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10 October 2016

## **Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum Meeting**

A meeting of the Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum will be held on **Tuesday, 18 October 2016** at **2.00 pm** in **Newland Room, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YL** for the transaction of the business set out on the attached Agenda.

Yours sincerely

Tony McArdle  
Chief Executive

## **Membership of the Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum**

Chris Padley, (Users of Local Rights of Way) (Chairman)  
Dr Chris Allison, (Users of Local Rights of Way) (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor Denis Colin Hoyes MBE, (Lincolnshire County Council)  
Councillor Daniel McNally, (Lincolnshire County Council)  
Councillor Iain Colquhoun, (North East Lincolnshire Council)  
Sandra Harrison, (Landowners)  
Ray Shipley, (Landowners)  
Sheila Brookes, (Users of Local Rights of Way)  
Deborah North, (Users of Local Rights of Way)  
Colin Smith, (Users of Local Rights of Way)  
Richard Graham, (Other Interests)  
David Mills, (Other Interests)  
Katherine Mills, (Other Interests)  
3 Vacancies (Land Owners)  
2 Vacancies (Other Interests)



**MID-LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM AGENDA  
TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2016**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Report Reference</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Election of Vice-Chairman</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Declarations of Members' Interests</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting of the Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum held on 19 July 2016</b>	(Pages 7 - 14)
<b>5</b>	<b>A Project Approach to Facilitating Horse Riding Trails</b> <i>(A talk by John Presgrave, a County Council Volunteer Warden/British Horse Society Volunteer and management of the Lincolnshire Wolds Riding Trails Project)</i>	(Pages 15 - 24)
<b>6</b>	<b>Horse pastures and rights of way</b> <i>(A report by the Chris Padley, in connection with a particular problem associated with small horse pastures, where the owner temporarily divides the land with electric fences, obstructing footpaths)</i>	(Pages 25 - 26)
<b>7</b>	<b>English Coastal Footpath - Progress Report</b> <i>(A report by Chris Miller, Environmental Services Team Leader (Countryside Services) in connection with the latest situation of the English Coastal Footpath in Lincolnshire)</i>	(Pages 27 - 30)
<b>8</b>	<b>Countryside for All Routes</b> <i>(A report by John Law, a representative of the South Lincolnshire Local Access Forum, in connection with Countryside for All and an examination of certain rights of Way in both Local Forum Access Areas)</i>	(Pages 31 - 36)
<b>9</b>	<b>Accessibility Ambassadors for Parks, Green Open Spaces and the Countryside</b>  <i>(A report by John Law, a representative of the South Lincolnshire Local Access Forum, in connection with accessibility ambassadors for parks, green open spaces and the countryside in Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Rutland)</i>	(Pages 37 - 46)
<b>10</b>	<b>Accessibility Ambassadors Application Pack</b> <i>(A report by John Law, a representative of the South Lincolnshire Local Access Forum, in connection with the information packs issued for Accessibility Ambassadors)</i>	(Pages 47 - 52)
<b>11</b>	<b>Health Related Walks from April 2017</b> <i>(A report by Alec Hill, a representative on the South Lincolnshire Local Access Forum in connection with walks for health from April 2017)</i>	(Pages 53 - 54)

- 12 Lincolnshire County Council Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP)** (To Follow)  
*(Chris Miller will give a verbal report on the latest situation in with the County Council's ROWIP)*
- 13 North East Lincolnshire Countryside and Rights of Way Improvement Plan** (Pages 55 - 56)  
*(A report by Matthew Chaplin, Rights of Way Officer, North East Lincolnshire Council with the Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan)*
- 14 Lincolnshire County Council Progress of Definitive Map Modification Orders** (Pages 57 - 64)  
*(A report by Chris Miller, Team Leader, Countryside Services, on the latest situation of these Orders)*
- 15 North East Lincolnshire Council Progress of Definitive Map Modification Orders** (Pages 65 - 66)  
*(A report by Matthew Chaplin, Rights of Way Officer, North East Lincolnshire Council, on the latest situation of these Orders)*
- 16 Lincolnshire County Council Progress of Public Path Orders** (Pages 67 - 68)  
*(A report by Chris Miller, Countryside Services Team Leader, in connection with the latest update of these Orders)*
- 17 North East Lincolnshire Council Progress of Public Path Orders** (Pages 69 - 70)  
*(A report by Matthew Chaplin, Rights of Way Officer, North East Lincolnshire Council, in connection with the progress of latest situation of these Orders)*
- 18 Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

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**PRESENT: CHRIS PADLEY (CHAIRMAN)**

Representing Lincolnshire County Council: Councillor D McNally

Representing North East Lincolnshire Council: Councillor Iain Colquhoun

Representing Independent Members: Dr Chris Allison, Ray Shipley, Deborah North, Richard Graham, David Mills and Katherine Mills

Officers: Steve Blagg (Democratic Services Officer) and Chris Miller (Environmental Services Team Leader (Countryside Services))

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2016/17

RESOLVED

That Chris Padley be elected Chairman of the Forum for the ensuing municipal year 2016/17.

2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 206/16

As no nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman were received it was agreed to consider this at the next meeting.

3 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were made at this stage of the meeting.

4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D C Hoyes MBE (Lincolnshire County Council), Sheila Brookes (independent member), Sandra Harrison (independent member), Katherine Mills (independent member), David Mills (independent member) and Colin Smith (independent member).

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5 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE MID LINCOLNSHIRE  
LOCAL ACCESS FORUM HELD ON 26 APRIL 2016

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum held on 26 April 2016, be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6 UPDATE OF ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS  
MEETING (IF NOT ALREADY ON THE AGENDA)

6a Minute 46 (a) - Obstruction of Route from Saltfleet Paradise (Blackridge) to  
Seaview Access

Chris Miller stated that he had located and walked the footpath at Saltfleet Paradise and added that part of the bridleway duplicated in part another public footpath. He stated that a gate had been installed partly across the bridleway by Natural England with a gap of five feet being left which was not convenient for equestrians. He stated that there was no lawful authority to install the gate and he would talk to the Environment Agency and the Wildlife Trust as there was a need to show that the bridleway had suffered fly tipping and other anti-social problems before any gate could be installed. He stated that the notices had been put up by the Environment Agency about the breach of byelaws if horses were taken across the sea bank and added that the entrance to Saltfleet was on the dunes and therefore not suitable. Chris Miller agreed to send a map of the location to members.

Comments by the Forum and officer responses on this topic included:-

1. What was the purpose of the gate? Chris Miller stated that the Wildlife Trust had had problems with fly tipping and had considered that the gate was not an obstruction.
2. There should be an alternative to a gate like bollards to prevent vehicular access.
3. Authorisation from the Council was still required for a gate to be installed.
4. The diversion of the footpath was a possibility.

6b Minute 46(d) - Lost Ways Update

The Forum received a report by Colin Smith which gave an update of the on-going work in finding Lost Ways. Colin Smith's overall conclusion was that to make progress more volunteers were required to undertake the necessary work.

Comments by the Forum and officer responses on this topic included:-

1. If a Lost Way existed there was a requirement to complete a pro-forma to register it. Officers stated that legislation provided details of the form to be used to register a Lost Way although the type of form varied in each Local Authority.
2. What was the deadline for registering a Lost Way? Officers stated that the deadline for the registration of Lost Ways was 2026. However, until the regulations relating to registration had been passed by Parliament this was still in abeyance.



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3. The Forum agreed that the opportunity should be taken to publicise the need for volunteers to help with the Lost Ways project at the Walking Festivals.
4. The Forum noted that Alec Hill, a representative on the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum, had taken the lead on the Lost Ways Sub Group would act on behalf of this Forum.
5. The Forum noted that Colin Smith, together with his wife, Miriam, was examining anomalies relating to Lost Ways including termination of supposed rights of way at Parish boundaries to ensure that these routes were saved. Chris Miller stated that some rights of way up to Parish boundaries with anomalies had already been referred to Colin Smith.
6. The Forum noted that it was still possible to gather evidence of Lost Ways despite the "cut-off date legislation currently not being activated.
7. The Forum noted that during the survey of rights of way in 1951-53 Parishes had been asked to list rights of way and this had led to the establishment of Definitive Rights of Way maps. However, this had led to many terminations of rights of ways at Parish boundaries.

RESOLVED

That the report and comments by the Forum be noted and actioned accordingly.

7 NATURAL ENGLAND LOCAL ACCESS FORUM ANNUAL REVIEW FORM FOR 2015/16

Members considered a number of questions asked by Natural England as part of their Local Access Forum Annual Review Form for 2015/16.

Comments by the Forum and officer responses on this topic included:-

1. It was suggested that members should email their comments to Chris Miller.
2. Officers stated that the main issue which Natural England was keen to receive the views of the Forum on about was what the Forum wanted to achieve over the next three years.
3. Natural England should be asking the Local Authority if they had responded to advice from the Forums.
4. There should be a review of network connectivity with routes behind hedge rows given as an example.
5. The completion of the Coastal Footpath and the Coastal Country Park. In the case of the latter the work done by Richard Graham and Colin Smith on the Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park Access and Recreation Group was welcomed.
6. Chris Miller stated that preparation of ROWIP 2 would be required by November 2017 but its delivery could be an issue in view of the reduction in funding.

