

LOCAL ACCESS FORUM MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To welcome new members and update the forum membership.

2. New Members of the RBWM Local Access Forum

As a result of efforts to increase the membership of the Forum and build links to Parish Councils across the borough last year.

We would like to welcome the following further new members:

Name	Representing Interest	Ratified
Ceri Richardson	walking and cycling and Sunningdale & Ascot Parish Council	Yes
Martin Richardson	cycling	Yes
Sue Nicholls	walking, horse riding and Wraysbury Parish Council	Yes
Claire Taylor	Eton Town Council	Yes
Cllr Benta Hickley	Horton Parish Council	Yes

Further enquiries have been received from the Clerk at Cox Green Parish Council who are interested in submitting an application for membership.

Current membership of the RBWM Local Access Forum now stands at **17** members.

3. Resignations from the RBWM Local Access Forum

Name	Representing Interest	Date Resigned
Anne Woodward	horse riding/equestrian	17.06.22

4. Current membership balance of interests

Walking	Cycling	Equestrian	Environmental /Other	Councillors	Accessibility for disabled	Landowner
5	4	2	3	3	1	2

NB: some members gave more than one interest.

5. Training Options

What kind of training would members think useful?

Half day training could include the following topics (to be confirmed with possible IPROW consultant):

- Rights of way – what are they, where do they come from, who owns them
- Records – the Definitive Map and Statement, the List of Streets, the National Street Gazetteer
- Duties and responsibilities of the council, landowners and users
- Modifying the definitive map, applications and processes
- Changing rights – diversions, creations, extinguishments
- Impact of development, conditions and contributions
- Opportunities for improving access, health and wellbeing, climate change, active travel

There would be a cost for the training to be covered by RBWM but only if suitable and justified. Many members may already have knowledge / experience of these topics.

Would the training be for all members or only new members?

Alternatively, would it be worthwhile for members to have a workshop to go through the Guidance on Local Access Forums in England published by Defra 2009? To help in understanding of the role of the Local Access Forum.