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Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum Meeting

A meeting of the Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum will be held on **Tuesday, 24 January 2017** at **2.00 pm** in **Committee Room One, 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)
3 Vacancies (Land Owners)
4 Vacancies (Other Interests)

**MID-LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM AGENDA
TUESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2017**

Item	Title	Report Reference
1	Apologies for Absence	
2	Declarations of Members' Interests	
3	Minutes of the previous meeting of the Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum held on 18 October 2016	(Pages 5 - 12)
4	Actions Arising since the previous meeting of the Forum	
4a	Minute 28 - English Coastal Path <i>(Colin Smith has asked if there is any progress to report on this project)</i>	
4b	Minute 30 - Accessibility Ambassadors <i>(Colin Smith has asked what progress has been made on this matter)</i>	
4c	Minute 32 - Health Related Walks from April 2017 <i>(Colin Smith has asked what progress has been made on this matter)</i>	
5	De-Regulation Act <i>(Colin Smith has asked if there has been any progress in connection with the De-Regulation Act)</i>	
6	"Getting Active Outdoors" - An update by Rachel Belcher, Lincolnshire Sport <i>(Rachel Belcher, Lincolnshire Sport, will provide an update on "Getting Active Outdoors")</i>	(Pages 13 - 14)
7	Countryside for All Routes <i>(A report by John Law, a member of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum, which provides a progress report on the development of routes for all in the countryside)</i>	(Pages 15 - 20)
8	North East Lincolnshire Countryside and Rights of Way Improvement Plan <i>(A report by Matthew Chaplin, Rights of Way Officer, North East Lincolnshire Council with the Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan)</i>	(Pages 21 - 22)
9	Lincolnshire County Council Progress of Definitive Map Modification Orders <i>(A report by Chris Miller, Team Leader, Countryside Services, on the latest situation of these Orders)</i>	(Pages 23 - 30)

- 10 North East Lincolnshire Council Progress of Definitive Map Modification Orders** (Pages 31 - 32)
(A report by Matthew Chaplin, Rights of Way Officer, North East Lincolnshire Council, on the latest situation of these Orders)
- 11 Lincolnshire County Council Progress of Public Path Orders** (Pages 33 - 34)
(A report by Chris Miller, Countryside Services Team Leader, in connection with the latest update of these Orders)
- 12 North East Lincolnshire Council Progress of Public Path Orders** (Pages 35 - 36)
(A report by Matthew Chaplin, Rights of Way Officer, North East Lincolnshire Council, in connection with the progress of latest situation of these Orders)
- 13 Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

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MID-LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM 18 OCTOBER 2016

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, Sheila Brookes, Richard Graham, Sandra Harrison, Ray Shipley and Colin Smith

Officers: Steve Blagg (Democratic Services Officer), Matthew Chaplin (Public Rights of Way Mapping Officer), Christopher Marsh (Senior Highways Officer (Countryside)) and Chris Miller (Environmental Services Team Leader (Countryside Services))

Also in attendance: Alec Hill, a member of the South Lincolnshire Local Access Forum.

21 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public stated that footpaths and waymarks were inadequate in the Lincolnshire Marshes, particularly in the vicinity south of Mablethorpe and enquired why this was the case. Officers stated that due to the lack of records kept by the Internal Drainage Boards in the early 1960's many of the replacement bridges which had been installed following drainage works were now either unsustainable or were missing and many of the bridges crossed large ditches which were expensive to replace. Officers stated that the County Council was trying to manage the situation by finding alternative routes and the Lost Ways initiative also provided an opportunity to find a better route.

22 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

On a motion by Chris Padley and seconded by Dr C Allison, it was -

RESOLVED

That Sheila Brookes be elected Vice-Chairman of the Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum for the ensuing municipal year.

23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D C Hoyes MBE and Deborah North.

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It was noted that David and Katherine Mills had resigned from the Forum.

24 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests at this stage of the meeting.

25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE MID LINCOLNSHIRE
LOCAL ACCESS FORUM HELD ON 19 JULY 2016

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 July 2016, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the deletion of "Katherine Mills" from those listed in attendance.