RESOLVED

(a) That Natural England be informed that the Forum wished to see the following achievements in the next three years:-

Completion of the Coastal Footpath

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Completion of the Coastal Country Park  
Improved Network Connectivity  
Completion of work on ROWIP 2

(b) That members be asked to email any additional views to Chris Miller on any other achievements they would wish to see in the next three years.

**8 PAST CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman stated that he had not prepared a report on this matter as members were aware from their attendance at meetings what the Forum had done over the last year.

Comments made by the Forum included the difficulty of quantifying achievements, the protracted time it took to complete work due to the need to meet the democratic process which involved having to consult and engage with numerous people although it was accepted that the Government were trying to simplify rights of way law.

**9 DANGER FROM ERODED SIDES OF TARMAC ON CARRIAGEWAYS**

The Chairman stated that many roads had deep fissures at the sides of the tarmac and where there was no footway and the verge was overgrown this was presenting a hazard for walkers. He wondered how aware the Local Authorities were of this hazard for walkers. He stated that the transfer of the Rights of Way team out of highways was an issue as members had an interest in ordinary roads. He added that he did not know how North East Lincolnshire interfaced between its Rights of Way function and other highway authority functions?

Chris Miller stated that the County Council had never received any complaints about this issue and suggested that the Chairman should write to the Council to ask for their views on this matter.

Councillor Iain Colquhoun stated that North East Lincolnshire operated differently to Lincolnshire County Council due to the number of fatal accidents on the A18. He stated that following one major incident the Coroner had made reference to the number of ruts on the A18 and the Highways Officer in his response had stated that while there were numerous ruts on the verge the ruts on the A18 were not as bad as on roads in other parts of the country.

Chris Miller suggested that the Forum should enquire about the effects of the reduction in verge cutting adjacent to the highway as this had not been addressed in the ROWIP.

**RESOLVED**

That the Chairman write to both Local Authorities to enquire about their policy on this issue as this was increasingly presenting a hazard to walkers and to report on the outcome to a future meeting.

10     PRIORITY 3 PATHS WITH KIRKBY ON BAIN 171 AS EXAMPLE

The Forum received a paper from the Chairman on how Lincolnshire County Council's policy of not signposting or clearing priority 3 footpaths where there was a blockage was working in practice and to consider the case of Kirkby on Bain footpath No. 171 which exemplified some of the issues arising from the policy.

The Chairman stated that both he and Colin Smith had examined this issue and that the priority 3 footpath at Kirkby on Bain No. 171 had no obstruction other than a missing ditch bridge and expressed concern that building was planned with no mention of the existence of this right of way in the planning application. He stated that the public would perceive that the right of way did not exist, was not maintained and was not signposted.

Chris Miller suggested that the Chairman should speak to Jonathan Stockdale, Senior Highways Officer, about this footpath. However, no complaints had been received and there had not been any maintenance as this was a priority 3 footpath which would only be maintained resources permitting. Officers added that some out buildings existed at the northern end of the footpath which could cause issues.

Chris Miller stated the County Council's Rights of Way section had commented on this planning application to the District Planning Authority and had drawn the Local Planning Authority's attention to the existence of a right of way in the vicinity of the application site. If a diversion of the existing footpath was necessary this would open the whole footpath up.

The Chairman stated that it was always preferable if the right of way was considered by the planning authorities at an early stage but if the footpath was not sign posted this gave the impression to the public that the footpath did not exist. Chris Miller stated that there was nothing to prevent the Forum from asking the County Council to increase its investment in the rights of way network. Officers stated that following the recent reductions in expenditure rights of way would only be cut twice a year instead of three. There had also been a reduction of 20% in footpath maintenance budgets together with a cessation of the Parish Paths Partnership scheme which had led to many complaints regarding a lack of vegetation clearance.

Chris Miller stated that if a complaint was received about an obstruction the Council would act to ensure compliance. Farmers in some cases had been requested to make footpaths wider.

RESOLVED

That the report and comments made by the Forum be noted.

11     ADDING SECTIONS OF THE WOLDS' WAY TO THE DEFINITIVE RIGHTS OF WAY MAP

The Chairman stated that he had been requested by Sheila Brookes, in her absence, to raise the issue that sections of the Wolds' Way used by horse drawn carriages

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were not being added to the Definitive Rights of Way Map. Chris Miller stated that requests were recorded but remained to be actioned; there were currently 156 cases in the back log and stated that the requests were listed for investigation before 2026.

12 JOINT ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

This item duplicated minute 8.

13 COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL

The Forum received a report from John Laws, a member of the South Lincolnshire Local Access Forum, in connection with "Countryside for All".

RESOLVED

That the paper be received and noted.

14 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS AND RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ROWIP)

Chris Miller stated that the production of the ROWIP 2 was required by November 2017 but he was not confident that this deadline would be met. He stated that to go out to consultation similar to ROWIP 1 was too expensive. It was possible to give a flavour of the current situation, i.e. the effects of reduced resources with fewer grants available and whether the new Government was prepared to continue to make grants available in view of Brexit.

15 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Forum received on North East Lincolnshire Council's latest position in connection with its Countryside and Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Councillor Iain Colquhoun stated that Nicola Hardy, Rights of Way officer had taken up a new post in the Council.

The Forum placed on record their appreciation for the work undertaken by Nicola and  
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RESOLVED

That the report be noted and that a letter of appreciation be sent to Nicola for her service to the Forum and to wish her well in her new post.

16 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS OF DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDERS

The Forum received a report from Lincolnshire County Council on the progress of Definitive Map Modification Orders.

Chris Miller gave an update of progress since the report was published as follows:-

1. New Leake (Case No. 353) – not confirmed by the Secretary of State as it did not meet the Common Law test.
2. South Willingham/Benniworth (Case No. 96) – not confirmed as insufficient evidence.
3. Navenby (Case No. 384) – it was decided not to make an order.
4. The County Council's Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way Sub Committee had made a decision to move Case No.379 (North Ormsby) higher up the priority list of cases to No. 19 (currently Case No.151) and Case No. 377 (Long Bennington) to case No. 20 (currently No. 152) because both met criteria No.1 detailed in Highways and Traffic Note HAT 33/3/11.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

17     NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL PROGRESS OF DEFINITIVE  
MAP MODIFICATION ORDERS

The Forum received a report from North East Lincolnshire Council on the latest position in connection with its Definitive Map Orders.

Councillor Iain Colquhoun stated that he did not wish to add anything to what was already detailed in the report.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

18     LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS OF PUBLIC PATH  
ORDERS

The Forum received a report from Lincolnshire County Council on the progress of Public Path Orders.

Chris Miller gave an update since the publication of the report as follows:-

1. Coastal Country Park – the package of diversions to realign routes was still being examined.
2. Tallington and Whisby level crossing diversion orders – in the case of Tallington news was still awaited from Network Rail and for Whisby an application had been received to divert the footpath from crossing the railway line to crossing a newly built bridge.
3. Claypole – talks were on-going with Network Rail to divert a number of rights of way in the area across a new bridge.
4. North Somercotes - a diversion to enable the managed realignment of the coastal sea defences was awaiting the outcome of an appeal.

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5. The dedication of a new bridleway at Swinhope to improve equestrian access had been achieved in conjunction with the local Farmer.

Comments made by the Forum and responses by officers on the topic included:-

Proposals by Network Rail to close 180 public footpaths across railway lines nationwide. Chris Miller stated that a delegation of Public Rights of Way officers had met Network Rail and had informed them that the use of the Transport and Works Act to expedite the closure of rights of way was not the most suitable way to address this issue. He stated that the impression from the meeting was that Network Rail was unaware of the consultation process particularly with Local Authorities. Chris Miller stated that by having regular contact with Network Rail this would help matters.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

19 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL PROGRESS OF PUBLIC PATH ORDERS

The Forum received a report from North East Lincolnshire on progress of their Public Path Orders.

Councillor Iain Colquhoun drew the Forum's attention to footpath 21 (Stallingborough) stating that it had been necessary to introduce an emergency footpath closure on highways safety grounds due to the increased traffic flows on the A180 Interchange and stated that this had not been an easy case.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

20 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18 October 2016 at 2.00pm at the County Offices, Lincoln.

