

## Local Access Forum

### ***Planning Position Statement Working Group***

#### ***Notes of Meetings held on***

***Thursday 21st September 2017 & 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017***

#### **Guiding Principles for Planning to improve local access**

1. All new proposed development should refer and comply with the *Policy IF5 of Rights of Way and Access to the countryside* while designing new access routes and paths.
2. All access should be consistent with the Borough's *Public Rights of Way Management and Improvement Plan 2016-2026*.
3. All access improvements, routes, locks and POS should be dedicated as highway or protected legally in some way.
4. Access new developments should aim to provide accessibility to all and improve accessibility for disabled or elderly people and families with pushchairs.
5. All new access structures should comply with BS5709:2006 for gaps, gates & stiles, and all new routes comply with *Environment Agency Access for All design guide* and RWBM ROWMIP.
6. On sites prone to flooding, paths need to be constructed with suitable permeable surface to ensure it can withstand and recover from a flood event.
7. If the path is a designated escape route it needs to be usable in the event of flooding and remain open at all times with suitable lighting for night time use.
8. When considering fencing a path /route it should allow visual permeability and open views to create safe access route. The fencing should suitably blend into the character of the space without being detrimental to the aesthetics.
9. Boundaries should not be designed to deliberately curtail any views.
10. Paths should be wide enough with green verges so that they do not become narrow alleys. Footpaths should be wide enough to allow the use as cycle paths.
11. Enhancements should be sought through CIL contributions

**Specific Advice – Allocated Sites Policies Maps**

**1. Map Reference HA6**

- a. Access to Braywick Leisure Centre and town centre used by walkers, cyclists and should be min 3m wide.
- b. Improve ways across Braywick road not just through the site and provide a dedicated pedestrian route to cross the road safely for school and residents on the other side of Braywick Leisure Centre.

**2. Map Reference HA7 & HA 8**

- a. Improve/ enhance existing PROW to offer residents at HA7 &, HA6 HA8 Cox Green etc access to Ockwells Park.
- b. Create a network of 'green ways' within these sites; this green network can be an activity network connecting Ockwells Park and Greenway.

**3. Map Reference HA11**

- a. Potential for permitted path to be dedicated ROW

**4. Map Reference HA19**

- a. Missing link added from lower Cookham Road to the Thames path.

**5. Map Reference HA20**

- a. Area is bounded by PORW. Development should aim to increased use as well as connectivity to Ockwells Park.
- b. PROW should be enhanced by the development.

**6. Map Reference HA21**

- a. Potential missing link – millennium walks and link across Railway Bridge.
- b. Improve access to Furze Platt School

**7. Map Reference HA22**

- a. This is open access land and development here would lead to loss to accessible countryside and compensatory land would be required. However this is not being accessed and used at the moment.

**8. Map Reference HA23**

- a. Protect and enhance bridleway.
- b. Access to river PROW over Summerleaze bridge
- c. Access to river at The Cut.

**9. Map Reference HA25**

- a. Access through the site to library, post office & park to help create better access to public amenities.

**10. Map Reference HA26**

- a. Crossing point across Vale Road to School & Deadworth Manor Open Space

**11. Map Reference HA28**

- a. Improve /Enhance safe access to New Thames Path
- b. Footbridge to Lock Island to create a unique circular walk for the residents of the development and public.
- c.

**12. Map Reference HA29**

- a. Access pedestrian/ cycle path to Ballet School.

**13. Map Reference HA30**

- a. Improvement to pedestrian path along Station Hill will create significant improvement to pedestrian access site.
- b. Full access from Sunninghill footpath 36 creating a gateway into Ascot Link, Station Hill & Sunninghill.
- c.

**14. Map Reference HA31/32**

- a. Improve access to school & cycle access to and into Ascot

**15. Map Reference HA33**

- a. Upgrading /Improving existing paths , new bridleway from Buckhurst Road to Sunninghill 5, potentially upgrading Sunninghill 5, thereby taking horses off London Road A329
- b. Scheme would link the great park from Ascot to Sunningdale.

**16. Map Reference HA35**

- a. Improve access to public amenity.
- b. Pedestrian and Cycle access through the site.

**17. Map Reference HA42**

- a. Long term objective should be to provide access to reservoirs

**18. Map Reference HA46**

- a. Pedestrian /Cycle route through the site.

**19. Map Reference HA48**

- a. Retain & enhance entrance footpath.