

LOCAL ACCESS FORUM: 7 JUNE 2012

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform the Local Access Forum about the progress made on actions and issues arising from the Forum meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

**2. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Agenda Item 1: Matters arising from the last meeting**

Item	Action / Issue	Action Owner	Outcome
1.1	Letter to be sent to Ben Smith, Group manager for Highway Services, to recommend to the council that the 'Boundary Walk' waymarking project be funded from developer contributions.	AF	A letter was sent on 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2012 and a reply was received on 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2012 advising that £2,500 would be contributed towards the project. Copies of the letters are included in this report as appendix A.

**Agenda Item 4: Multi-use paths**

Item	Action / Issue	Action Owner	Outcome
4.1	Establish a working party to develop a multi-use path route as a trial in Eton Wick	AF	A working party met in March 2012 consisting of representatives from the LAF, RBWM, British Horse Society, Sustrans, the East Berks Ramblers and local residents. A plan for a proposed multi-use route at Eton Wick is currently with Eton College awaiting approval.

**Agenda Item 5: Local Sustainable Transport Fund**

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5.1	A letter to be sent from the forum to Gail Kenyon, Planning Infrastructure and Transport Policy Manager, expressing the forum's support for the bid.	AF	A letter was sent on 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2012. This is included in the report as appendix B.

**Agenda Item 6: Milestones Statement 2012/2013**

Item	Action / Issue	Action Owner	Outcome
6.1	A letter to be sent to Ben Smith, Group manager for Highways Services, recommending that public rights of way projects should be given more priority for funding from developer contributions.	AF	This issue was included in the letter sent on 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2012 (see appendix A). The forum was invited to suggest any specific projects to be included in the Supplementary

			<p>Planning Document and the forum was advised that they will be also be consulted when this document is next reviewed.</p> <p>The Supplementary Planning Document began on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and a copy of the document is included as appendix C to this report. This forum is invited to input into this document and suggest any suitable schemes. The criteria for the schemes are:</p> <p>They must be necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms;</p> <p>They must be directly related to the development in question;</p> <p>They must be fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.</p>
6.2	The forum recommended that the same priorities, targets and service standards be included for the Milestones Statement and Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2012/2013.	AF	The forum's recommendations were reported to the Rights of Way and Highways Licensing Panel on 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2012, and agreed.

**Agenda Item 8: Easy Going Routes**

Item	Action / Issue	Action Owner	Outcome
8.1	Add additional information to the internet pages for the Easy Going Routes: public transport information to deter people from driving; information discouraging people from leaving valuables on display in vehicles; dog-littering; and information about livestock on common land.	AF	This information will be included when the internet pages are published.
8.2	Promote the publication of the leaflets and internet pages once they have been released.	AF	A press release will be issued when the new leaflet and web pages have been finalised and published.

**Agenda Item 9: LAF Monitoring items**

Item	Action / Issue	Action Owner	Outcome
9.1	The forum recommended that alternate options for funding be investigated. A letter to be sent from the Chair to David Oram, Strategic Director of Environment & Deputy Chief Executive	AF	A letter was sent on 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2012 and a reply was received on 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2012. Copies of the letters are included in this report as appendix D.

9.2	Add a code of conduct for dog walkers along with advice about how to handle cattle on the borough website.	AF	A report regarding dog issues will be submitted to the forum for discussion on 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2012.
9.3	The forum unanimously agreed that the Local Access Forum website be published.	AF	The new LAF website was published following the meeting.

**Agenda Item 10: Activities of the LAF Fast Response Team**

Item	Action / Issue	Action Owner	Outcome
10.1	The forum resolved to send a letter to Simon Hurrell, Interim Head of Planning and Development, to highlight the importance of including public rights of way numbers on Development Control Panel reports.	AF	A letter was sent on 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2012 and a reply was received on 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2012 advising that the system does not allow the numbers to be added. Copies of the letters are included in this report as appendix E.

**Agenda Item 11: Any other business**

Item	Action / Issue	Action Owner	Outcome
11.1	Pass on information regarding the 'Paths for Communities' grants scheme when available.	AF	A agenda item has been added for the 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2012 Local Access Forum meeting to discuss this issue.

**Agenda Item 12: Activities of neighbouring Local Access Forums and date of next meeting**

Item	Action / Issue	Action Owner	Outcome
12.1	All forum members who are willing to attend neighbouring forum meetings as an observer to contact Andrew Fletcher	ALL	No responses have been received to date regarding this action.

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