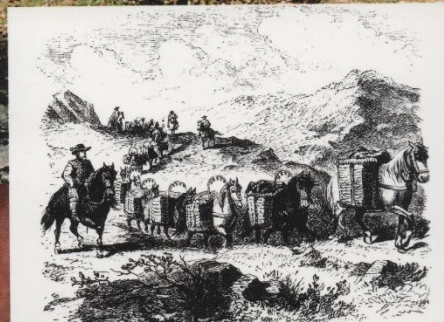
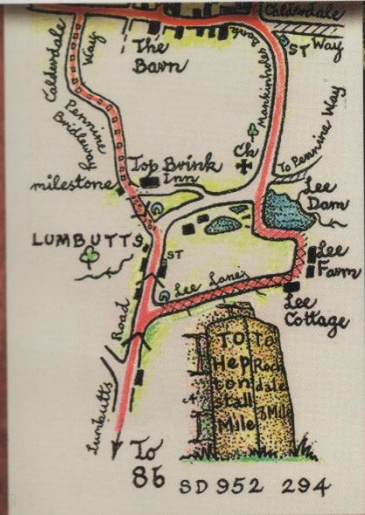
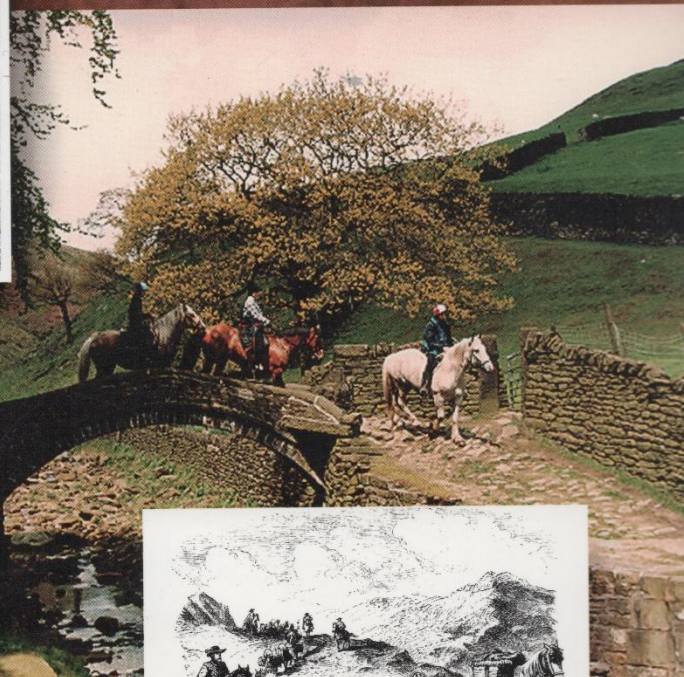
The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

# A Project Approach to Horse Riding Trails



BRIDLEWAY RIDES IN THE SOUTH PENNINES - NUMBER 1

# MARSDEN & DELPH TO HAWORTH & OXENHOPE





# A Project Approach to Horse Riding Trails

## Project Mission Statement

**To create a network of safe and user friendly riding trails, using existing rights of way network of bridleways, byways and minor County roads**

**by:**

- **Seeking implementation of statutory maintenance where necessary through appropriate County Council and local Government Bodies, whilst ensuring compatibility with local communities and landowners**
- **Creating and promoting bespoke “horse rider friendly” guide maps off and online through appropriate websites**
- **Liaising with appropriate bodies to access funding for none statutory maintenance such as furniture and route enhancements and publicity outside that done by project volunteers.**
- **Liaising and gaining support of related businesses such as horse B&Bs, trekking centres, liveries, tackshops etc.**

## Facilitating & Promoting Horse Riding Routes- A Project Approach

### *Intended Ensuing Benefits:*

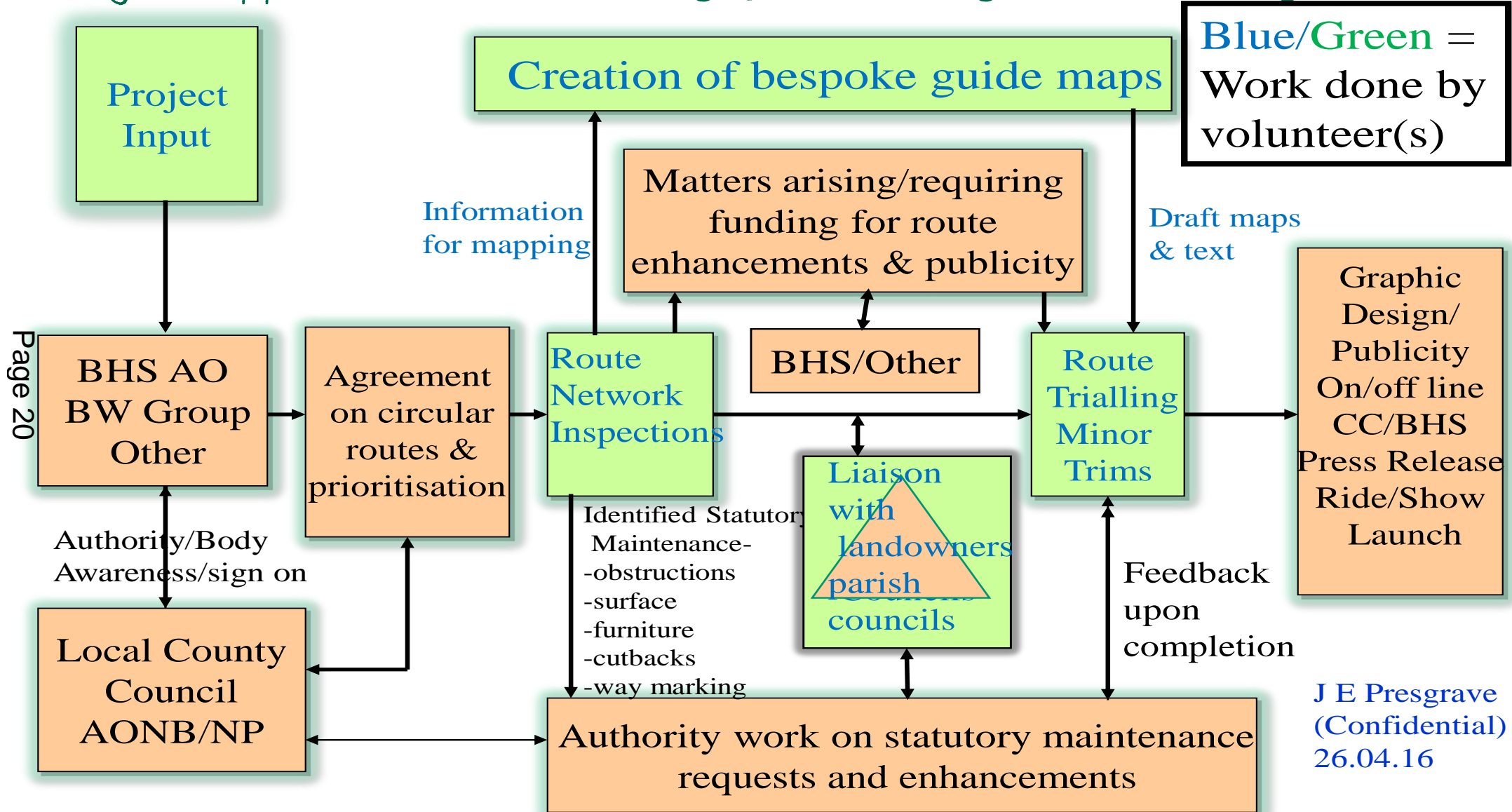
- **Keeps grumpy old men fit and out of trouble**
- **Definitive routes cleared to horse riding standards as far as possible**
- **Easier to use circular networks for walkers & mountain bikers**
- **Use of “rider friendly” furniture and unambiguous way marking where ever possible, with defined parking options**
- **Bespoke and proven “horse rider friendly” guide maps and keys**

## Facilitating & Promoting Horse Riding Routes- A Project Approach

### **Intended Ensuing Benefits:**

- **Relatively low costs-- mainly use of Council statutory maintenance and RoW improvement budgets and willing volunteers**
- **Reduction in road traffic incidents/rider fatalities by facilitating more off road riding routes**
- **Diversification of recreational activities in rural areas, leading to better enjoyment in horse riding for locals and none locals alike**
- **Should assist tourism, and local businesses such as horse bed and breakfasting, trekking centres, tack shops, farriers, etc.**

# A Project Approach to Facilitating & Promoting Horse Riding Routes



LINCOLNSHIRE WOLDS RIDING TRAILS PROJECT			PROGRESS			
ROUTE & ITEM	OFFICER	TASK <small>CAPITALS IN RED = ADDITIONAL TRIAL RIDERS COMMENTS</small>	COMPLETE	IN PROGRESS COMPLETE 3/16	NOT STARTED - COMPLETE 3/16	NOT STARTED - NOT POSSIBLE
<b>Route C1</b>						
1	CM/JS	Access at Little Grimsby Lane bridge				
<b>Route C2</b>						
2a	CM/JS	Notice to landowner to clear way through field				
5	CM/JS	Arrange way marker				
7	CM/JS	Consider permissive way marker as off definitive line <b>THOUGHT NECESSARY</b>				
11	NH	Confirm installation of new bridge gate <b>STIFF GATE</b>				
17	NH	Confirm installation of new bridge gate				
25	CM	Web Way should be suitable for horse rider use				
29,30,33	CM/JS	Arrange replacement way markers				
34	CM/JS	Notice to landowner to widen gap to 2m across field				
37, 45	CM/JS	Arrange way markers <b>loose barbed wire from fence in overgrowth TP27699169 NoOr/109/1</b>				
48	CM/JS	Ascertain parking possibility				
49	CM/JS	Negotiate a verge foil and use alongside A16. <b>PLANT HEDGE AS EXTRA SEPARATION</b>				
<b>Route C3a</b>						
1	CM	Try to negotiate with David Borthwith (Hoe Hill Farm) for a permissive bridleway through Click'em Wood				
5	CM/JS	Arrange gate replacement or adjustment				
9	NH	Notice to landowner to widen headland to 3m				
10,11	NH	Arrange cutbacks				
12,13,14	NH	Investigate deviation from definitive line - guide map/text to otherwise address. NH to cutback at 13 <b>EXTRA WAY MARKERS CONSIDERED NECESSARY AND SPWM AT 12</b>				
16	NH	Bridge to be resited and cutbacks to be done				
17	NH	Arrange installation of bridleway signpost				
23	NH	Arrange way marker post replacement				
26	NH	Arrange cutback				
28	NH	Arrange way marker				
36	NH	Arrange replacement way marker and remove unnecessary way markers				
<b>Route C3b</b>						
4	CM/JS	Arrange installation of new/remove old bridge gate and arrange way marker				
5	CM/JS	Arrange replacement gate/add adjacent gate with new bridge <b>WITH NON SLIP SURFACE</b>				
9	NH	Arrange bridleway sign post				
10,11	NH	Bridge gates now removed				
21	NH	Arrange way marker				
22	NH	Arrange cutback at way marker				
23a	NH	Check on notice given to landowner to clear way through crop field				
<b>Route C4</b>						
7	CM/JS	Arrange way marker replacement				
8	CM/JS	Arrange bridleway sign post				
10,12	CM/JS	Arrange replacement way markers				
21,22,23,24,27,29	CM/JS	Arrange way markers				
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32a	CM/JS	Notice to landowner to widen headland to 3m.				
33	CM/JS	Arrange replacement old bridge gate				
35	CM/JS	Arrange new latch for field gate				
39, 41	CM/JS	Arrange way markers <b>LOW PRIORITY</b>				
43	CM/JS	Notice to landowner to widen way through crop field to 2m <b>LOW PRIORITY</b>				
<b>Funding:</b>						
		Above is likely to be met with existing statutory funding. Graphic design is also likely to be met with existing PROW funds.				
	CM/JS	Vegetation Cuts: Permissive bridleway at Fotherby still requires 1st cut, and agreed CM would contact JS to expedite, as this is already a promoted route. AF report already registered. AF1703560.				
	JEP	JEP will progress possibility of funding from Small Grant Scheme and BHS, in the event further funding is required to complete project for initial circulars (1,2,3a,3b, and 4).				

