

**North Yorkshire Local Access Forum**

**17 January 2018**

**Secretary's Update Report**

**Report of the Secretary**

**1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To update members of the Local Access Forum on developments since the last meeting of the LAF.

**2.0 Update**

Consultation submissions and responses

- 2.1 Since the last meeting in October, the LAF has submitted formal comments in response to the A59 Kex Gill Consultation and the Selby Pool of Sites Consultation, both of which were discussed at the October meeting.
- 2.2 In addition, the LAF submitted a formal response to the Ministry of Defence consultation on its review of Section 28 indefinite directions.
- 2.3 Responses to the LAF's formal comments on the Local Development Plan consultations by Harrogate in December 2016 and August 2017, and Craven in July 2017, were included in the current versions of those consultations earlier on this agenda. Specific responses to the LAF's comments have been extrapolated and included as appendices to the respective reports on the agenda.

Local Development Plans

- 2.4 One of the key areas of involvement for the Forum is to ensure appropriate engagement in the preparation of Local Development Plans. A number of items have been included on recent agendas. Set out below is a brief summary of the current position in relation to each District Council area, and in relation to the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan. This information is taken from the websites of the relevant authorities and correspondence received.

<b>Authority</b>	<b>Status</b>
Craven	Consultation on the Publication Draft Plan is included on this agenda
Hambleton	The next stage of consultation will be the

	Publication Plan. This is expected in April/May 2018
Harrogate	Consultation on the Publication Draft Plan is included on this agenda
Richmondshire	Consultation on Local Plan Issues/Preferred Approach is due in June 2018
Ryedale	Consultation on the Local Plan Sites and Policies closed on 22 December 2017. The document will be submitted for independent examination in early 2018
Scarborough	Scarborough Borough Council formally adopted the Scarborough Borough Local Plan on 3 July 2017. The Council expected to start a selective review of the Local Plan in the third quarter of 2017
Selby	Consultation on the Submission Draft of the Site Allocations Local Plan is expected in June/July 2018
Minerals and Waste Joint Plan	The Plan was submitted on 28 November 2017 for Examination in Public. The Examination was anticipated to take place in January 2018, with adoption in March 2018.

- 2.5 Where indicative consultation dates are provided, these have been incorporated into the Forum's forward plan as provisional items of business.
- 2.6 It is possible that one or more of consultations may take place before the next scheduled meeting of the Local Access Forum. In the event that there are any consultations where the closing date is before the next meeting of the LAF on 11 April 2018, it is suggested that the LAF authorises the relevant district council liaison representative to lead in preparing a draft response in conjunction with the Chair and Secretary. The draft response would then be circulated by email for comment to all LAF members before being finalised for formal submission to meet the deadline.

#### NYLAF Webpage

- 2.7 Members agreed that they wished to develop a NYLAF webpage to be hosted on the North Yorkshire Partnerships website, which is maintained by a County Council officer. The Chair agreed a target date with the Secretary to have this in place by the end of 2017. This target has not been met. The Secretary will try to complete this before the next meeting in April.

### Open Access Restrictions

- 2.8 The Forum is consulted on a range of restrictions under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. The Ministry of Defence consulted the Forum on Section 28 indefinite directions as noted at paragraph 2.2 above.
- 2.9 There have been no new notifications received from the Open Access Contact Centre at Natural England confirming restrictions since the last meeting.

### Natural England contact

- 2.10 Natural England have confirmed that Susan Booth's role as lead contact for Yorkshire and Humber LAFs will not be directly replaced. Andrew Mackintosh, Senior Adviser in Access, will provide updates to the Regional Access Forum. Queries or questions should be directed to [ynl.hub@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:ynl.hub@naturalengland.org.uk)

### Rights of Way: Restoring the Record

- 2.11 Natural England sent a copy of the second edition of the book Rights of Way: Restoring the Record by Sarah Bucks and Phil Wadey to each LAF in December 2017. This is available from the Secretary for any LAF member to borrow if they wish.

## **3.0 Recommendations**

- 3.1 That the Local Access Forum notes the update report.
- 3.2 That the relevant District Council liaison representative be authorised to work with the Chair and Secretary of the Forum to prepare a draft response on behalf of the LAF to any relevant consultations with a closing date before the next meeting of the LAF on 11 April 2018. This would then be circulated for consultation by the Secretary and a formal LAF response submitted by the Secretary to meet the deadlines for each consultation.

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**Background Documents:** None