26 A PROJECT APPROACH TO FACILITATING HORSE RIDING TRAILS

The Forum received a presentation from John Presgrave, a County Council Volunteer Warden/British Horse Society (BHS) Volunteer, who was involved in the management of the Lincolnshire Wolds Riding Trails Project, in connection with undertaking a project to identify a sustainable network of safe and user friendly circular horse and mountain biker rideable routes in the Wolds. He outlined a number of options to tackle access issues including, improved publication of routes, more involvement by the public to clear routes and the need to report problems of access to the Local Authority.

John Presgrave had a number of concerns which were out of horse riders' control including, amongst others, parking of horse boxes and trailers near or on routes which caused parking problems and the gradual reduction in Local Authority mowing was leading to fewer useable bridleways. He outlined the project approach which he used and which had been successfully used in Devon and North Yorkshire. He added that his project was now managed directly through the County Council's Countryside Team which was able to provide the necessary funding, with the help of North East Lincolnshire Council, to carry out the limited work necessary and to fund the promotional work as it arose.

A discussion took place and included the following:-

1. John Presgrave's project work was welcomed and appreciated by all.
2. The BHS details were on Facebook and this provided an opportunity to disseminate information about the project and to get volunteers involved to clear bridleways and Green Lanes for horse travel.
3. Many horse riders were apprehensive about using the road and off road access was preferable.
4. It was important to involve people in the project and it was noted that there were also a number of Horse Driving Clubs in Lincolnshire who could be approached.
5. The BHS had organised a seminar at the Bransby Retired Horse Centre and this had provided an opportunity to publicise the project which had not been taken.

6. The maintenance of Green Lanes should be the County Council's Countryside Team's responsibility not Highways.
7. There were many metalled roads which had potential for multi-use.
8. The Wildlife Trust should be contacted as they would be able to provide information and help about the clearance of Green Lanes for both wildlife and access.
9. The use of verges as Green Lanes was a good idea.
10. Landowners needed to be made aware that horse riders could help in crime prevention.
11. Forum members needed to use their contacts to spread the message about the project and to involve people because this would benefit people's health and wellbeing. John Presgrave stated that there needed to be more collaboration between the Local Authorities, the BHS and volunteers.
12. BHS needed to report issues with access on bridleways.

27 HORSE PASTURES AND RIGHTS OF WAY

The Forum received a report from Chris Padley in connection with access issues on public footpaths caused by horse paddocks being installed by private owners and the use of electric fences. It was the case that sometimes no alternative route was made available and the highway authority recognised this as a problem. However, occasionally, owners used a "break handle" for the public to use to avoid coming into contact with electric fences. Chris Padley questioned the legality of these "break handles" and the fact that the public were nervous of electricity at the best of times.

Chris Padley stated that there were options available to owners to avoid this, such as dividing paddocks up without the need to put up fencing. He sought the views of the Forum on this matter.

A discussion took place and included the following:-

1. Horses needed access to a water.
2. Mains electricity was not used for electric fences and therefore were not a threat to the public.
3. Electric fences were seen as a deterrent and should follow the line of the footpath.
4. If the fencing was temporary it was acceptable to use "break handles".
5. Warning signs needed to be clearly visible to the public.
6. Legislation had not caught up with what was taking place nowadays.
7. The County Council's Structures Policy was due to be reviewed and this provided an opportunity to raise this issue.
8. The effect of electrified fences on walkers with heart pace makers needed to be considered.
9. Health and safety legislation required that a yellow flag should be shown to indicate the presence of an electric fence.

RESOLVED

That the comments by the Forum be considered by the County Council when their Structures Policy was reviewed.

28 ENGLISH COASTAL FOOTPATH - PROGRESS REPORT

The Forum received a report in connection with the latest situation of the English Coast Path from Sutton Bridge to Skegness, Skegness to Mablethorpe and Mablethorpe to the Humber Bridge.

A discussion took place and included the following:-

1. Coastal access around the Ports on the Humber might be an issue.
2. Some footpaths in North Lincolnshire doubled as bridleways.
3. The Port of Sutton Bridge presented access problems similar to the Ports on the Humber.

