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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 October 2017** at **2.00 pm** in **The Art Centre, Caistor Town Hall, North Street, Caistor, Lincs LN7 6QU** 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

Councillor William James Aron, (Lincolnshire County Council)
Councillor Charles Edward Hugo Marfleet, (Lincolnshire County Council)
Chris Padley, (Users of Local Rights of Way) (Chairman)
Sheila Brookes, (Users of Local Rights of Way) (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Iain Colquhoun, (North East Lincolnshire Council)
Sandra Harrison, (Landowners)
Ray Shipley, (Landowners)
Dr Chris Allison, (Users of Local Rights of Way)
Richard East, (Users of Local Rights of Way)
Peter McKenzie-Brown, (Users of Local Rights of Way)
Helen Pitman, (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 OCTOBER 2017**

Item	Title	Report Reference
1	Questions from the Public	
2	Apologies for Absence	
3	Declarations of Members' Interests	
4	Minutes of the previous meeting of the Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum held on 18 July 2017	(Pages 5 - 12)
5	Actions Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting of the Forum if not already on the agenda	
5a	Proposed Housing Development in the Western Corridor, Lincoln - Need for Rights of Way and Cycle Routes (minute 72) <i>(This item was raised at the last meeting of the Forum by a member of the public. It was the wish of the Forum to see Rights of Way and cycle routes incorporated in to any proposed housing development that takes place in the Western corridor, Lincoln. The Forum is asked to consider ways of bringing their wishes to the attention of the appropriate agencies)</i>	(Verbal Report)
5b	Generic Advice to Planning Authorities (minute 79(a)) <i>(The Forum is advised that a letter was sent to those people indicated in minute 79(a). No responses or acknowledgments have been received to date)</i>	(Verbal Report)
5c	English Coastal Footpath - Update (minute 81) <i>(Chris Miller, Team Leader for Countryside Services, will update the Forum on progress of the English Coastal Footpath in Lincolnshire)</i>	(Verbal Report)
6	Lincolnshire Community Assistance Team's Involvement in Rights of Way <i>(David Salkeld and Ian Clark from Lincolnshire's Community Assistance Team (LCA) will make a presentation about LCA's involvement and interests in public rights of ways. There will be an opportunity for members to ask questions)</i>	(Pages 13 - 14)
7	Countryside for All Routes <i>(A report by John Law, a representative on the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum, in connection with Countryside for All Routes. The Forum is asked to consider the various recommendations in the report)</i>	(Pages 15 - 20)

- 8 North East Lincolnshire Countryside and Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP 2)** (Pages 21 - 22)
(A report by Matthew Chaplin, North East Lincolnshire Public Rights of Way Mapping Officer, in connection with the Council's ROWIP 2)
- 9 Lincolnshire County Council's Progress of Definitive Map Modification Orders** (Pages 23 - 28)
(A report by Catherine Beeby, Senior Definitive Map Officer (Countryside), in connection with the Council's Definitive Map Modification Orders)
- 10 North East Lincolnshire Council's Definitive Map Modification Orders** (Pages 29 - 30)
(A report by Matthew Chaplin, Public Rights of Way Mapping Officer, in connection with the Council's Definitive Map Modification Orders)
- 11 Lincolnshire County Council Progress of Public Path Orders** (Pages 31 - 34)
(A report by Catherine Beeby, Senior Definitive Map Officer (Countryside), in connection with the Council's Public Path Orders)
- 12 North East Lincolnshire Council Progress of Public Path Orders** (Pages 35 - 36)
(A report by Matthew Chaplin, Public Rights of Way Mapping Officer, in connection with the Council's Public Path Orders)
- 13 Dates and Times of Future Meetings**
(The Forum normally meets four times a year – January, April, July (AGM) and October)

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FORUM
18 JULY 2017**

PRESENT: CHRIS PADLEY (CHAIRMAN)

