

Item 1 - LOCAL ACCESS FORUM POST MEETING REPORT

LOCAL ACCESS FORUM: 7th JUNE 2012

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Local Access Forum about the progress made on actions and issues arising from the Forum meeting held on 7th June 2012.

Agenda Item 1: Matters arising from the last meeting

Item	Action / Issue	Action Owner	Outcome
1.1	Provide information about what public rights of way projects have been funded from developer contributions.	AF	£2,500 was provided for the Boundary Walk waymarking project.
1.2	Write letter to the Council to question why project ID 637, PH2, PH3 & PH4 were included in the list of schemes. 637 was largely in another authority's area, and PH2, 3 & 4 refer to maintenance projects when it is understood Section 106 money could not be spent on maintenance/repair works.	AF	An update will be provided orally at the meeting

Agenda Item 3: Dog walking issues

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3.1	Look into signage options to place on path furniture to highlight to users the dangers of dogs being out of control around farm animals.	AF	An update will be provided orally at the meeting
3.2	Send information regarding responsible dog ownership to all parish councils, vet surgeries and dog grooming parlours to place on their notices boards, including dog poo fairy posters. This should include dog waste, dogs & horses and dogs & farm animals.	AF	Letters and a bespoke advisory note was sent to professional dog walking companies known to be operating in the area, to the parish councils and to local veterinary surgeries.

Agenda Item 4: Bray Footpath 24 (part) diversion application

Item	Action / Issue	Action Owner	Outcome
4.1	Send a letter to Anthony Hurst regarding the forum's comments about the Bray Footpath 24 diversion order	AF	A letter was sent to Anthony Hurst on 8 th June 2012. The Bray Footpath 24 (part) Diversion Order was published on 27th Sept, no objections or representations were received during the statutory consultation period, and the Order has

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			<p>been confirmed as an unopposed Order.</p> <p>The diversion will come into effect once the works have been completed and certified.</p>
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Agenda Item 5: DEFRA consultation: Improvements to the policy and legal framework for public rights of way

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5.1	Form a working party with members of the forum to meet at the end of June/early July to respond to the proposals. All forum members to contact Andrew Fletcher as soon as possible.	ALL	A working party met to discuss the proposals on 30 th July 2012 and submitted advice to DEFRA on 31 st July 2012. A copy of the advice is included as Appendix A to this report.
5.2	Distribute summary of the proposals to all members of the working group.	AF	Completed
5.3	Investigate opinion about the proposals held by The Ramblers' HQ	MB	This was supplied by MB
5.4	Investigate opinion about the proposals held by the NFU	WE	This was supplied by WE

Agenda Item 6: Natural England consultation on the future management of National Trails from April 2013

Item	Action / Issue	Action Owner	Outcome
6.1	All forum members to read the executive summary of the proposals and contact Andrew Fletcher with any comments. The deadline for comments is 27th June 2012 .	ALL	No comments were received from the members of the Forum in time for the deadline.
6.2	Collate responses to the LAF consultation and send to the Fast Response Team and Hilary Essen. Response to be sent to Natural England by 29th June 2012	AF	No comments were received from the members of the Forum in time for the deadline.

Agenda Item 7: Paths for communities

Item	Action / Issue	Action Owner	Outcome
7.1	Draft letter to be sent from the chair to the parish councils to ensure that they are aware of the Paths for Communities scheme.	AF	A letter was sent to all Parish Councils from AF on 17 th September 2012
7.2	Contact voluntary organisations to highlight the scheme.	AF	Information regarding the scheme was sent to the Conservation Volunteers who regularly apply for grant funding.

Agenda Item 8: LAF plans for the coming year

Item	Action / Issue	Action Owner	Outcome
8.1	All comments regarding the annual report and plans for the future to be sent to Andrew Fletcher by 5th July 2012 .	ALL	No comments received.
8.2	Work Programme agreed for coming year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multi-user routes - Use of volunteers - 'Devolution' of services 	AF	This has been included in the LAF annual report

Agenda Item 9: Maidenhead Boundary Walk

Item	Action / Issue	Action Owner	Outcome
9.1	Place information about the Maidenhead Boundary Walk on the public rights of way web pages.	AF	The Maidenhead Boundary Walk map has been placed on the RBWM website on both the PROW and the LAF pages

Agenda Item 10: Easy Going Routes

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10.1	Provide maps of the two routes to the forum	AF	An copy of the two routes will be provided at the meeting.
10.2	Create simple web pages rather than enhanced content for the moment	AF	This has been completed for the Cookham Easy Going Route and is now live
10.3	Develop a report for the forum on the number of 'hits' and amount of feedback received from the website	AF	This has been included under agenda item 9: LAF Monitoring items
10.4	Investigate promotion of the Windsor Great Park Easy Going Route through the Around the Royal Borough Magazine or a press release.	AF	This will be investigated once the Windsor Great Park leaflet has been published.