Officers stated that Natural England were confident in finding the necessary funding to build a bridge over the River Steeping but the issue was the County Council finding the necessary funding to maintain any bridge. There were options for the County Council to find funding but there would be a need for the Council to find the first 25%.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

29 COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL ROUTES

The Forum received a report from John Law, a representative on the South Lincolnshire Local Access Forum, in connection with the provision of Countryside for All Routes in both Lincolnshire and Rutland.

The Forum commented that it would be useful to invite a representative of the local blind society in Lincolnshire in the work of improving accessibility at Owlet Wood and, in turn, they would be able to disseminate information about the project.

It was noted that the information in connection with the Accessibility Ambassadors who had the role of meeting landowners to discuss rights of way access and assessing provision in their areas for disabled people had been sent to both Forums.

RESOLVED

That the report and action detailed be noted.

**30 ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS FOR PARKS, GREEN OPEN SPACES
AND THE COUNTRYSIDE**

The Forum received a report from John Law, a representative on the South Lincolnshire Local Access Forum, in connection with the role of Accessibility Ambassadors for parks, green open spaces and the countryside in Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire, Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Richard Graham stated that he had partially been involved in the Disability Group and Accessibility Ambassadors in the Dementia Friendly Groups had been mentioned.

Councillor Iain Colquhoun stated that he would investigate the promotion of Accessibility Ambassadors and volunteers in North East Lincolnshire.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

31 ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS APPLICATION PACK

The Forum received a report from John Law, a representative on the South Lincolnshire Local Access Forum, in connection with the Accessibility Ambassadors Application Pack. The Forum noted that an event had been arranged at Lincoln College on 28 October 2016, in connection with the provision of activities for all and the opportunity would be taken to promote and appoint Accessible Ambassadors and to try and get more people to become members of the Forums.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

32 HEALTH RELATED WALKS FROM APRIL 2017

The Forum received a report from John Law, a representative of the South Lincolnshire Local Access Forum, in connection with funding for Walking for Health and dementia friendly walks county wide. It was noted that John Law was examining alternative funding streams for this area because of the withdrawal of funding by the County Council.

The Forum discussed the matter including an enquiry about the role of Clinical Commissioning Groups in providing funding and the role of Co-ordinators to train volunteers to encourage people to walk. It was noted that when Walking for Health was first established funding was provided by the Health and Wellbeing Boards and in the Forum's view they still had a role to play. Officers stated that many stiles on footpaths in urban areas had been removed to encourage people to walk.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

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

Officers stated that there was no longer any public money for Rights of Way schemes and that the emphasis now was to try and get funding from external sources and the County Council was unable to find money for bespoke projects. Therefore, there had not been any progress in producing ROWIP 2.

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RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

**34 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY
IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The Forum received a report from North East Lincolnshire Council in connection with the latest situation of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

Issues highlighted in the report was that alternative proposals for a suitable diversion route for footpath 21 Stallingborough were being investigated this week and that work on the production of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2 were about to start with funding coming from the Council's Local Transport Plan.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

**35 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS OF DEFINITIVE MAP
MODIFICATION ORDERS**

The Forum received a progress report from Lincolnshire County Council in connection with Definitive Map Modification Orders. Officers highlighted the following in the report:-

Colsterworth/Gunby and Stainby – it was noted that it was possible to make representations on the whole Order again and

North Somercotes/Marsh Chapel and Grainthorpe – the Council was seeking a reply to this Order following an appeal by the applicant to the Secretary of State;

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

**36 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL PROGRESS OF DEFINITIVE
MAP MODIFICATION ORDERS**

The Forum received a progress report from North East Lincolnshire Council in connection with Definitive Map Modification Orders.

The Forum noted that a Public Inquiry had been arranged for 15 November 2016 to consider New Clee Sidings (Fuller Street Bridge to Salvesen Road) Claimed Footpath.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

37 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS OF PUBLIC PATH ORDERS

The Forum received a progress report from Lincolnshire County Council in connection with Public Path Orders.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

38 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL PROGRESS OF PUBLIC PATH ORDERS

The Forum received a progress report from North East Lincolnshire Council in connection with Public Path Orders.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

39 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

2.00pm on Tuesday 24 January 2017, at the County Offices, Newland, Lincoln

The meeting closed at 3.40 pm

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Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum – 24 January 2017

"Getting Active Outdoors" - Update by Rachel Belcher, Lincolnshire Sport

I detail below some background information for members in connection with Rachel Belcher's update to the Forum.