Representing Lincolnshire County Council: Councillors W J Aron

Representing North East Lincolnshire Council: Councillor Iain Colquhoun

Representing Independent Members: Sheila Brookes, Sandra Harrison, Dr Chris Allison, Richard East, Peter McKenzie-Brown, Colin Smith and Richard Graham

Officers: Steve Blagg (Democratic Services Officer), Matthew Chaplin (Public Rights of Way Mapping Officer), Chris Miller (Team Leader for Countryside Services) and Kate Percival (Environmental Services Senior Officer, Strategy and Partnerships)

Also in attendance:

72 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public referred to the proposed housing development in the Western Corridor, Lincoln and stated that she had not seen any map or attended any meetings in connection with the development. However, she was aware that more footpaths were required in this development and was only aware of one footpath that ran along the side of the main drain leading off the Sustrans cycle/footpath (Route 64).

Comments by members and the responses of officers included:-

- Did the geographic area covered by the Western Growth corridor fall in the Mid Lincolnshire or South Lincolnshire area? Officers stated that while there was some overlap between the two Forums in this area the role of Local Access Forums was strategic there was nothing to prevent the Forums from getting involved in non-strategic functions such as responding to Gating Orders.
- The development was in the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan. Officers stated that the implications of the development would be discussed with various agencies, including Public Health, to examine the provision of leisure amenities arising from the development including community gain from Section 106 Agreements.

The Forum agreed that this item would be considered at the next meeting.

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73 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2017/18

RESOLVED

That Chris Padley be elected Chairman of the Forum for the ensuing year 2017/18.

74 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2017/18

RESOLVED

That Sheila Brookes be elected Vice-Chairman of the Forum for the year 2017/18.

75 WELCOME TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BILL ARON

The Chairman on behalf of the Forum, welcomed County Councillor Bill Aron, Lincolnshire County Council, to his first meeting of the Forum.

76 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Ray Shipley (representing landowners).

77 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were made at this stage of the meeting.

78 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE MID LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM HELD ON 4 APRIL 2017

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Forum held on 4 April 2017, be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

79 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE FORUM IF NOT ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

79a Generic Advice to Planning Authorities

The Forum received a report in connection with the effect of planning applications on Public Rights of Way (PROWs). Consideration of this matter had been deferred at the previous meeting of the Forum. The Forum also considered advice provided to Leicestershire District Planning Authorities by the Leicestershire Local Access Forum and asked whether similar advice should be given by both Lincolnshire Local Access Forums to the Lincolnshire District Planning Authorities.

Officers stated that they had recently attended a meeting of the Development Management Officers' Group, which comprised planning officers from the Lincolnshire District Councils, with the exception of South Kesteven, and the following topics were discussed as detailed in the report:-

- Provision of mapping system update
- Amendment made to Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 by Section 12 of the Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013
- Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Orders and safe design principles
- Other matters

Officers stated that the meeting had been successful and that the issues raised would help both the County Council and developers.

Comments made by the Forum and the responses of officers, included:-

- Did the various Orders and safe design principles listed under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, come under secondary legislation? Officers stated that this was best practice guidance which District Planning Authorities were not always following. Officers agreed to examine the legislation in connection with rights of way in planning law and report to the next meeting.
- There was a need for all district planning authorities to be made aware of the effect of planning applications on PROWs.
- It was suggested that a letter, on behalf of both Forums, should be sent to the Lincolnshire District Chief Executives and that the District Portfolio Holders for Planning should be copied into the letter, to express concern about the effect of planning applications on PROWs and that a copy of the advice given by the Leicestershire Local Access Forum, should be enclosed with the letter, with the view to the Forums providing similar advice to the Lincolnshire District Planning Authorities.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk prepare a letter, to be signed by the Chairmen of both Forums, to each Chief Executive of Lincolnshire District Councils, and that the Portfolio Holders for Planning be copied into the letter, to express concern about the effect of planning applications on PROWs and that a copy of the advice given by Leicestershire Local Access Forum, be also enclosed with the letter, with the view to the Forums providing similar advice to the Lincolnshire District Planning Authorities.

