of the Local 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	Consultation on Local Plan Issues/Preferred Approach is due in June 2018
Scarborough	Scarborough Borough Council formally adopted the Scarborough Borough Local Plan on 3 July 2017. The Council expects to start a selective review of the Local Plan in the third quarter of 2017.
Selby	Consultation on the Pool of Sites is included on this agenda.
Minerals and Waste Joint Plan	The Plan is due to be submitted in November for Examination in Public. The Examination is anticipated to take place in January 2018, with adoption in March 2018.

2.5 Where indicative dates are provided, these have been incorporated into the Forum's forward plan as provisional items of business.

2.6 It is likely 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 17 January, 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

2.7 Members agreed that they wished to develop a NYLAF webpage to be hosted on the North Yorkshire Partnerships website, which is maintained by a County Council officer. The Chair has agreed a target date with the Secretary to have this in place by the end of the year.

#### Open Access Restrictions

2.8 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 10 new notifications received from the Open Access Contact Centre at Natural England confirming restrictions since the last meeting.

## North Yorkshire Local Access Forum Annual Report

- 2.9 All Local Access Forums are required to produce an annual report on their activities. Natural England has not yet sent out their usual template and request for the annual report. A draft annual report has been prepared based previous template. It will be circulated in advance of the meeting for members' consideration.

### Natural England contact

- 2.10 Susan Booth retired from Natural England on 30 August. As yet, there has been no notification of her replacement. Correspondence in the interim should be directed to [ynl.hub@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:ynl.hub@naturalengland.org.uk)

### **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 17 January 2018. 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 the annual report for publication and submission to Natural England.

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**Background Documents:** None