Lincolnshire Sport is working with Sport England to explore their new research Get Active Outdoors, and how we can engage inactive people to spend more time being active outside. A link to the page including all the research is below.

<https://www.sportengland.org/research/understanding-audiences/getting-active-outdoors/>

We have secured funding to investigate how we can engage large numbers of people who are currently sedentary with their local outdoor space for the next two years, through orienteering style themed walks.

We are happy to fund all (commissioned health walks) areas who would like to upload five walks of up to three miles free of charge. We are particularly keen on supporting walks that have a theme, some local relevance or engage with nature, history, infrastructure etc. Further walks can be added at the cost price of £80 each per route (up to three miles, or £120 for walks of up to 6 miles). All walks can then be downloaded and printed for free, or navigated with an app for £1.50.

In order to upload your walks, you will need to attend a free 4 hour training session. This will enable you to subsequently design, write detailed instructions, walk the route, take photos and submit your walks for uploading (the technical side of uploading, debugging, updating, etc, will all be done on your behalf). Once live the walks will be available for all to see, and those who attend your walks will be able to make comments and offer feedback. You will remain the 'walk author' and be able to make changes over time if things change (such as ROW, access etc.)

If you are interested in taking up this offer, please express your interest with my colleague Lizzie Borrill asap, who will be able to send on details of the training session which will take place early in the New Year, allowing time for planning and uploading before March. Lizzie.Borrill@lincolnshiresport.com. It may be that you have some keen volunteers who would like to get involved, or you can attend yourself.

The website and associated platform is below for your interest.

<http://www.ifootpath.com/>

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COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL – Report

Report for LAF meetings 24 & 25/01/17

1. COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL ROUTES

1.1. Lincolnshire

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust has agreed to fund the additional leaflet at Whisby. We are aiming to have the 5 route leaflet details with the designer/printer early February. This will make a total of 21 Countryside For All routes in Lincolnshire.

The Woodland Trust has asked for a letter of support for the improvements in accessibility at Owlet Woods. The letter should be sent prior to the LAFs meetings and should be available in hard copy form for information.

We are still investigating the lack of car park signage on the Water Rail Way at Southrey and Stixwold.

We attended 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 was very poorly attended. We estimate approximately 40 people. There was very little interest by the few visitors in all the stands.

1.2. Rutland

The Rutland Water Nature Reserve leaflets have been printed and received a great welcome from a number of organisations.

The Lodge Trust is also interested in improving the route in its grounds and creating a Countryside for All leaflet for the route. The route is open for public access 364 days of the year.

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.

A folder for Rutland Countryside for All walks is being developed. The Yew Tree Avenue “team” has been asked to confirm whether they will know the outcome of the Avenue issues by the end of January. If so, we will include photos of the Avenue on the folder. We will provide the designer/printer with the details for printing the first week of February.

2. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY WALKS

2.1. Lincolnshire

This information is displayed in item 7

2.2. Rutland

2.2.1. The Rutland course was a success, even though we only had 7 people attend the course. Sensory strolls should start in the spring. Another course has been requested as we have now more people who wish to volunteer to lead the sensory strolls. Dementia Adventure has agreed to run another course, however we will need to find funding for the trainer's travel expenses, which was £23.40 for the last course.

Action: Can the Rutland CC fund the travel expenses of £23.40?

3. CHOICE UNLIMITED EVENT

3.1. Rutland

The planning of the next Choice Unlimited event has begun. There were 300 visitors at the event. We are aiming to attract more people to the next event. It is also important that we attract more sponsorship. The next planning meeting is the 19th January. A verbal update will be provided on the outcome of that meeting.

Action: Provide a verbal update on the outcome of the 19th January meeting

3.2 Lincolnshire

We aim to hold another meeting with the LCIL (Choice Unlimited), Lincolnshire Sports and other potential partners re holding an event in Lincoln other areas in the County.