80 NATURAL ENGLAND LAF CONFERENCE AT BIRMINGHAM 21 JUNE
 2017

The Forum received a report from Chris Padley, who had attended the national Local Access Forums' Conference in Birmingham on 21 June 2017. He stated that the acoustics at the venue were poor, that it was difficult to hear speakers and that he would inform Natural England of his personal views.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

81 ENGLISH COASTAL FOOTPATH - UPDATE

The Forum received a report on the progress of the English Coastal Footpath in Lincolnshire.

Officers highlighted the following issues:-

- Sutton Bridge to Skegness – the key issues remained the provision of access from Frampton to Gibraltar Point and the need to cross the River Steeping at Gibraltar Point with the latter causing concern because access and protection of habitat were not compatible.
- Skegness to Mablethorpe – this section was progressing well following the resolution of the route of the footpath near North Shore Golf course and was being submitted to the Secretary of State for ratification. Officers were discussing the provision of signage with Natural England and the footpath was expected to open in mid-2018 to coincide with the opening of the Observatory at the Coastal Country Park.
- Mablethorpe to Humber Bridge – this section was still in its preliminary stages with Natural England conducting a brief paper walk and they were in discussions with the Port of Immingham on the route of the footpath in this area due to the large amount of infrastructure. Officers stated that to protect the seal population in the area of Donna Nook it was proposed to route the footpath inland away from the sensitive coastline where the seals bred. In response to a question officers stated the footpath was funded by Natural England under the National Trail package and maintenance was the responsibility of the local authority who would receive funding to carry this work out.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

82 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL COMMUNITIES ACT 2006

The Forum received a report on the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, following a request for information about the effects of the Act on Public Rights of Way and particularly 4x4s. Sheila Brookes stated that she was concerned that 4x4s had churned up the bridleway near the Lindsey Trail. Officers stated that this legislation was complex and tried to curtail opportunities to access the countryside in mechanically propelled vehicles (MPVs). The Act extinguished all unrecorded MPV rights if such rights were not shown on the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way.

A map showing a similar problem faced by the local authority at Legsby was tabled which showed a PROW which could be accessed by MPVs but which could also be accessed by horse driven carriages. Sheila Brookes complaint was in connection with the use of this route by MPVs unless for private use. Officers stated that they were unable to do anything apart from maintain the PROW and involve the Police if there was criminal activity.

The Forum noted that a similar issue had occurred at Sewstern Lane in the south of the county and the local authority and police had become involved. The Forum was also reminded that PC Nick Willey had attended a meeting of the Forum to explain the role of the police in combatting rural crime.

The Forum agreed that it was important to report incidents similar to the one reported by Sheila Brookes to the police. The more frequent the reporting allowed the police to build up a picture of crime in an area.

Officers stated that the public was able to put the local authority on notice to act to maintain a PROW (including what could be called "normal carriageways") under Section 56 of the appropriate Highways Act 1980. The public could use the Magistrates Court to direct the Highways Authority to act to maintain a PROW but the cost of going to a Magistrates Court by this method was prohibitive.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted and that members be encouraged to report incidents to the police.

83 COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL ROUTES

The Forum received a report from John Law, a representative on the South Lincolnshire Local Access Forum, in connection with "countryside for all" routes. Issues highlighted by the Forum included the production of a leaflet for the Freiston Shore RSPB route, which, hopefully, would be produced to include details of the new World War 2 Museum and funding from the Nineveh Trust which would help to create leaflet packs.

Following an enquiry from the Forum, officers stated that the Forum would be informed following this meeting about the availability of grants from the wind turbine project, near Tetney, for community projects but funding could not be provided for projects provided by statutory bodies, e.g. a local authority.

RESOLVED

(a) That the report be noted.