Facilitating & Promoting Horse Riding Routes-  
A Project Approach

Considerations for future Sustaining  
(mainly from a BHS perspective)

- 1) **Through the BHS volunteers, Equestrian Access and Bridleway Groups, to engage with members/set up new groups to organise clearance parties in conjunction with CCs**
- 2) **Organise fun BHS rides to raise funds**
- 3) **Encourage equestrians in general to be more proactive and report problems when encountered**
- 4) **Maximise use of CC volunteers wardens and review P3 schemes**

Facilitating & Promoting Horse Riding Routes-  
A Project Approach

**Other Ongoing Concerns**

- 1) Ownership of “green lane” maintenance**
- 2) Landowner/local authority general public relationships**
- 3) Parking of boxes and trailers**
- 4) Reduction in local authority scheduled vegetation cuts/mowings**

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# Agenda Item 6

## **Horse pastures and public footpaths.**

In recent years Lincolnshire has seen a large growth in number private owners of horses who possess their own paddocks. The result is that it is now quite common to find that a public footpath crosses a field which is now used for this purpose. These owners often find it necessary or convenient to divide their fields up temporarily into smaller divisions by the use of electric fences. These are often placed across the line of a public path.

Sometimes no provision for the crossing is made and the highway authority does not recognize this as a problem. However, on other occasions, the owner makes some attempt to provide a crossing point which enables users of the path to cross the fence. One example of this is a so-called "break handle" or insulated section of wire which can be unhooked by the user. I am informed that it has been the practice of Lincolnshire County Council to accept these as an adequate provision, although it is not clear that any legal authority has been provided for this. Without a legally valid order such fences, even with removable sections, are an unlawful obstruction of the highway.

More importantly, are they a satisfactory way of allowing the public to use the right of way? I do not think they are. Most people are understandably nervous of electricity in general and electric fences in particular. It is not at all obvious to a user whether such gaps are safe to use, how they are supposed to be used, and whether they have been competently erected. In this respect, some of the establishments involved have a very home-made, even cobbled together, look for much of their fencing and equipment. The public need not only to be safe, but to be able to use the way with convenience. Any lawful gates should not only be easy to use, but easy to see how to use them without anxiety or confusion. Unlawful gates should not be there.

More importantly, is there any reason to accept these fences at all? The public right is absolute and it is up to purchasers of land to take into account public rights of way when they consider for what purposes they might want to use the land. But then is there any reason why paddocks cannot be divided up without putting up temporary fences over rights of way? It seems to me that in most cases; with a little forethought the field could be divided up equally well in a different direction so that the line of any temporary fences ran alongside the footpath without needing to cross it.

This is a question where the LAF's expertise coming from both people with a breadth of experience in using public paths and of managing horses should be of particular value in providing sensible answers.

Christopher Padley

Chair, Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum

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**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Executive Director for Environment and Economy**

Report to:	<b>Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum</b>
Date:	<b>16 October 2016</b>
Subject:	<b>English Coast Path – Sutton Bridge to Skegness</b>

**Summary:** To provide an update of the latest situation of the English Coast Path, Sutton Bridge to Skegness.

**Recommendation(s):**

That the report be noted

## Background

Lincolnshire County Council continues to work with Natural England on the provision of the English Coast Path with the sections from Sutton Bridge to Skegness and from Skegness to Mablethorpe already progressing. The section from Mablethorpe to the Humber will be started imminently and initial scoping meeting between the authority and Natural England have taken place.

Although most landowners along the stretch have had a visit although Natural England are currently at a difficult stage to make much progress with finalising the route and there are two issues that need answering before we can continue with work on the less obvious parts of the route that will not follow an existing public right of way.

The issue of crossing the Steeping River persists as Natural England have not yet identified a way of getting to the existing IDB bridge by a route that was both safe and avoided unacceptable disturbance and are investigating the option of a new crossing closer to the visitor centre. Quotes for such a provision have been recently received and it would appear that a realistic range for a new crossing would be between £90,000 to £130,000. LCC has been informed that should no alternative route be found then it is possible that the Coastal Path budget could support this amount and the idea will be continued to be developed as one of the options.

Council officers have however raised significant concerns regarding the operation of such a bridge alongside the matter of funding future maintenance. It has been suggested that Natural England should also investigate the potential of a route that

passes much further inland however this would have the effect of bypassing Gibraltar Point to a greater extent and does not fit with the principles of the coastal path.

The second issue is that of agreement with other areas of Natural England responsible for the SSSIs at Gibraltar Point and around the Wash on avoiding disturbance to the notified species. Until they have accepted that the expected level of use and mitigating measures will avoid disturbance Natural England cannot proceed with finalising the route along the preferred line.

The main areas of uncertainty are therefore around the crossing of the Steeping, Wainfleet to Friskney and the Freiston Shore area. At Gibraltar Point agreement with the Wildlife Trust to a fair level of detail for the route north from the visitor centre has been achieved with proposals for the route to take a route partly along the dune ridge and partly at the base. This takes into account Council advice that maintenance cutting would be more easily done in a strip at the base (providing a dry path and one that avoids trampling sensitive dune slack plants) and avoids significant and expensive scrub clearance on the dune ridge.

The schedule for the stretch is still to complete the report detailing the proposed route by June 2017. At this point the report is submitted to the Secretary of State and there is a brief opportunity for final objections and representations. The proposal should be given approval with or without alterations by December 2017. Establishment work can then begin so that the route will be ready to open at the end of 2018. It is accepted though that if the option of constructing a new bridge is chosen it may not be possible to complete this in time for the opening of the rest of this section .

### **Skegness to Mablethorpe**

Natural England are in the processes of finalising the route for the coast path for this section with the major issues under consideration being the golf club at North Shore, Skegness, the road junction at Quebec Road, Mablethorpe and the potential for a seafront boardwalk to adjoin the existing sea defence at Chapel St Leonards near to the Sea Observatory being constructed at present. It is envisaged that timescales will be similar to those at Sutton Bridge to Skegness.

### **Mablethorpe to Humber Bridge**

Natural England announced on 14<sup>th</sup> October the starting of the final Lincolnshire stretch of the Coast Path and walking the course with officers from LCC and North East Lincolnshire Council will begin in the near future. Drop in Sessions at North Somercotes and in Grimsby are due to be undertaken in December.

### **Conclusion**

For noting only

**Consultation**

N/A

**a) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

N/A

**Background Papers**

There are no background papers associated with this report.

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## COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL

### Report for LAF meetings 18 & 26/10/16

#### **1. COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL ROUTES**

##### **1.1. Lincolnshire**

1.1.1. The 4 routes funded by Bromhead Medical Charitable Trust have all been surveyed. The routes are:

The Water Rail Way, Southrey – Stixwould

Freiston Shore – RSPB

Grantham Canal, Denton Lane Bridge – Longmoor Bridge

Whisby Nature Park, Coot Lake

We have asked Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust if they are willing to fund a leaflet for another route at Whisby, the route around Thorpe Lake. If we have a print run for 5 leaflets rather than 4, the production of the 5<sup>th</sup> leaflet will be at a discounted price. We are still waiting for a response on this issue.

We are now drafting the wording for the leaflets for the site owners/managers agreement. We are also discussing the route improvements to take place to make the routes more accessible to people with a wider range of disabilities.

The lack of car park signage on the Water Rail Way at Southrey and Stixwould is a concern. We are currently trying to identify the site owners to enable us to resolve this issue.

1.1.2. A site meeting was held at Owlet Wood. The Woodland Trust are examining how to make the site more accessible and will be exploring funding options to carry out the work. The meeting included representatives from the Woodland Trust, RNIB, the disability sub group and Ian Brown from Lincolnshire Sports who we had invited.