4. WOLDS WALKING FESTIVAL

The Countryside for All walk which we are responsible for is Thursday 1st June 2pm at Chambers Farm Wood.

5. FUNDING BIDS

The only outstanding funding bid at the moment is "Lincolnshire Health Related Walks from April 2017". Progress on that issue is displayed in item 7.

Areas that we have currently identified that we are going out for funding for this year are:

- a) Chapel Six Marshes from the East Coast Community Fund
- b) Ashing Lane Nature Reserve
- c) Inclusive Countryside Access Course

- d) I Spy books for the Choice Unlimited events etc.
- e) Larger folders for the Lincolnshire route leaflets, as we have outgrown the current folder capacity.
- f) Obtain funding for Yew Tree Avenue route improvement and Countryside For All, leaflet if we get the desired outcome.
- g) We feel that with our current workload we will not survey any further "Countryside for All" routes this year but will aim to produce a further 4 new route leaflets in 2018, so we may look to source the funding this year, for next year's leaflets design and production.

6. ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS

We have had only two expressions of interest for Lincolnshire so we will not pursue this at present. We will continue to pursue this in Rutland with Leicestershire. The two people who were interested in this role in Lincolnshire may want to join the LAF.

Action: Chris – Whose email address should we provide for these two people if they wish to join the LAFs.

7. LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH RELATED WALKS FROM APRIL 2017

We have submitted our application for funding to Bromhead Medical Charity (BMC). We discussed with the funding body the possibility of providing three options and they have agreed to this. Hopefully this gives us three chances of securing funding.

We have informed BMC that our preferred choice is for a Walk Coordinator in the City and each districts to grow and support Walking for Health and Dementia Friendly Walks, the exception being Boston. Boston will have a coordinator one day per week to grow and support the Dementia Friendly Walks only.

Our second preferred option is County wide to support a Walk Coordinator one day per week in the City and each of the districts, to grow and support Dementia Friendly Walks. In East Lindsey and South Holland, due to these districts being the second and third highest prescribing areas for diabetes in England, we have requested Walking for Health to be supported. For these two districts we have applied for both these district coordinators to be funded to grow and support Walking for Health.

Our third option, which is our least preferred, is just County wide to support for a Walk Coordinator one day per week in the City and each of the districts to grow and support Dementia Friendly Walks.

This application will go before the Bromhead Board 18th January. It is expected we will know the result of this application by the end of January.

If the outcome of the funding application is not option 1, we aim to have all letters out to other possible sponsors by 6th February. There is a Walks Forum meeting 7th

February which Public Health and the Walk Coordinators will be attending. I will be providing them with an update at this meeting.

8. WALKING FOR HEALTH – RUTLAND

Dannielle Adams, the Active Rutland Officer sent us this mail:

“As discussed yesterday, I am happy to meet to discuss future ideas. At current we are supporting our two main Walking for Health groups in Oakham and Ketton and we also support other walking groups where possible. We are currently in the process of rolling out dementia friendly walks in the new year and following this would like to start a new Walking for Health group in Uppingham.”

9. SENSORY TRAILS AND GREEN SPACES

The sub group have been aware for some time that both Lincolnshire and Rutland have very little accessible countryside for the disabled. There is ample evidence that people with dementia, interacting with nature is of great benefit for them and their carers. One of our biggest challenges is to find places which are accessible in the natural environment which is close to the population centres. We can access parks and some green spaces which normally have suitable accessible paths. The issue we often have with parks and green spaces is most do not provide a sensory area which can be found in woodland, meadows and river banks.

We accept with funding being an issue it is unlikely that local authorities etc. will be able to invest in this area. To overcome this issue we are looking at submitting a report to the Royal Horticultural Society for them to consider. The report displays the opportunity the RHS has to aid communities, encourage future designers, educate gardeners and people starting in the hobby, improve people's health and general wellbeing. An outline of what we will be including in the report is displayed below:

a) As we have show gardens at the RHS shows, we could include a new category for sensory gardens. Whilst we would be struggling for space at Chelsea, the rest of the shows, including the new one at Chatsworth have the ground available to include this additional category. This category would also enable a different form of judging and also provide something different for some of our shows. Sensory gardens could be for people with dementia, the visually impaired, a sensory experience for children etc. Whilst we appreciate many of the shows over the years have displayed sensory planting, these sensory trails and spaces will provide different experiences and rewards.

