

LOCAL ACCESS FORUM: 13 DECEMBER 2011

EASY GOING ROUTES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the forum about the progress of the Windsor Great Park Easy Going Route and the website version of the Cookham Easy Going Route

2. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Windsor Great Park Easy Going Route

2.1 One of the targets set out in the 'Milestones Statement 2011/12', is "*To produce 1 leaflet publicising access opportunities for people with special needs*". The Council has been working with the Crown Estate to produce the Windsor Great Park Easy Going Route leaflet this year towards this target.

2.2 The descriptive text for the leaflet has been drafted as is being refined. Further information from the Crown Estate containing information about landmarks and other points of interest will be added. A copy will be presented to the forum at the meeting for comments. The Access Advisory Forum will also be given an opportunity to comment at its meeting on the 12th December 2011

2.3 In preparation for the route the Crown Estate have made modifications to the electric gates in Windsor Great Park to enable them to be easily reached by those people using wheelchairs, which is working well. Further physical works to be planned with the Crown Estate for the future include the construction of additional resting points. As with the Cookham Easy Going Route below the Council will create a specific Windsor Great Park Easy Going Route webpage.

Cookham Easy Going Route

2.4 The Cookham Easy Going Route was published in 2008 and has proven to be very popular. In addition to the leaflet the Council is in the process of developing tailored web pages to provide additional and enhanced information for the public about the route.

2.5 The Council has developed content towards creating a 'virtual tour' of the route where users would be able to click on a part of the route and see a high resolution photograph of the area. This will help members of the public to determine what features are along the route and most importantly would enable them to decide for themselves whether they would be able to use the route. It will also include the text of the leaflet and potentially reviews and other user-submitted information.

2.6 Unfortunately there have been a number of technical restrictions and problems that have delayed the project and the Council is currently investigating options to resolve these problems.

Any further update on the progress of these two projects will be provided orally at the meeting.