1.1.3. County News has published an article promoting the Countryside For All routes and other Public Rights of Way.

1.1.4. We are aiming to attend the Activities For All event in Lincoln to promote our Countryside For All routes, advertise for expressions of interest for accessibility ambassadors and advertise the vacancies on the two LAFs. The event has been postponed and we are waiting for the new date to be announced.

## **1.2. Rutland**

Anglian Water will be funding the majority of the printing costs rather than the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust. We have received the first set of proofs from the printers and are hoping to have the leaflets printed and available for the Rutland Choice Unlimited event.

The Woodland Trust stated in 2015 they would be planning a Countryside For All route in Rutland in 2017. The sub group will be contacting the Trust to see how we can assist in this project.

Further discussions by email have taken place with Councillors and Council officers in relation to Yew Tree Avenue. We have been informed that the Council are waiting for responses from the Forestry Commission and MP before further progress can be made. We have offered to apply for funding to improve the accessibility of this site and once this is carried out we will aim to get funding for a Countryside for All route leaflet for this site.

## **2. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY WALKS**

### **2.1. Lincolnshire**

2.1.1. West Lindsey is the district which according to a LCC Public Health report will have the highest level of growth of people with dementia across the County. City of Lincoln requested funding for training volunteers to enable them to lead dementia friendly strolls in West Lindsey. The training was delivered, then unfortunately City of Lincoln did not receive decommissioning funding from the West Lindsey contract. This meant City of Lincoln were not able to continue to support the work in West Lindsey. Due to the lack of support from councils the group of keen volunteers which were trained in the West Lindsey District, have decided not to continue with the project of delivering dementia friendly strolls. We are keeping regular contact with one member of the group to see if and how we can change that outcome in the future.

2.1.2. East Lindsey is the district with the highest number of cases of dementia. Magna Vitae requested further dementia friendly walk leader training. This training will have been delivered 6<sup>th</sup> October. Unfortunately due to the staffing changes at Magna Vitae the amount of time available to attract volunteers has been reduced. A verbal update will be provided at the LAF meeting. Unfortunately it may be necessary to return some of the money to the funding source due to the course cost per delegate. We have funding for 10 places, however it is doubtful that we will fill all the places.



## **2.2. Rutland**

2.2.1. The date for dementia friendly inclusive walk leader training has been arranged for 30<sup>th</sup> November. Again we are having problems recruiting enough volunteers to fill the course. Work is still going on to attract volunteers.

## **3. CHOICE UNLIMITED EVENT**

### **3.1. Rutland**

The Rutland event will have taken place 19<sup>th</sup> October at the Active Rutland Hub. A verbal update will be provided at the LAF meeting.

***Action: Verbal update to be provided***

### **3.2 Lincolnshire**

We have been encouraging a number Lincolnshire organisations, to attend the Rutland event as visitors, so they can find out more about the Choice Unlimited event. Hopefully this will encourage partner organisations to help us have an event in Lincolnshire.

## **4. WOLDS WALKING FESTIVAL**

We have decided to take part in the Wolds Walking Festival again and are hoping for better weather this year and some people to come along. The Countryside For All route which will be used, is Chambers Farm Wood. It has been agreed that we will not be charging for people on this route as we wish to attract the disabled and young families with pushchairs. There will be a talk as we go round the route, kindly provided by Wally Grice the Forestry Commission beat officer. The walk will be supported by Sam Tate, Richard Graham and John Law. Other helpers from both LAFs will be welcomed.

## **5. FUNDING BIDS**

We have decided if we are obtaining funding for external organisations, the external organisations should have their name as the applicants. This will help ensure the external organisations are accountable for complying with the statements made in the applications.

We have interest from a number of organisations in another inclusive countryside access course. We will wait until we have an expression of interest from 10 delegates prior to seeking funding for this course.

If we can find a further four reasonably accessible countryside for all routes in Lincolnshire we will apply for funding for the route leaflets early 2017.

It has been decided to utilise the existing countryside for all folders for Lincolnshire by splitting the routes into two areas. We are looking at having a separate folder for the Rutland routes.

Whilst we are awaiting Natural England to inform us on whether they will be able to fund the improvements we require to Chapel Six Marshes, we will be focussing on working with the Nettleham Woodland Trust and the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust on improvements at Ashling Lane Nature Reserve.

***Actions: JL - Check whether Natural England is any closer to deciding on whether to fund the improvements to Chapel Six Marshes.***

## **6. ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS**

The request for expressions of interest for the roles Accessibility Ambassadors for Lincolnshire and Rutland have been advertised. For Lincolnshire the role has been advertised in County News. For Rutland at the Choice Unlimited event. The roles will be advertised at a number of events and organisations until April 2017. If we then have sufficient interest we will then apply for funding. One query which needs to be addressed is whether public liability Insurance is required to cover the Accessibility Ambassadors whilst on site visits with organisations. The application packs for Accessibility Ambassadors are with this report.

***Actions: JL - Check if the Accessibility Ambassadors should be covered by public liability insurance if they report to the LAF. If so is this the responsibility of the organisations they visit?***

***Actions: Steve/Cheryl (Democratic Services) – Circulate electronically the application packs to members of both forums, to enable LAF members to circulate to interested parties.***

# Countryside for all

**For those who enjoy the countryside but have limited mobility, a set of leaflets has been produced, featuring all the information you need.**

Volunteers have been researching specially selected routes across Lincolnshire, suitable for most abilities to walk or use with wheelchairs or pushchairs.

So far, 16 Countryside for All routes have been published, with a further four in the pipeline. They take in attractive nature reserves and parks, including Bourne Wood, Deeping Lakes, Gibraltar Point and Hubbards Hills. Each leaflet provides information on path surfaces and gradients, as well as the location of seats, steps and gates.

The volunteers are from the Mid Lincolnshire, South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forums (LAFs). They aim to improve access to the countryside and are supported by the council.

Volunteer John Law says: “We aim to highlight routes that are accessible and enjoyable for people with different abilities. We choose the places we’re going to feature, and talk to many people, including disability groups, to make the most of local knowledge.

“Research includes detailed measuring of gradients and the width of paths. Other useful information is included to enable people to plan a successful day out.”

## Could you help?

People who are disabled or carers are being invited to become “accessibility ambassadors”. They will liaise with local authorities and voluntary organisations that manage parks, countryside and green spaces, and advise how to improve accessibility for everyone.

Training will be available to support volunteers. To find out more, please contact [cheryl.hall@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:cheryl.hall@lincolnshire.gov.uk). Also, in East Lindsey, volunteers are being sought to assist on dementia friendly strolls for people with dementia and their carers. Email [tracey.wilkinson@mvtlc.org](mailto:tracey.wilkinson@mvtlc.org).

## Routes for riders

For those who like to explore the countryside using horsepower, volunteer John Presgrave has produced a set of circular riding trails in the Lincolnshire Wolds. They range from seven to 18 miles, mainly on bridleways and quiet county lanes, and the maps highlight any roads that need crossing, gates, parking, and pubs! John said: “This area of the Wolds has delightful countryside, and really benefits from some well-researched routes for horse riders. Through liaising with the council and the British Horse Society, I was able to ensure the routes follow well-maintained tracks that riders can use with confidence.”

## A special 40th!

The 147-mile Viking Way marked its 40th anniversary in September. It runs from the Humber to Oakham, passing through the Lincolnshire Wolds, the Limewoods and the rolling countryside of South Kesteven.

## More information

The Countryside for All leaflets, Lincolnshire Wolds Riding Trails and Viking Way information are all available at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/countryside](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/countryside) or from 01522 782070.

## New leaflets are making it easier for everyone to enjoy Lincolnshire’s great outdoors

**FOR ALL: Volunteer Brian Smith, right, leads a group at Whisby Nature Park.**

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## **ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS**

### **FOR**

## **PARKS, GREEN OPEN SPACES AND THE COUNTRYSIDE**

### **IN**

## **LINCOLNSHIRE, N.E. LINCOLNSHIRE, LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

A number of Government departments and other organisations have recognised for some time that being in parks, green open spaces and the countryside improves peoples' health and general wellbeing. Evidence provided by Natural England shows that people with disabilities do not access these spaces as much as other people. There could be a number of reasons for this but one of the major issues must be suitable access. This report examines how accessibility ambassadors could assist in delivering improvements for the disabled and their carers to access parks, green spaces and open countryside.

### **2. LAND OWNERS/MANAGERS ALLOWING PUBLIC ACCESS**

In many cases Land owners and managers allowing public access do not cater for the disabled. Some are keen to learn and a number of local authority representatives and representatives of national organisations have attended the inclusive countryside access courses, delivered by the Countryside For All trainer used by the South/Mid Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forums Disability sub group. A number of these organisations ask for advice to help their future plans include more appropriate access for the disabled. There are also a number of organisations which feel for one reason or another they do not need to make improvements. The disability sub group has an ever increasing workload and recognises that it cannot make real improvements for the disabled by continuing to use the same processes. There needs to be more time spent with the land owners and managers to enable them to understand the issues facing the disabled. This is where the role of the accessibility manager would assist to move improvements forward. These improvements may be physical changes of the route/site or improvements in communication to enable people to understand what is available and the physical barriers of the route/site.

### **3. THE ROLE OF ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS**

The role of the accessibility ambassador working with organisations which allow public access should include:

Identifying issues for improvement

Discussing the improvements required with the organisation

Jointly creating an annual action plan with the organisation

Assisting in funding applications

Monitoring progress of improvements

Liaising with Land owners and managers

Undertake appropriate training

Quarterly attending the accessibility ambassadors meeting to report on progress, receive additional training and network with other ambassadors.