Our thoughts are that the sensory garden category would have 3 sub categories based on the costs of the plants and other materials used. We recommend the budgets for the categories to be £4000, £8000 and £12000. Imported soil for the display are outside the category budget. The design should provide a sensory experience all year round. So some plants, bushes or trees may not be at their best during the show. We recommend the following process:

b) Organisations invited to apply for a sensory garden to be designed for them.

- c) Applications assessed
- d) Winning applications selected
- e) Winning applications displayed on RHS web site
- f) Designers invited to apply to design a garden for one of the winning applications. The designer to also display via a visual display unit a design of a sensory trail leading to the garden suitable for the site the designer designs the garden for. The cost of the planting in this virtual trail, should be the same as the garden budget. The cost of hard landscaping to be excluded from the cost of the virtual trail budget.
- g) Designers applications assessed.
- h) Winning designer applications selected.
- i) Winning Designers work with the organisation they are designing the garden for.
- j) Three or four of each category on displayed at one of the RHS shows
- k) Each garden judged in conjunction with RHS methodology but with a bias towards suitable plants and planting layout. The quality of individual plants/flowers not being so important.
- l) Following exhibition at the RHS show the display to be dismantled and repositioned in the applicant's venue.
- m) RHS gardens countrywide to include a small selection of these designs after the show. The RHS partner gardens also be offered to include these designs
- n) The design of the gardens displayed on the RHS website also to include:
 - 1) Plant: name, height, spread, annual, bi annual, perennial, soil type, sunny or shady position, peak sensory months, hardiness, how to grow, how to look after, possible diseases/pests and how to treat them.
 - 2) Cost of the plants and where it was bought from.
 - 3) Plants that provide a similar sensory experience which grow in different conditions to that on the display. Details of the required growing conditions would be provided.

The above will enable other communities to bid for external funding to create a similar sensory space/trail. It is hoped that the original planting and ongoing maintenance of these sensory spaces/trails will be carried out by groups which will include people who will benefit from working with plants and green spaces e.g. people with learning difficulties, people with depression.

After the sub group has drafted the synopsis and report, it will circulate to LAF members for comments. We have already had discussions with other parties to see if they will be willing to provide letters of support to be included as appendices. Once the draft has been amended with relevant comments it will be passed to the

supporting organisations in order for them to provide their letters of support. Our aim is to get the final document ready for the April Forum meetings to get approval for sending to the RHS.

10. DISABILITY SUB GROUP CHANGE OF NAME & LOGO

We are requesting a change of name for our sub group to "Countryside For All". We have difficulty at events getting the message over to the public about what we do from our title. In the free events directory of Choice Unlimited we only have 25 free words. By entering "Mid Lincolnshire, South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forums Disability sub group" we only have 13 words left to explain what we do!!

The Logos of both LAFs are on the Countryside For All leaflets. The logos for both LAFs are very difficult to decipher due to the light green wording. It is even more difficult to read when on a VDU. Can we investigate changing the colour of the wording so it can be easily read.

When the disability sub group was first created some work was done on a logo. Unfortunately there is no record of what was created. With appearing at different events it would be helpful if we had a suitable logo so people could easily recognise what we do.

Action: All – Vote on the name change for the sub group

All – Vote on investigating a colour change from light green on both LAF logos

All – Is a volunteer available to create options for the Countryside For All logo?

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. Aletnative proposals for a suitable diversion route are to be investigated.
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.	Line of the path curenently being reinstated.
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.

