

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum

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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
Will Scarlett	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
Helen Soutar	Harrogate District
County Councillor David Jeffels	Scarborough District Regional Access Forum
Vacant	2026

- 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:

- The impact of Covid on working-from-home has been very negative from the point of view of communication with all sec.94 bodies, particularly in Richmond. It is disappointing that queries are seldom answered in time to be useful and in the case of Highways England it is now months since they promised to forward the update of suggested improvements for NMUs relating to the A1 upgrade. Independent of the Forum I was approached for help in organising a user-survey of a stretch of the A66 that was dualled 15 years ago, which I hope will be useful when they come to decisions on the upgrading project in hand. As you will be aware County Hall has not been able to make the definitive map and statements available to the public in the normal way likewise the county archive office.

3.2 The following updates have been provided by Roma Haigh:

- Responded to consultation on “Statement of Community Involvement” - March 2021 ;
- In touch with the Ryedale Cycle Forum - work should have started on Malton to Pickering route but I can't find details
- Attended Yorkshire Wolds Way zoom meeting in March 2021. The trail is in good condition and has seen increased usage over the lockdowns. District Council tourist partners fed back on their promotional activities.
- In touch with Ryedale Council who would be happy to meet once the coronavirus restrictions have been fully lifted.

4.0 Other Updates

4.1 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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