#### **4. PERSON SPECIFICATION FOR ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADOR**

The accessibility ambassador should either be disabled or a carer. The role will require the ambassador to drive or be driven by their carer as a number of sites are not easily visited by public transport. Unfortunately expenses cannot be paid. It is essential that the accessibility ambassador is a team player.

#### **5. RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEERS**

It is getting difficult to recruit volunteers in a number of areas in the voluntary sector. With this being a new role it may prove even more difficult to attract volunteers. The number of volunteers required for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland is 32. The number of volunteers for Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire is also 32. It is envisaged that attracting this number of volunteers may not be reached. To make the project worthwhile it is thought that a minimum of 8 accessibility ambassadors in each Region is necessary. Prior to obtaining funding it is necessary to find the level of interest there is from people who are disabled and carers in becoming accessibility ambassadors. Appendix A displays a questionnaire for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland potential volunteers. Appendix B displays a questionnaire for Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire potential volunteers.

#### **6. TRAINING OF ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS**

To ensure the accessibility ambassador has the confidence and can provide the right advice to organisations it is important they receive the right training. The training providers are currently being selected. The training will include accessibility training and design of sensory open spaces/trails. It is expected that the training will be a two day course plus a half day at a later stage to deliver training on the role of the accessibility ambassador. An overview of the two day training course is displayed in appendix C. The training will be delivered for Leicestershire and Rutland then

Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire. A handbook will also be provided for the accessibility ambassador to guide them in their role.

## **7. ALLOCATING ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADOR TO AREA**

The volunteers will initially be asked at the recruitment stage to indicate in order of preference the local authority area they wish to work in.

## **8. ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS REGIONS**

In order for the accessibility ambassadors to have a body which will provide advice, direction, support and further training as required etc. it is necessary to examine the capabilities of the organisations which will assist in driving this project forward. Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living (LCIL) is well regarded as being able to manage these types of projects. LCIL represents the disabled and carers of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Although Rutland is the responsibility of the South Lincolnshire Local Access Forum it makes sense for the Rutland team of accessibility ambassadors to become the responsibility of LCIL. As there are no major organisations similar to LCIL representing the disabled in Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire the Mid/South Lincolnshire and Rutland Disability sub group will take on the role of being responsible for the accessibility ambassadors until a suitable organisation believes it can take over the role. To ensure the sub group follows the Natural England Guideline for Local Access Forums the Lincolnshire ambassadors will need to be seconded to the Disability sub group.

## **9. FUNDING**

Prior to requesting funding it is important to assess the interest from volunteers. To ensure we can get the volunteers required for the project it is necessary to publicise the need for voluntary accessibility ambassadors. Following on from that establish how many people would be interested in attending the 2.5 day course and being active accessibility ambassadors.

## **10. ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS TEAMS**

To enable the accessibility ambassadors to work efficiently and have a real impact a team of ambassadors would be allocated either to a district, borough or city council's geographical area. Each team should consist of four ambassadors. The team would choose a chair person and would operate as a committee.

## **11. AREA ANOMOLIES**

With Oadby and Wigston district council's geographical area being small and compact this should be included in with Leicester City areas team's workload.

## **12. PRIORITISING THE WORK OF THE TEAM**

The team would select the organisations within their area to prioritise, prioritise their work and manage their workload. To enable quick wins to be achieved, working initially with the teams area local authority should be most advantageous.

## **13. ORGANISATIONS CROSSING THE TEAM'S BOUNDARIES**

When the team wish to carry out work with an organisation that crosses their boundary it is important that the chair person communicates this to all chairs involved. In some cases it may be ideal to work jointly with the team in the neighbouring area, if the improvement is one which could be replicated in more than one area of the organisation.

## **14. INTRODUCTION OF ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADOR TO THEIR AREA ORGANISATIONS**

The regional coordinator organisation should email the land owners/managers with public access informing them of the team of ambassadors operating in the area. This email should also explain the role of the ambassadors and their contact details.

## **15. ANNUAL CYCLE OF IMPROVEMENTS**

The area team of accessibility ambassadors will be responsible for contacting the land owners/ managers with public access in their areas, investigating what improvements can be made and agreeing an action plan. That action plan may include short term and long term goals. That action should be signed by the land owner/manager as the agreed action plan. World Disability Day which is expected to be held in December 2017 will be when the action plans for both of the regions will be announced. The relevant land owners/managers will be invited to the event along with the accessibility ambassadors. The World Disability Day 2018 event should include the achievements from the past year and the plan for the year going forward. A further 3 meetings per year should take place at quarterly intervals for the accessibility ambassadors to network etc.

## **16. LAND OWNERS/MANAGERS ACHEIVEMENT AWARDS**

Prior to the World Disability Day the achievements for the year will be summarised and the accessibility ambassadors within each region will be able to vote for the land owners/managers which have made the greatest achievements in improvements.

## **17. FUNDING OF MEETINGS AND ANNUAL EVENT**

The local authorities in the region should jointly fund the quarterly meetings excluding the annual event. This should include contributions towards the hire of the venue, teas, coffees and biscuits. With there being 8 local authorities in the Lincolnshire Region and 9 local authorities in the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Region this should be a very small cost for the local authorities to share. The



annual event should be held in a venue which is appropriate for the occasion. For Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland something similar to the rooms at the King Power or Tigers Stadium would be appropriate. It is hoped that these facilities could be provided free of charge for the event.

## **18. TIMESCALES**

Once the level of interest is established by volunteers in becoming accessibility ambassadors funding can be sought. It is hoped that the expressions of interest can be obtained by the end of September 2016. If there is enough interest funding could then be sought. It is expected funding for training should be obtained by the end of April 2017. Training could then be delivered by the end of September 2017. It may be useful to stagger the training and implementation to enable any unforeseen issues to be addressed.

**ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS REQUIRED**

**IN**

**LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND**

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Do you want to improve accessibility to parks, green open spaces and the countryside?

Would you like to volunteer for the Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living, to work with organisations which provide public access to parks, green open spaces and the countryside?

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If the answer is yes to the questions above you may like to become an accessibility ambassador. The accessibility ambassador works with a team of ambassadors investigating access improvements required, discussing the improvements with organisations and assisting in developing an annual action plan. The role will include travelling to different sites but unfortunately expenses cannot be paid.

Two and a half days training will be provided.

We are currently examining how many volunteers are interested in this role. Once we have established the numbers we will apply for funding to deliver the training. When we have been successful in attracting funding we will contact those of you who are interested in becoming an accessibility ambassador to advise you of training dates etc.

If you are interested in becoming an accessibility ambassador please complete the following:

Name: .....

Phone number: .....

Email address: .....

Please indicate the geographical area you wish to work in. Number 1 being your 1<sup>st</sup> choice and number 8 being your last choice. If you do not wish to work in a specific area please leave blank:

Leicester City, Oadby and Wigston District Council	
Blaby District Council	
Harborough District Council	
Melton District Council	

Charnwood District Council	
North West Leicestershire District Council	
Hinckley and Bosworth District Council	
Rutland County Council	

Please note we aim to deliver the training either in or close to Leicester.

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**LINCOLNSHIRE AND NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE**

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City of Lincoln	
West Lindsey District Council	
East Lindsey District Council	
North Kesteven District Council	
South Kesteven District Council	
South Holland District Council	
Boston Borough Council	
North East Lincolnshire County Council	

Please note, we intend to deliver the training in both the north and south of Lincolnshire. If we do not have enough volunteers to run two training courses, the training course will be delivered in a more central area.

**TWO DAY TRAINING COURSE OVERVIEW**

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Principles of inclusion

Equality legislation

Countryside equality scenarios

Countryside for All standards

Accessible publications

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Sensory plants, what makes a good one, how to choose and use

Ideas for different spaces

Pitfalls and how to avoid them

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Harborough District Council	
Melton District Council	

Charnwood District Council	
North West Leicestershire District Council	
Hinckley and Bosworth District Council	
Rutland County Council	

**Please email the details above to: [john.law\\_32@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:john.law_32@yahoo.co.uk)**

Please note we aim to deliver the training either in or close to Leicester.

**ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS REQUIRED**

**IN**

**LINCOLNSHIRE AND NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE**

Are you disabled or a carer?

Do you want to improve accessibility to parks, green open spaces and the countryside?

Would you like to volunteer for the Local Access Forums disability sub group, to work with organisations which provide public access to parks, green open spaces and the countryside?

Can you drive or do you have a carer who will drive for you?

If the answer is yes to the questions above you may like to become an accessibility ambassador. The accessibility ambassador works with a team of ambassadors investigating access improvements required, discussing the improvements with organisations and assisting in developing an annual action plan. The role will include travelling to different sites but unfortunately expenses cannot be paid.

Two and a half days training will be provided.

We are currently examining how many volunteers are interested in this role. Once we have established the numbers we will apply for funding to deliver the training. When we have been successful in attracting funding we will contact those of you who are interested in becoming an accessibility ambassador to advise you of training dates etc.

If you are interested in becoming an accessibility ambassador please complete the following:

Name: .....

Phone number: .....

Email address: .....

