

Local Access Forum Annual Review Form

April 2014 to March 2015

Name of LAF	Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
Name of LAF Chair	Peter Thorn
Name of LAF Secretary	Andrew Fletcher

Total number of LAF members	19
Number of members representing users of public rights of way or access land	10
Number of members representing owners and occupiers of access land or land over which PROW subsist	6
Number of members representing other interests	2

1. LAF achievements? (Please give examples to illustrate how your LAF has improved public access to land for the purpose of open air recreation and the enjoyment of the area)

Negotiated a permitted multi-user route to improve horse riding access in Eton

Instrumental in developing the draft Rights of Way Management and Improvement Plan 2016-2026.

Working to resolve cross-boundary issues with other authorities, and linking routes across borders

Provided advice with regard to better approaches to manage dog problems

Greater and more frequent informal LAF meetings

2. What are the main challenges affecting your LAF's ability to deliver improvements to public access in the coming year?

Land-owner permissions for improvements

Officer time to support LAF activities

3. What are your top three priorities for the year ahead?

To be completed on 24th June 2015

4. Is there any particular support or training that you need to deliver your priorities?

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LAF activity in 2014/15

Number of full LAF meetings held	2	Number of sub-group meetings held	8
Number of working groups led by others	0	Number of training days provided by the Appointing Authority	0

Partners the LAF worked with during 2014/15 (click on a box or type 'x')

Local Nature Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Enterprise Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health and Wellbeing Boards	<input type="checkbox"/>	LEADER funding Local Action Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please add numbers to the following differentiating between formal consultations and general advice given by the LAF on particular subjects. If a consultation covered more than one subject area, please count separately.

	Consultations	Advice
Green Infrastructure strategies	0	0
Public Space Protection Orders (including gating orders)	1	1
Transport (LTP, traffic management, rail, DfT, Highways Agency)	2	2
Water / Coast (slipways, flood defence, EA, shoreline)	0	0
Public open space (protection orders, commons, village greens)	0	0
Dog exclusion/on leads/fouling orders	0	0
Planning applications	2	2
Housing development schemes	1	1
Local development frameworks and planning strategies	0	0
PROW creation, diversion or closure - number of each	1	1
Right of Way Improvement Plan review	1	1
Route improvements (to PROW and other multi-user/cycling/horse-riding/walking routes)	5	5
Promotion of access, open air recreation and the enjoyment of the area	0	0
Definitive map and recording PROW	0	0
Parish Council or other grant schemes	0	0
Disabled access / access for people with mobility issues?	0	0
Vehicular access and issues relating to motorised use of PROW	0	0
Nature conservation (including SSSIs)	0	0
Land use and planning matters (e.g. informal advice on land development)	1	1
Greenspace including Country Parks and Local Nature Reserves	0	0
Open Access land restrictions	0	0
Coastal Access/National Trails	0	0
NNR dedication	0	0
Agri-environment scheme issues (HLS and new Countryside Stewardship) e.g. expiring permissive access agreements, effects of land management options on public access etc.	0	0
Forestry and woodland	0	0

Any other LAF activity (please specify)

<p>RBWM Milestones Statement and Annual PROW Targets</p> <p>An improved procedure has been established for consulting the Forum on planning applications</p>
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Improved links with neighbouring Local Access Forums
Dog issues
Volunteer works
Monitoring progress of legislation

5. Summarise any feedback received from section 94(4) bodies¹

Feedback provided from the Council to every issue raised, but feedback harder to receive from other s.94 bodies

6. Please provide any comments from your Appointing Authority

The forum has had a very busy year and has achieved a great deal in the time that it has had. As well as moving forward with particular projects such as improving horse riding and cycling access, and developing a multi-user route extension, the forum has made great progress in improving links between neighbouring Local Access Forums for the benefit of all participants. The Forum has been involved at the very start in creating the draft Rights of Way Management and Improvement Plan for 2015-2016 which is one of the main public rights of way deliverables for 2015/16.

7. Comments from LAF Chair

8. Any important information to bring to the attention of Natural England

¹ The Countryside and Rights of Way Act, 2000, Section 94(4) specifies that it is the function of a local access forum, as respects to the area for which it is established, to advise the appointing authority; the local highway authority; other bodies exercising functions under CROW Act Part 1 (Natural England, Forestry Commission and English Heritage) and such other bodies as may be prescribed. These other bodies are set out in the LAF Regulations 2007, paragraph 21, and include: any conservation board established by the Secretary of State, any parish or town council in the area covered by the LAF, and Sport England.

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9. Any other comments