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Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills - Executive Director for Environment & Economy
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Report to:	Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum
Date:	24 January 2017
Subject:	Definitive Map Modification Orders - Ongoing

Summary:

A report on the progress of Definitive Map Modification Order Currently being undertaken
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Recommendation(s):

That the report is noted & formal written advice provided as required.
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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 12 January 2017
Appendix B	Appeals against prioritisation – Q3 2016-17
Appendix C	Definitive Map Case Prioritisation (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 - HAT 33/3/11
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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	Confirmed with modifications (Deletion of PF 14 accepted but realignment of PF1 was not) – Objections received to the modified order. Determination still awaited.
Utterby	354	PF	Claimed Footpath from Grange Lane to Holy Well Lane	Yes	08/05/12	COMPLETED -Public Inquiry 15/11/2016 – SoS deemed that user evidence was insufficient with usage demonstrated as being with permission or challenged
Utterby	355	PF	Claimed Footpath from Grange Lane to former railway and beyond	Yes	08/05/12	COMPLETE - Public Inquiry 15/11/2016 – SoS deemed that user evidence was insufficient with usage demonstrated as being with permission or challenged
New Leake	353	PF	Claimed Footpath from Spilsby Rd to Spilsby Rd	Yes	30/05/12	COMPLETE - Submitted to the Secretary of State 18/11/2015 - Not Confirmed SoS found that there was insufficient evidence for Common Law dedication
Belton / Gt. Gonerby	12	PF	Belton to Great Gonerby (Gads Lane)	Yes	01/11/83	COMPLETE - Public Hearing - 29/11/2016 - Not confirmed – Insufficient / poor user evidence from 1983
North Somercotes / Marshchapel / Grainthorpe	374	PF	Upgrade of PF 18 to PB between Stonebridge Cottages, North Somercotes & Keyholme Lane, Marshchapel	Yes	4/8/2014	COMPLETE – Appeal against decision not to make an order was not upheld by the Secretary of State
South Willingham / Benniworth	96	PF	Claimed PF from Grange farm, Low Barns to road south of Skirbeck House	Yes	30/04/86	COMPLETE Submitted to the Secretary of State – Not Confirmed – Insufficient evidence
South Willingham	97	PF	Hainton Rd to High St	Yes	30/04/86	Statement of Reasons prepared. submitted to Secretary of State 22 July 2016 – Start Date 30/11/2016 – Written Representations
South Willingham / Hainton	98	PF	Moors Lane to A157	Yes	30/04/86	Statement of Reasons prepared. submitted to Secretary of State 22 July 2016 – Start Date 30/11/2016 – Written Representations
South Willingham	99	PF	Moors lane to Poplar Fm	Yes	30/04/86	Statement of Reasons prepared. submitted to Secretary of State 22 July 2016 – Start Date 30/11/2016 – Written Representations
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 Secretary of State – Public Inquiry 22 February 2017
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 Secretary of State. This has been upheld following the submission of further evidence. Order yet to be made.

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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
Castle Bytham	136	RB	Reclassification of RB	No	22/10//90	Investigation Ongoing
Long Bennington / Westborough & Dry Doddington	377	PF	Claimed footpath between Westborough Lane & nridge on Church St. Along east bank of river	Yes	19/9/14	COMPLETE - Decision not make order made
Hogsthorpe	49	PF	Sea Lane to Maiden Lane	Yes	11/12/86	Investigation Ongoing
Tetford	365	PF	Addition of PF missing link to PF 33	No	30/9/13	Investigation Ongoing
Ludborough	378	PF	Claimed PF along farm track to PF 107	Yes	6/10/14	Investigation Ongoing
Navenby	385	PF	Deletion of PF 13	No	14/4/16	To be deleted due to erroneous inclusion on Definitive Map
Heydour	48	PF	Addition of missing link to PF 3 Church Leas	No	1/1/85	Investigation Ongoing
Aunsby & Dembleby	5	Various	Reclassifications of Restricted Byway	No	11/7/85	Investigations as to Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act effects.
Mablethorpe & Sutton	106	PF	High Street to Broadway	Yes	16/9/85	Investigation Ongoing
Grimoldby	43	PF	From Mill Lane	Yes	23/10/85	Investigation Ongoing
Burgh le Marsh	18	PF	Faulknors Lane	Yes	10/2/87	Order made with outstanding objections - Investigation Ongoing
Stamford	101	PF	Cherry Holt lane to Priory Rd	Yes	3/4/87	Investigation Ongoing

BOAT – Byway Open to All Traffic

RB – Restricted Byway

PB – Public Bridleway

PF – Public Footpath

- **Total Number of cases (Formal application or Self-initiated) – 145 still outstanding inclusive of those awaiting determination by the Secretary of State (5) at 12th January 2017**

One appeal for Ludborough was heard by the Definitive map & Statement of Public Rights of Way Sub-committee who upheld the appeal on the basis that the route would provide significant benefit to the local community and contribute to a Rights of Way Improvement Plan Scheme

The case has been allocated to an officer to process.