Please indicate the geographical area you wish to work in. Number 1 being your 1<sup>st</sup> choice and number 8 being your last choice. If you do not wish to work in a specific area please leave blank:

City of Lincoln	
West Lindsey District Council	
East Lindsey District Council	
North Kesteven District Council	
South Kesteven District Council	
South Holland District Council	
Boston Borough Council	
North East Lincolnshire County Council	

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Please note, we intend to deliver the training in both the north and south of Lincolnshire. If we do not have enough volunteers to run two training courses, the training course will be delivered in a more central area.

## HEALTH RELATED WALKS FROM APRIL 2017

We are continuing with our work to obtain funding for Walking for Health and dementia friendly walks County wide. The project has fell behind plan due to the delay in information being provided. Discussions have taken place with current providers. All the current providers with the exception of South Kesteven wish to continue providing the service if funding is provided. 1Life are interested in providing the service in South Kesteven. We are aiming to secure three years worth of funding and have asked the providers to provide targets and costs for year 1, 2 and 3. At the time of writing this report we have still not received the information. Below is a breakdown of the status County wide:

West Lindsey voluntary community group, run by Jackie Brown will continue without funding. However we aim to obtain funding to assist this group.

Boston voluntary community group will deliver Walking For Health in Boston. There may be a requirement to fund some work in the future.

East Lindsey's Walking for Health and Dementia Friendly Walks will continue to be delivered by Magna Vitae providing we obtain funding. The project team are waiting for information from Magna Vitae.

City of Lincoln's Walking for Health and Dementia Friendly Walks will continue to be delivered by City of Lincoln providing we obtain funding. The project team are waiting for information from City of Lincoln.

North Kesteven Walking for Health and Dementia Friendly Walks will continue to be delivered by 1Life providing we obtain funding. The project team are waiting for information from 1Life.

South Kesteven Walking for Health will be delivered by 1Life providing we obtain funding. Meeting arranged for 13<sup>th</sup> October with 1Life.

South Holland - The current volunteer walk leaders will provide the information for 1Life to enter into the Walking For Health data base. However it is our aim to secure funding for 1Life to grow the number of walks and participants in South Holland. The project team are waiting for information from 1Life.

A meeting has been arranged for 27<sup>th</sup> October with Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service. This is to investigate whether they can deliver dementia friendly walks in all parts of the County with the exception of East Lindsey, City of Lincoln and North Kesteven.

Meetings are now taking place with the Clinical Commissioning Groups to explore possible funding opportunities.

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**North East Lincolnshire ROWIP Objectives**

NELC ROWIP Key Action	Project Details	Comments	Update
KA08, KA11 & KA13	Safer Road Crossings	Joint partnership project with road safety team to improve exit points onto busy A road and installation of information promotional boards.	Following further advice from colleagues in our Road Safety team, FP21 Stallingborough has been closed at the A180 interchange, on the grounds of road safety particularly having regard to the increased traffic flows following completion of the new A18/A180 link road scheme. Aletrnative proposals for a suitable diversion route are to be investigated. Furthermore, the implementation of the Variation Order affecting BW91 Ashby Cum Fenby has provided a positive outcome to relocate the exit/entry point of this bridleway onto the A18 Barton Street.
KA5, KA9, KA11 & KA13	Strategic Urban Path Improvement Plan	Project to deliver surface upgrades to existing well used paths in the urban area.	Path surface improvements have now been completed on BW80 Brigsley, Stallingborough FP21. East Ravendale BW168 to be addressed in due course.
KA01 & KA03	Reinstatement of FP72	Ongoing legal issues to determine accurate line of FP72 requiring amendment to Definitive Map and reinstatment of path on the ground.	Planning Committee have recently approved officers recommendation to enforce the line of FP72.
KA1, KA2, KA3 & KA4	Definitive Map Issues	Address legal deficiencies with a view to eventually producing an up to date Consolidation Map.	Process to produce new Consolidated Definitive Map for the North East Lincolnshire area is currently underway. Current Definitive Map has a relevant date of June 1953. Consolidating the Def Map will take into account recent resolution of over 110 Legal Orders during the last year.
KA4 & KA5	Policy Development	Produce & develop policies under which the Authority will deal with specific issues.	'Gaps, gates and stiles' protocol has now been approved and adopted to address unnecessary limitations upon the network and formalise the application process for landowners for new furniture.
	Grimsby Bridleway Project	Scheme to address lack of bridle links from rural villages to urban area.	A project has recently commenced that is looking to create a bridle link to the urban area, using publicly accessible land alongside the River Freshney. This is still being reviewed, however there appear to be some limitations with provding access north of A1136 Great Coates Road within the area of the Environment Agency maintained flood defence banks.

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**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills - Executive Director for Environment & Economy**

Report to: **Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum**  
Date: **18 October 2016**  
Subject: **Definitive Map Modification Orders - Ongoing**

**Summary:**

A report on the progress of Definitive Map Modification Order Currently being undertaken

**Recommendation(s):**

That the report is noted & formal written advice provided as required.

## **1. Background**

As Surveying Authority the County Council has a statutory duty to keep under continuous review the Definitive Rights of Way Map and Statement for Lincolnshire and to make orders to take account of events requiring the map to be modified. This is carried out by the processing of Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMOs) which are either applied for by the public or initiated by the Authority on the discovery of evidence.

Highways & Traffic Guidance Note HAT33/3/11 sets out that such cases will be dealt with in order of receipt/initiation unless one or more of the eight "exception criteria" apply.

The criteria are as follows:

1. Where there is sustained aggression, hostility and ill feeling within a community that is causing severe disruption to the life of that community, and that in processing the case early there is a strong likelihood that this will reduce.
2. Where there is a significant threat to the route, likely to cause a permanent obstruction (e.g. a building, but not, for example, a locked gate or residential fencing).
3. Where there is, or has been, a finding of maladministration by the Local Government Ombudsman on a particular case and that in

processing the case the County Council will discharge its duty to the Ombudsman's decision.

4. Where legal proceedings against the County Council are instigated or are likely to be instigated and it is possible that the Authority has a liability.
5. Where there is a risk to children on County Council owned property and land or where the claimed route would provide for a safer alternative route to a school, play area or other amenity for children.
6. Where there is a significant financial saving to the County Council (and therefore taxpayers) through the processing of an Order.
7. Where a new application is received that relies on evidence of a case already received or, if the new application forms part of or is adjoining to an existing claim, the new claim will be dealt with at the same time as the older application.
8. Where the route will significantly assist in achieving a Countryside and Rights of Way Improvement Plan Objective or Statement of Action.

The above numbered exception criteria do not cover every eventuality and it is recognised that in exceptional circumstances there may be other reasons why it would benefit the public for a case to be considered out of normal order. Officers will not prioritise any case under such circumstances and any appeal will only be considered by the Definitive Map & Statement of Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee.

Initially the priority of a case is set by Officers however there is a right of appeal for any affected persons whereby a decision is made by the Definitive Map & Statement of Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee.

Appendix A, provides an outline of the position of cases currently deemed to be "active" within the prioritisation policy.

## **2. Consultation**

- a) Scrutiny Comments**
- b) Executive Councillor Comments**
- c) Local Member Comments**
- d) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

n/a

### 3. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Outline summaries of "active" modification order cases as at 14 October 2016
Appendix B	Appeals against prioritisation – Q2 2016-17
Appendix C	<a href="#">Definitive Map Case Prioritisation</a> (LINK) – Paper copies available on request

### 4. Background papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Highways & Traffic Guidance Note 33 – Prioritisation of Definitive Map Modification Orders - <a href="#">HAT 33/3/11</a>
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APPENDIX A - Outline Summaries of "active" modification order cases

PARISH	CASE No.		CASE TITLE	FORMAL APP?	Date	UPDATE
Ancaster	2	BOAT	Regrade from RB to BOAT	Yes	13/11/91	Currently revisiting extensive file work from long-standing case.
Colsterworth / Gunby & Stainby	259	PF	Colsterworth FP14 & Stainby PF 1(pt)	No	19/05/04	<b>Confirmed with modifications (Deletion of PF 14 accepted but realignment of PF1 wqas not) – Objections received to the modified order. Determination still awaited.</b>
Utterby	354	PF	Claimed Footpath from Grange Lane to Holy Well Lane	Yes	08/05/12	Submitted to the <b>Secretary of State</b> 8/12/2015 – Public Inquiry set to 15/11/2016
Utterby	355	PF	Claimed Footpath from Grange Lane to former railway and beyond	Yes	08/05/12	Submitted to the <b>Secretary of State</b> 8/12/2015 – Public Inquiry set to 15/11/2016
New Leake	353	PF	Claimed Footpath from Spilsby Rd to Spilsby Rd	Yes	30/05/12	<b>COMPLETE</b> - Submitted to the <b>Secretary of State</b> 18/11/2015 - <b>Not Confirmed SoS found that there was insufficient evidence for Common Law dedication</b>
Belton / Gt. Gonerby	12	PF	Belton to Great Gonerby (Gads Lane)	Yes	01/11/83	Submitted to <b>Secretary of State</b> – <b>Hearing to be held 29/11/2016</b>
North Somercotes / Marshchapel / Grainthorpe	374	PF	Upgrade of PF 18 to PB between Stonebridge Cottages, North Somercotes & Keyholme Lane, Marshchapel	Yes	4/8/2014	LCC Decision not to make an Order. W&CA81, Schedule 14 appeal made by applicant to <b>Secretary of State</b>
South Willingham / Benniworth	96	PF	Claimed PF from Grange farm, Low Barns to road south of Skirbeck House	Yes	30/04/86	<b>COMPLETE</b> Submitted to the <b>Secretary of State</b> – <b>Not Confirmed – Insufficient evidence</b>
South Willingham	97	PF	Hainton Rd to High St	Yes	30/04/86	Statement of Reasons prepared. submitted to <b>Secretary of State 22 July 2016</b> – <b>Awaiting notification of Start Date</b>
South Willingham / Hainton	98	PF	Moors Lane to A157	Yes	30/04/86	Statement of Reasons prepared. submitted to <b>Secretary of State 22 July 2016</b> – <b>Awaiting notification of Start Date</b>
South Willingham	99	PF	Moors lane to Poplar Fm	Yes	30/04/86	Statement of Reasons prepared. submitted to <b>Secretary of State 22 July 2016</b> – <b>Awaiting notification of Start Date</b>
Woodhall Spa	193	PF	Mill Lane to R.Witham Bank	Yes	12/05/98	Order made and a number of objections received - Statement of Grounds prepared and submitted to <b>Secretary of State</b> – <b>Public Inquiry 22 February 2017</b>
Coningsby	182	PF	School Lane to Dogdyke Road	Yes	06/11/97	Order made and a number of objections received. Statement of Reasons being prepared.
Navenby	384	PB	Claimed bridleway from Grantham Road to Doncaster Gardens	Yes	16/04/15	LCC Decision not to make an Order. W&CA81, Schedule 14 appeal made by applicant to <b>Secretary of State</b>
North Ormsby	379	PF	Claimed footpath between north end of PF 357 and metalled highway in centre of North Ormsby	Yes	14/11/14	Investigations ongoing

