

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum

25 January 2023

District Council and Updates from Sub-Groups

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
Will Scarlett	Craven District
Rachel Connelly	Hambleton District Richmondshire District A1
Roma Haigh	Ryedale District A19
Paul Sherwood	Regional Access Forum A66
County Councillor David Jeffels	Scarborough District Regional Access Forum
Dick Brew	NYCC Countryside Access Service User Group
David Lepper	Protected Landscapes
Vacant	2026 Harrogate District

- 2.2 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 following updates have been provided by Rachel Connolly:

- A66 Upgrading: The Public Enquiry has taken place with no objections or changes to the proposed design on the section through 'our patch'. Further design consultation is expected which needs watching in case budget constraints result in reducing NMU provision.
- Hambleton District Council: Few consultations since last meeting
- Richmond District Council: Some consultation responses with one notable gain in achieving connection upgrades to an industrial development, on the grounds of NMU safety and active travel. It begs the question why wasn't this picked up by RDC or highways?
- A1: Still waiting for safety hazards to be rectified with phone calls and emails unanswered. National Highways seem unaccountable to anyone. NYCC highways experiencing similar frustration with National Highways and have also been reluctant to engage. It is a long time since the A1 was upgraded, so this reflects a lack of interest to look after the needs of those who travel without a car.
- Bedale By-pass: Waiting for the NMU route along the eastern section of the Bedale bypass to be signed off by Michael Leahy.

3.2 Other nominated representatives are invited to report verbally on any other district liaison activity undertaken since the last meeting.

4.0 Sub-Group Updates

4.1 The Sub-Group set up to carry out a review on Wayfinding, has now completed its review and their final report is attached at Annex A, together with its associated appendices.

4.2 The review has generated a number of recommendations asset out in the report, which the full Forum is asked to consider, in order that they may amended if necessary and agreed prior to be formally submitted to North Yorkshire County Council for consideration and adoption.

4.3 As part of the Wayfinding Review, the issue of Recreational Paths arose, on which David Lepper has produced a discussion paper for the Forum's consideration – as shown at Annex B.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 That the Forum:

- i) Notes the District Council Liaison updates;
- ii) Considers, revises where appropriate, and agrees the draft recommendations arising from the Wayfinding Sub-Group review as detailed in Annex A, so that they may be formally submitted to North Yorkshire County Council.

iii) Consider and comment on the Recreational Paths discussion paper at Annex B.

iv) Agree any further actions required

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Annexes:

Annex A – Wayfinding Sub-Group Review Final Report

Annex B – Recreational Paths Discussion Paper