(b) That Kate Percival provide an update to members on the situation in connection with the provision of grants for community projects arising from the wind turbine development near Tetney.

84 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Forum received a report from North East Lincolnshire Council in connection with their Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2 (ROWIP 2) which was currently being drafted. Officers enquired how the Forum would like to be consulted about the Plan. The Forum stated that, time permitting, the Plan should be considered at a meeting

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of the Forum. If this was not possible, the Council should email the Plan to the Clerk who would circulate the Plan to members for their comments.

Officers stated that the County Council had not reviewed the County Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) as yet and would only do so in a limited fashion prior to drafting ROWIP2 due to resource constraints it was likely to fall outside the designated timescale but that the current ROWIP would continue to be referenced.

The Forum agreed with the comments made by a member that Natural England's views on the need to produce ROWIPs was totally unrealistic in view of the current funding situation in many local authorities and accepted that these Plans were easier to produce in smaller local authorities like North East Lincolnshire Council which was being produced in conjunction with their Local Transport Plan.

In response to an enquiry, officers stated that a landowner or Parish Council could only remove or install a stile, in consultation with the local authority.

RESOLVED

(a) That the report be noted.

(b) That, time permitting, ROWIP 2 be submitted to the Forum for consideration and that if this was not possible then officers send the Plan to the Clerk for circulation to members and that they be requested to submit their comments to the Council.

**85 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S PROGRESS OF DEFINITIVE MAP
MODIFICATION ORDERS**

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

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

**86 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL'S DEFINITIVE MAP
MODIFICATION ORDERS**

The Forum received a report from North East Lincolnshire Council in connection with progress of their Definitive Map Modification Orders currently being undertaken.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

87 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS OF PUBLIC PATH ORDERS

The Forum received a report from Lincolnshire County Council in connection with the progress of Public Path Orders currently being undertaken.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

88 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL PROGRESS OF PUBLIC PATH ORDERS

The Forum received a report from North East Lincolnshire Council in connection with progress of their Public Path Orders currently being undertaken. It was agreed that the alternative route for PPO 15 (Stallingborough FP1) was a very good option.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

89 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Forum was agreed for 2pm on Tuesday 24 October. The first option for the venue was Caistor followed by Market Rasen and members would be notified as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 4.00 pm

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L-CAT Lincolnshire Community Assistance Team

www.l-cat.org

Who Are We What do We Do

We are a registered charity based in Grimsby, however, we have members all over the Lincolnshire area. We have been a charity organisation for 5 years however operating before then.

We offer trained and co ordinated teams of volunteers in times of emergency situations such as. Flooding, severe weather etc. We are connected with the Local Resilience Forum of volunteer groups linked to Lincolnshire County Council Emergency Planning. We have been called upon in floods in Louth, severe snow and recently, in the threatened tidal surge in January.

We are also, becoming more commonly, asked to assist in individual missing persons searches.

We also have a group of Community First Responders who are trained and called out by East Midlands Ambulance Services.

Our most key asset is that in all these situations we have a 4x4, All Terrain, all weather capability



We have regular training events to keep our responders as competent as possible to respond efficiently and safely in emergency situations.

We train in..

First Aid. CPR and Defribulator awareness. We know what to do to help save a life.

Off tarmac driving techniques. We can safely take our 4x4s onto many terrains to access an emergency situation.

Radio protocol. We have our own radios license and can co ordinate ourselves.

Search and Rescue training. We keep our skills in searching techniques up to date.

We DO NOT, unless absolutely necessary, recover vehicles. We are, however, trained to assist people to safety.

So, what is our interest in public rights of way?

I joined L-CAT through recreational green laning. Because of my interest in public rights of way. I was asked to become the groups Rights of Way Officer. Hence my contact with LCC Countryside Access Department.

L-CAT are trying to establish a list of vehicle rights of way in our area in order to know possible alternative routes in an emergency situation or access to off road areas.

L-CAT is also working towards maintaining a reasonable network. We are about to embark on a lane clearing project next month.