## APPENDIX A - Outline Summaries of "active" modification order cases

Castle Bytham	136	RB	Reclassification of RB	No	22/10//90	Investigation Ongoing
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BOAT – Byway Open to All Traffic

RB – Restricted Byway

PB – Public Bridleway

PF – Public Footpath

- **Total Number of cases (Formal application or Self-initiated) – 152 still outstanding inclusive of those awaiting determination by the Secretary of State (10 including 2 Sch 14 Appeal) at 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

## APPENDIX B – Appeals against prioritisation Q2 2015-16

There have been no appeals determined in this quarter although one appeal (Ludborough) has been submitted but is yet to be heard.

## Appendix C – Outstanding Modification Order Cases

Parish	File	Status	Further details	Application/Acceptance	Active	Priority Ranking
North Ormsby	379	PF	Claimed footpath between north end of PF 357 and metalled highway in centre of North Ormsby	14/11/2014	Yes	1
Castle Bytham	136	RB	RB 3	22/10/1990	Yes	2
Ancaster	2	RB	to BOAT	13/11/1991	Yes	3
Coningsby	182	PF	School Lane to Dogdyke Road	06/11/1997	Yes	4
Colsterworth / Gunby & Stainby	259	PF	Colsterworth FP14 & Stainby FP 1(pt)	19/05/2004	Yes	5
Utterby	354	PF	Claimed Footpath from Grange Lane to Holy Well Lane	08/05/2012	Yes	6
Utterby	355	PF	Claimed Footpath from Grange Lane to former railway and beyond	08/05/2012	Yes	7
Tetford	365	PF	Addition of missing link to PF 33	30/09/2013	Yes	8
North Somercotes / Marshchapel / Grainthorpe	374	PF	Upgrade of PF 18 to PB between Stonebridge Cottages, North Somercotes & Keyholme Lane, Marshchapel	04/08/2014	Yes	9
Long Bennington / Westborough & Dry Doddington	377	PF	Claimed footpath between Westborough Lane & bridge on Church St. along east bank of River Witham. Also access to route from Winters Lane & Sparrow Lane.	19/09/2014	Yes	10
Navenby	384	PB	Claimed bridleway from Grantham Road to Doncaster Gardens	16/04/2015	Yes	11
Navenby	385	PF	Deletion of PF13	14/04/2016	Yes	12
Belton / Gt. Gonerby	12	PF	Belton to Great Gonerby via Gonerby Grange (Gadds Lane)	01/11/1983	Yes	13
South Willingham	97	PF	Hainton Rd to High St	30/04/1986	Yes	14
South Willingham / Hainton	98	PF	Moors Lane to A157	30/04/1986	Yes	15
South Willingham	99	PF	Moors lane to Poplar Fm	30/04/1986	Yes	16
Woodhall Spa	193	PF	Mill Lane to R.Witham Bank	12/05/1998	Yes	17

### ACTIVE CASEWORK

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## North East Lincolnshire DMMO's (Definitive Map Modification Orders)

Ref Number	Parish	Location	Effect of Application	Date of Application	Progress Notes
DMMO 3	Grimsby	Humberston Road to Weelsby Woods	Claimed Footpath	20/10/2003	Landowner has signed a Deed of Dedication which has since been sealed. Once signage works have been completed this claim will be satisfied.
DMMO 6	Cleethorpes	New Clee Sidings (Fuller Street Bridge to Salvesen Road)	Claimed Footpath and Restricted	20/03/2008	The opposed Order is with the Secretary of State for determination. ABP have requested a public inquiry, to take place during the next 12 months and this is now scheduled for November 2016.
DMMO 7	Grimsby	Vicarage Gardens/Compton Drive to Bargate	Claimed Footpath	18/03/2008	Original claim submitted after landowner planned to lock Kissing Gate at centre of path to restrict access and improve security of Vicarage Gardens. Elderly Vicarage Gardens residents objected due to length of alternative route. Have written to certain providers of evidence forms to arrange meeting to take witness statements. No responses received.
DMMO 8	Grimsby	Macaulay Lane to Newhaven Terrace	Claimed Footpath	17/04/2008	Development of the Country Park has almost completed, which includes the provision of a footpath along claimed line. Legal dedication of the path will be arranged in due course to legalise path as Public Footpath which will resolve claim.
DMMO 9	Grimsby	Ferriby Lane to Bradley	Claimed Bridleway	17/05/2008	Landowners have now signed dedication agreements for approx. two thirds of the claimed route, which have been since been sealed. Once signage works have been completed this claim will be partially satisfied. The remaining part of the route requires public consultation and will not be progressed until possibly later next year.

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**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills - Executive Director for Environment & Economy**

Report to:	<b>Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum</b>
Date:	<b>18 October 2016</b>
Subject:	<b>Progress of Public Path Orders</b>

**Summary:**

A report on the progress of Public Path Orders

**Recommendation(s):**

That the report is noted and formal written advice given where required

## 1. Background

The County Council has a power to divert, extinguish or create public rights of way either of its own volition or following an application to do so from the public. The Council may also enter into agreements with landowners regarding the dedication of public rights.

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## 2. Summary of ongoing cases

The County Council is currently working on a number of cases most notably as follows.

- A package of diversions to realign routes in the Coastal Country Park area including the potential dedication of a bridleway over a current footpath. The reports from the consultant reviewing this package has been received and progress will be imminent
- Level crossing diversion orders at Tallington and Whisby the latter is about to have an order made to divert in the near future
- Orders to realign a number of PROW affected by a level crossing at Claypole which will also resolve "missing link" and path status change issues.

- A diversion to enable the managed realignment of the coastal sea defence at North Somercotes
- Diversions affecting school/parish recreation fields in Claypole

These public path orders have been undertaken as they fall within one of three of the following strategic areas

- Applications from members of the public where public benefit in the proposal can be demonstrated in line with Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
- Cases that form part of wider green infrastructure schemes (Coastal Country Park, Witham Valley Country Park etc.)
- Cases forming part of wider Council strategies (Road / Rail Partnerships, Environmental strategies)

The County Council will be reviewing its position of public path orders when greater detail regarding the Deregulation Act 2015 regulations is known.

### **3. Consultation**

#### **a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?**

n/a

#### **b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?**

n/a

#### **c) Scrutiny Comments**

n/a

#### **d) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

n/a

### **4. 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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**North East Lincolnshire Public Path Orders**

Ref No.	Location & Path No.	Type of Order	Self Initiated or Application	Progress Notes
PPO 4	Waltham FP72	HA s119	Self initiated	Planning Committee have recently approved officers recommendation to enforce the line of FP72. <b>Vegetation clearance for site survey has met with slight delay and is now due to commence on site in November 2016 .</b>
PPO 14	Ashby Cum Fenby BW91	HA s119	Self initiated	<b>Order making and groundworks have now been completed and the new diversion route is in place.</b>
PPO 15	Stallingborough FP21	HA s118 & s26	Self initiated	The Orders have been referred back to Committee to be formally withdrawn following the discovery of a technical error in the wording. Officers are now considering possible alternatives to the diversion route in light of the number of objections received during the consultation period. Following the opening of the new A18 / A180 link road (A1173 Mathew Ford Way) in early July 2016 an emergency path closure has been implemented on highway safety grounds having regard to the increased traffic flows on the A180 interchange. The temporary order is being followed by a full temporary path closure order whilst alternative options for a permanent path diversion are considered.
PPO16	Humberston FP52	HA s119	Self initiated	Diversion order to be made to relocate and reinstate this path which has been unavailable for some time.
PPO17	South Killingholme FP94	HA s119	Initiated by North Lincs Council	Application made by landowner to divert most of FP94 over the County Boundary into North East Lincolnshire on the grounds that it is necessary to combat issues of crime and antisocial behaviour. Awaiting confirmation of legal process by North Lincolnshire to implement the route on the ground.

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