

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills - Executive Director - Development Services

Report to: **Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum**
Date: **9th October 2012**
Subject: **Access Developments in the Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park Area.**

Summary:

A report as to the current situation regarding access within the Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park (LCCP) region.

Recommendation(s):

That the report be noted and a representative from the Mid-Lincolnshire LAF is nominated to represent the LAF on the LCCP Task Team.

1. Background

The County Council is currently undertaking a review of access with the designated Coastal Country Park region. The area covered broadly affects the coastal strip between Sandilands in the north and Chapel St Leonards in the south. The western boundary approximately follows the line of the A52 encompassing the villages of Huttoft, Anderby and Manby.

Access in the area is served by 7 parking areas at the coastal shore; Sandilands, Huttoft Car Terrace, Marsh Yard, Anderby Creek, Wolla Bank, Chapel Six Marshes and Chapel Point. Also there is a fragmented network of public rights of way which does not presently provide for the recreational access (e.g. circular walks and coastal walks) required.

The County Council through its Natural Environment Team and supported by Economic Regeneration and Countryside Access colleagues aim to improve the access in the area through infrastructure and access network improvements.

2. Summary

In terms of improved access the Council has evaluated the network in terms of current and potential use, network connectivity and current availability and will, over the next year begin to progress improvements either through improved infrastructure and signage or possibly through reasonable diversions or the creation of new access.

Schemes already identified include, and in no particular order of priority:

- Dialogue started with owner of land currently promoted as a Higher Level Stewardship Bridleway route. This is due to end in Autumn 2013 but would be a better route than the existing Hogsthorpe Public Footpath 34 (currently not available on the ground)
- Creation of PRow in association with Farmer Brown Ice Cream business to demonstrate how the LCCP can assist diversified business and creating a "gateway" to the area off the A52. (Farmer Browns has been identified as a key gateway to the LCCP in the Hubs and Gateways study (May 2012)
- Diversion of Huttoft PF 52 to avoid a costly bridge and to utilise the former railway track bed and creating a short circular walk from Farmer Brown's.
- Diversions and/or creations to resolve network anomalies such as missing links or major obstructions by dwellings.
- Diversion of Anderby PF17 to alter the termination point on Roman Bank to a more suitable location for road safety reasons and to link better to the Anderby Creek Sea Road & the caravan park.
- Review the potential for a bridleway to be created on LCC land between Anderby Creek and Huttoft Bank car park.
- Investigation into the potential for the purchase of Roman Bank to facilitate access alongside a dangerous B Class road.
- The creation of further short promoted circular walks based on the inland villages.

3. LOCAL ACCESS FORUM INVOLVEMENT

To ensure proper representation of access issues a Local Access Member for the Mid-Lincolnshire Forum is invited to attend future meetings of the LCCP Task Team.

4. Consultation

a) Scrutiny Comments

n/a

b) Executive Councillor Comments

n/a

c) Local Member Comments

n/a

d) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

5. Background papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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