

## The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Access Forum

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30<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Dear Sir,

### **Developer contribution funding**

At the last meeting of the Local Access Forum held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011, the forum discussed the 'Boundary Walk' promotion and waymarking scheme that is currently in development by the East Berks Ramblers', with assistance from the Council's Public Rights of Way Team.

The forum considers that the Boundary Walk promoted route would be beneficial for Maidenhead and recommended to the Council that monies from developer contributions under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 be used to fund the project.

Further into the meeting the forum again discussed the issue of developer contributions in a more general sense, with some members expressing concern that the 'Section 106 funding' had not delivered as much money for the Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan as expected, and expressed fears that unless further funding was made available the targets and aspirations of the Improvement Plan were unlikely to be realised.

The forum strongly recommended to the Council that priority should be given to public rights of way projects when distributing developer contributions.

I understand that you are the person to contact regarding these matters and I am writing to request that such funds are identified and allocated accordingly.

I would be grateful if you could reply to this letter in order that I may pass your response to the forum members for their information.

Yours Sincerely,

Peter Thorn  
Chair of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Access Forum

**This letter constitutes formal advice from the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Access Forum. The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Council is required, in accordance with section 94(5) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to have regard to relevant advice from this forum in carrying out its functions.**

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23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012

Mr. Peter Thorn  
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Dear Peter

### **Developer Contribution Funding: Local Access Forum**

Thank you for your letter of 30<sup>th</sup> January (received on 7<sup>th</sup> February), addressed to Ben Smith, who has asked me to reply.

I am pleased to confirm that your request has been considered by Councillor Bicknell (Lead Member for Highways, Transport and Environment) who is happy to support your request, subject to support from Ward Members.

Subject to their support, a sum of £2,500 will be made available from S.106 receipts to fund the Boundary Walk signage/waymarking project. My colleague Sharon Wootten will liaise direct with the East Berks Ramblers on the implementation of the project.

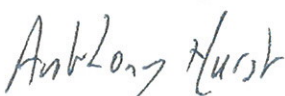
In response to your more general question about allocation of S.106 developer contributions to public rights of way projects, I hope the following information will be helpful.

The Council publishes a Supplementary Planning Document each year (the '*Planning Obligations and Developers Contributions Supplementary Planning Document*') which includes schedules of schemes for a range of service areas. I am attaching the extract from the current SPD that covers public rights of way.

This document is reviewed annually, following consultation with all Ward Councillors, Parish Councils and internally to the various service areas. I will ensure that the Local Access Forum is added to the consultation list for the next review of this document. If there are any specific projects that the LAF wish to take forward, please let me or Andrew Fletcher know and we can ensure that when funds to become available, these projects can then be added to our programme for future approvals.

If in the meantime you have any further queries or suggestions concerning S.106 allocations to public rights of way projects please could you contact me in the first instance and I will liaise with relevant colleagues.

Yours sincerely



Anthony Hurst  
Principal Rights of Way Officer

## TRANSPORT LIST OF SCHEMES

**PART 1) Schedule of Rights of Way Schemes**  
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ID	STRATEGY / OBJECTIVE	PROJECT	APPROX VALUE	OUTCOME	WARDS
PROW 1	Local Transport Plan/Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan (LTP/ROWIP)	Public Rights of Way Improvements in the northern parishes	£100,000	Improved public rights of way network	Bisham and Cookham
PROW 2	Local Transport Plan/Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan (LTP/ROWIP)	Public Rights of Way improvements in the western parishes	£100,000	Improved public rights of way network	Hurley and Walthams
PROW 3	Local Transport Plan/Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan (LTP/ROWIP)	Public Rights of Way improvements in Bray parish	£100,000	Improved public rights of way network	Bray
PROW 4	Local Transport Plan/Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan (LTP/ROWIP)	Public Rights of Way Improvements in the eastern parishes	£100,000	Improved public rights of way network	Horton and Wraysbury, Datchet
PROW 5	Local Transport Plan/Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan (LTP/ROWIP)	Public Rights of Way Improvements in the southern parishes	£100,000	Improved public rights of way network	Ascot and Cheapside, Sunninghill and South Ascot, Sunningdale
PROW 6	Local Transport Plan/Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan (LTP/ROWIP)	Public Rights of Way Improvements in Windsor, Eton and Old Windsor	£300,000	Improved public rights of way network	Castle Without, Clewer East, Clewer North, Clewer South, Eton and Castle, Eton Wick, Old Windsor, Park
PROW 7	Local Transport Plan/Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan (LTP/ROWIP)	Public Rights of Way Improvements in Maidenhead, including securing a continuation of the Thames Path beside the riverbank to the north of Bridge Gardens	£300,000	Improved public rights of way network	Belmont, Boyn Hill, Cox Green, Furze Platt, Maidenhead Riverside, Oldfield
602/1	ROW Improvements Plan Maidenhead Area Action Plan	York Stream Environmental Enhancement Phase I baseline stage (small boats able to traverse the Town Ring)– Improvements and new facilities including improvements to the	£5.2 m	Improve the amenity of Public Realm and ProW along York Stream	Belmont

		accessibility, infrastructure amenities and restoration of a navigable channel for York Stream, Maidenhead			
602/2	ROW Improvements Plan Maidenhead Area Action Plan	York Stream Environmental Enhancement Phase II Bray Cut clearance (allowing larger boats access)– Improvements and new facilities including improvements to the accessibility, infrastructure amenities and restoration of a navigable channel for York Stream, Maidenhead	£2.5 m	Improve the amenity of Public Realm and ProW along York Stream	Belmont
637	Maidenhead Area Action Plan	Footbridge over the Thames at Boulter's Lock	tba	Improved Public Rights of Way network	Maidenhead Riverside/ South Bucks (lead authority)
638	Maidenhead Area Action Plan	Green Bridge over A4 to connect West Street to Kidwells Park	£2.0m - £2.5m	Improved Public Rights of Way network	Belmont
PH2	Hurley Parish Project	Environmentally friendly surfacing to footpath 15 (Hodgedale Lane Hurley)	£12,000 (Parish estimate)		Hurley and Walthams
PH3	Hurley Parish Project	Maintenance to RUPP 21 and Bridlepath 22 (to West of Dewdrop Inn off Honey Lane Hurley)	£12,000 (Parish estimate)		Hurley and Walthams
PH4	Hurley Parish Project	Footpath (FP63) surfacing from Dairy Cottage off Mill Lane Hurley to the River	£30,000 (Parish estimate)		Hurley and Walthams
PH5	Hurley Parish Project	Riverside footpath improvements adjacent to Old Boat House Hurley	£24,000 (Parish estimate)		Hurley and Walthams
PH7	White Waltham Parish Project	Introduce new type of stile – Footpath No. 10 White Waltham			Hurley and Walthams
CH10	Ward Councillor project	Improve width and surface of public footpath behind Meadow Close, between it and Church Road			Old Windsor
PH9A	Bray Parish Project	Extending public right of way FP40 from its junction with FP2 to gain access to play area on the land to the rear of the Whichford Housing Development.			Bray
CH11	Ward Councillor project	Add the last piece of the Thames trail south of Chandlers Quay along the Ray Mill Road frontage	£150,000		Maidenhead Riverside
		<b>TOTAL (excl. Maidenhead AAP, Cllr projects, and Parish projects)</b>	<b>£1,100,000</b>		

NB Horton Parish Council requests additional public footpaths and/or bridleways in their parish