As part of the recreational side of the group, we often do recreational green laning.

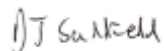
Therefore, as well as the emergency access, we want to do our best to help maintain vehicle rights of way for access to ALL users.

We are completely against any illegal or reckless activity in the countryside and would not hesitate (indeed have done) to report incidents and offer photographic evidence.

People often join our group because they have a 4x4 and the training gives knowledge into safe all terrain driving along with advice on vehicle public rights of way.

L-CAT would like the opportunity to show the good side of 4x4 use in the countryside and hopefully work along side other users to help maintain a good network.

Thanks



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Agenda Item 7

COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL – Report

Report for Local Access Forum meetings on 24 and 25 October 2017

1. VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are now down to two members in the Countryside For All sub group, Richard Graham and John Law. Clearly we have a heavy workload but we can only do so much. We need to recruit more LAF members to help us with our task of making the countryside more accessible for the disabled, their carers and the elderly. We have a number of organisations who are asking us to do more but unless we have some help, we will have to start saying no to these requests.

2. COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL ROUTES

2.1. Lincolnshire

We are now aiming to have details of the 5 new route leaflet details with the designer/printer by the end of November. This is dependent on the track from the Casthorpe Road to the Grantham Canal being place on the definitive map. Next year, we intend to work with the County Council and the Canal and River Trust, to gain funding for some improvements e.g. signage.

Although the WW2 Museum is now open, we are still waiting for some information from the Museum before we can complete the Freiston Shore RSPB route leaflet.

We are still aiming to carry out the survey for the Woodhall Spa Airfield route later this year.

The 1000 new Lincolnshire folders, funded by the Nineveh Charitable Trust have been printed, produced and delivered. These will be available for general distribution next year and will include the 5 leaflets we are currently working on, plus the Woodhall Spa Airfield.

We have 12 route leaflets which need restocking. Fortunately Richard has applied for £1000 funding from the Police Mutual. If we win this bid, this will enable us to print 1000 leaflets for each of the 12 routes. We are investigating if we can attract a sponsor to fund all future design, artwork and printing of all Lincolnshire and Rutland route leaflets and folders. An annual sum of £2000 is required. If we can get a sponsor to support us in this area, this will help our workload as we will not need to complete as many funding applications. It will also help ensure leaflets never go out of stock. We need to make sponsoring the leaflets an attractive proposition for potential sponsors. If we offer future sponsors the opportunity of having their logo on the front of future leaflets and folders, it could be seen as an excellent way of

promoting businesses. We intend to talk to Irwin Mitchell at the Rutland Choice Unlimited event, to see if they will provide us with this sponsorship.

Lincolnshire County Council is currently investigating applying for funding from the East Coast Community fund, to improve accessibility at the Coastal Country Park. We have identified five routes which require Countryside For All leaflets. It is expected that only four of these routes will be included in the funding application by Lincolnshire County Council. The one that may not be included in this application is Acre Gap. As there are now only two members in the sub group, we will not be able to undertake the audit/survey for the four routes for the funding application. We have asked Andy Johnson, who delivers the Inclusive Countryside Access courses for us to quote for this work.

ACTION: Chris Miller – Is Lincolnshire County Council in agreement that the Lincolnshire County Council logo etc. Is moved to the back of the leaflet and to the back of any new folders when produced and paid for by an external sponsor?

All – If Lincolnshire County Council is in agreement with above, are the members of both LAFs in agreement with the above?

2.2. Rutland

The original Rutland leaflets have now been modified to enable them to be given out as individual leaflets. These leaflets will also be given out in the new folders.

3. MILES WITHOUT STILES ROUTES

We started the miles without stiles routes in East Lindsey. Unfortunately as one of the members of the sub group who was working on this project left, it has meant we have had to abandon this project.

4. INCLUSIVE COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS COURSE

We have set a maximum of 17 delegates on this course. Twelve delegates are staff from the Woodland Trust. There are other Woodland Trust staff who wished to attend the course that cannot be accommodated.