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
Hogsthorpe	49	PF	Sea Lane to Maiden Lane	11/12/1986	Yes	2
Castle Bytham	136	RB	RB 3	22/10/1990	Yes	3
Ancaster	2	RB	to BOAT	13/11/1991	Yes	4
Coningsby	182	PF	School Lane to Dogdyke Road	06/11/1997	Yes	5
Colsterworth / Gunby & Stainby	259	PF	Colsterworth FP14 & Stainby FP 1(pt)	19/05/2004	Yes	6
Tetford	365	PF	Addition of missing link to PF 33	30/09/2013	Yes	7
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	8
Ludborough	378	PF	Claimed footpath along track running to and from PF107	06/10/2014	Yes	9
Navenby	384	PB	Claimed bridleway from Grantham Road to Doncaster Gardens	16/04/2015	Yes	10
Navenby	385	PF	Deletion of PF13	14/04/2016	Yes	11
Belton & Manthorpe / Gt. Gonerby	12	PF	Belton to Great Gonerby via Gonerby Grange (Gadds Lane)	01/11/1983	Yes	12
South Willingham	97	PF	Hainton Rd to High St	30/04/1986	Yes	13
South Willingham / Hainton	98	PF	Moors Lane to A157	30/04/1986	Yes	14
South Willingham	99	PF	Moors lane to Poplar Fm	30/04/1986	Yes	15
Woodhall Spa	193	PF	Mill Lane to R. Witham Bank	12/05/1998	Yes	16
Heydour	48	PF	PF to be diverted - from Southern end of PF 3 to church Lees	01/01/1985	No	17
Coningsby & Dembleby	5	PROW	see file	11/07/1985	No	18
Mablethorpe and Sutton	106	PF	High St to Broadway	16/09/1985	No	19
Grimoldby	43	PF	from Mill Lane	23/10/1985	No	20
Burgh-le-Marsh	18	PF	Faulkers Lane	10/02/1987	No	21
Stamford	101	PF	Cherry Holt Lane to Priory Rd	03/04/1987	No	22

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	20/10/03	Signage now in place.
DMMO 6	Cleethorpes	New Clee Sidings (Fuller Street Bridge to Salvesen Road)	Claimed Footpath and Restricted	20/03/08	PINS decision, not to confirm the order
DMMO 7	Grimsby	Vicarage Gardens/Compton Drive to Bargate	Claimed Footpath	18/03/08	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	17/04/08	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	17/05/08	The remaining part of the route requires public consultation.

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

Report to:	Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum
Date:	24 January 2017
Subject:	Progress of Public Path Orders

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.

2. Summary of ongoing cases

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

- A package of 8 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 to reduce risks at two level crossings
- 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
- Diversion in Market Deeping to aid the improvement of a well used path to a supermarket and schools.

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	Vegetation clearance undertaken. Southern diversion order has been made and is in formal consultation period. Consultation ends 17th January. Bridges to be installed week commencing 23rd January 2017 works are likely to take 2 weeks. Infrastructure currently being designed to accommodate the diversion.
PPO 15	Stallingborough FP21	HA s118 & s26	Self initiated	Meeting with one landowner has been undertaken. Planning to meet other parties with interest in the land and potential diversion routes.
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. Creation Order in North East Lincs area has been made on 12th January. Signage to be installed. Modification Order to be confirmed.
PPO 19	Stallingborough FP 37	HA118A	Initiated by Network Rail	Application for extinguishment
PPO 20	New Waltham	TCPA 1990	Initiated by developer	Application for path to run through new development

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