

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum

17 April 2019

District Council and LAF Project Updates

Report of the Secretary

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 An opportunity for LAF members to update the Forum on District Council liaison and other LAF representative project activity since the last meeting.

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. Individual LAF members are also nominated from time to time to take a lead on specific projects that the LAF has an interest in or in representing the LAF on other partnership bodies. Both are represented in the table below:

| Name | Representation |
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| Michael Bartholomew | Craven District |
| Barrie Mouny | Selby District |
| Rachel Connelly | Hambleton District Richmondshire District A1 & A19 |
| Roma Haigh | Ryedale District HS2 |
| Paul Sherwood | NYCC Countryside Access Service User Group Regional Access Forum A66 |
| Richard Smith | Harrogate District 2026 |
| County Councillor David Jeffels | Scarborough District Regional Access Forum |

- 2.3 This agenda item provides an opportunity for the Forum to be updated on activity since the previous meeting.

3.0 District Council Liaison

- 3.1 The NYLAF liaison representative for Richmond has been approached by the District Council for advice on a site in Catterick Village which has a public right of way, which the developers would like to use as their access to the site. This is an ongoing issue and a further update will be provided in due course.
- 3.2 Following a recent report of anti-social behaviour on Bullamoor Park in Northallerton, there has been a suggestion that the area is to be fenced off, which would deny access to public rights of way that cross the park.

As this is a Northallerton Town Council issue, and in order for NYLAF to form a view on this proposal, The NYLAF representative for Hambleton has been liaising with the Mayor of Northallerton and it has been confirmed that they will carry out a public consultation and go from there in September.

NYLAF may want to take this opportunity to consider its views on protecting rights of way when such matters arise, and what other ways there may be for dealing with such situations, for example Public Space Protection Orders, or Gating Orders.

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 s59, which came into force on 20 October 2014, give local authorities and the police more effective powers to deal with anti-social behaviour i.e.:

"Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) are intended to deal with a nuisance or problem in a particular area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone so that the majority of law-abiding people can use and enjoy our public spaces and be safe from anti-social behaviour."

The Gating Orders regulations 2006 are encompassed within the Highways Act 1980. Gating Orders can only be pursued after all other appropriate options have been considered to address crime or antisocial behaviour issues. 'Gating Order Register Here' is the gating register that gives you details of those orders currently being consulted upon, any proposals to amend existing Gating Orders and all Gating Orders made.

Having considered the options the Forum may choose to draft and agree a position statement for circulation to the relevant authorities.

- 3.3 Other liaison representatives are invited to report verbally at the meeting on any other activity undertaken.

4.0 LAF projects

4.1 A1 Upgrade

The local Access Roads have been handed over by Highways England to NYCC. On behalf of the NMUs I scrutinised HE's NMU Safety Audit and found some

matters of concern which I hope may be rectified. In the meantime, NYCC highways raised a couple of queries and HE will be answerable until the Audit has been signed off – so it is understood.

- 4.3 In addition, nominated representatives are invited to report verbally on any other activity undertaken since the last meeting.

5.0 Recommendation

5.1 That members:

- i) Note the updates;
- ii) Agree any further actions required

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Background Documents: None