5. NINEVEH CHARITABLE TRUST'S VISIT

The Trust have stated that they wish to see the work we are doing. With there being now only two members of the sub group and the different locations of the project, it is difficult to see how we can do this, especially as the Trust is based in Kent. The only realistic options are to invite them to visit us on two separate days. One invite will be to the Choice Unlimited event in Spalding, so the Trustees can see how we promote access to the countryside. The other invite will be to Oakham. We will then be able to show them the Rutland Water Nature Reserve route. The Trust partly funded this leaflet. This will also enable them to talk to Anglian Water members of staff, who

attended the Inclusive Countryside Access course funded by the Trust. From there we will be able to take them to Cutts Close Park and the Castle grounds, to explain the impending improvements and how we are hoping to introduce dementia friendly walks in Oakham. We will then take the Trustees to the Lodge Trust to talk to them about the dementia friendly walks taking place there. We along with the Lodge Trust wish to see improvements to the path on the site. The Lodge Trust and ourselves intend to discuss the improvements required with the Nineveh Trustees. Hopefully this will pave way to suitable funds being granted for the route improvement and enable us a to create a Countryside For All route leaflet for the site.

6. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY WALKS – RUTLAND

The second round of training due to take place this year has now been postponed to 2018. We are hoping that the improvements in Oakham to the accessibility of Cutts Close Park and the Castle Grounds will be completed prior to the summer of 2018. If we get a number of people trained we will then be able to hold dementia friendly walks in Oakham.

7. CHOICE UNLIMITED EVENT

7.1. Rutland

The Choice Unlimited event will have taken place 11th October. Unfortunately this report was submitted prior to the event, so an initial verbal update will be given at the October LAF meeting. We are concerned where we will be able to hold next year's event due to Rutland County Council leasing the hall at the Active Rutland Hub to another organisation.

As previously stated we need to be able to secure regular funding to ensure the event can continue into the future. The annual funding for Rutland Choice Unlimited is covered under separate agenda item.

ACTION: John – Provide a verbal update on the Rutland Choice Unlimited event

7.2 Lincolnshire

The Spalding Choice Unlimited Working Group continues to create the foundations of the event. We have identified two suitable dates for the event, these are 15th and 22nd May. The Event Centre and the Mobiloo have been booked provisionally for these two dates. We will confirm which date by the end of November. A further meeting for the working group has been arranged for the 21st November.

To aid the funding for Spalding Choice Unlimited annual sponsorship is required. This is covered under a separate agenda item.

8. FUNDING BIDS

The funding bids are covered in other areas of this report and under a separate agenda item.

9. SENSORY TRAILS AND GREEN SPACES

Owing to workload this project has not progressed any further.

10. CHANGING PLACES TOILETS

10.1. North Sea Observatory

Unfortunately the North Sea Observatory has not incorporated changing places toilets into the design. We have asked Chapel St Leonards Parish Council if they can investigate the possibility of the building currently housing the cafe, to include a changing places toilet when the cafe ceases to trade. The cafe will cease trading when the new cafe opens in the North Sea Observatory. The Parish Council have stated the changing places toilets will be discussed at the next Environment & Amenities Committee meeting.

10.2. Letter to the CEO of Anglian Water

There is a need for Changing Places Toilets at Rutland Water. Below is a draft letter for the South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF to comment on:

Dear Mr Simpson

The South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum is promoting with other organisations increasing the number of changing places toilets that are available. Changing places toilets are for people with profound and multiple learning difficulties as well as people with physical difficulties such as spinal injuries. Further details can be found at:

http://www.changing-places.org/the_campaign/what_are_changing_places_toilets.aspx

The need is well demonstrated by:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=8eLBxoabxiA>

We deliver free inclusive countryside access courses to a range of external organisations including your own. At these courses we are now including mentioning the importance of changing places toilets. Rutland Water is a great visitor attraction and the venue at Whitwell provides many opportunities for the disabled including Sailing, Rock Blok, hire of adapted bikes and the Countryside For All route. Obviously having a changing places toilet at this location will enable more people with disabilities to enjoy the range of activities at Whitwell. Can you let us know how

we can help you provide Changing Places Toilets at Whitwell? Please respond to Cheryl Hall cheryl.hall@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Yours faithfully

The final version of the above will be on the LAF headed paper and signed by the chairman.

ACTION: South Lincolnshire & Rutland LAF – Agree on final letter to Anglian Water CEO

11. VISIT ENGLAND - Opportunities in relation to funding for Lincolnshire County Council and North East Lincolnshire Council to promote accessible businesses etc.

Whilst looking for funding sources for a national web site for countryside for all type routes, the Discover England Fund, forwarded our emails to Ross Calladine, head of business support. Ross Calladine's team is responsible for developing <https://www.accessibilityguides.org/>. The launch of the new Accessibility Guides web site was circulated to both LAFs in September. The Accessibility Guides format should help encourage businesses to become more accessible. This is due to the commercial value and spending power of the disabled being highlighted by Visit England to businesses. The Rutland group, within the South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF, are now investigating how this can be promoted to businesses. Both Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire, have a lot to gain in the tourism market, if the businesses and other organisations can include this method of promotion. The links below provide further information.

<https://vimeo.com/188300468>

<https://www.accessibilityguides.org/help-guides>

The link below excluding the Question and Answer session may also prove helpful.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZQWp7A7g9JU>

From the LAFs view, any business creating an Accessibility Guide can provide a link to Countryside For All routes close to them. Clearly promoting the Accessibility Guide to businesses and other organisations is outside the remit of the LAF. However the Accessibility Guide should be seen to be of great importance to businesses, other organisations and the Local Authorities. There needs to be a way of promoting the Accessibility Guide. Opportunities for promoting the Accessibility Guide, maybe available in the next round of funding from the Discover England Fund.

ACTION: LAFs – Recommend organisations to promote the Accessibility Guide for North East Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire

ACTION: LAFs – Contact the above informing them of this opportunity.

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North East Lincolnshire ROWIP Objectives

Project Details	Comments	Update
ROWIP 2	Currently being drafted.	

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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 October 2017**
Subject: **Definitive Map Modification Orders - Ongoing**

Summary:

A report on the progress of Definitive Map Modification Orders currently being progressed

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 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 on a case's priority in response to such an appeal.

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 30 th September 2017
Appendix B	Appeals against prioritisation – Quarter 2 2017-2018
Appendix C	<u>Definitive Map Case Prioritisation</u> (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 - <u>HAT 33/3/11</u>
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APPENDIX A – Outline Summaries of "active" modification order cases

PARISH	CASE No.		CASE TITLE	FORMAL APP?	Date	UPDATE
Middle Rasen	72	PF	Caistor Rd to Gatehouse Lane	Yes	05/08/87	DMMO seeking to record PF 1147 made 12/06/17 – objection period ended 10/08/17 – objections received. Submission to Planning Inspectorate (PINS) in progress.
Hogsthorpe	49	PF	Sea Lane to Maiden Lane	Yes	11/12/1986	Submitted to PINS 03/08/17.
Ancaster	2	RB	Regrade from RB to BOAT	Yes	13/11/1991	Reviewing evidence.
Coningsby	182	PF	School Lane to Dogdyke Road	Yes	06/11/1997	Submitted to PINS 27.04.2017 – Public Inquiry scheduled for 21.02.18 & 22.02.18 at Coronation Hall, Spa Rd, Woodhall Spa LN10 6PZ. Path number PF 1124.
Tetford	365	PF	Addition of "missing link" North Road to PF 33	No	30/09/2013	Summary for decision under way.
Ludborough	378	PF	Alleged PF along track running to and from PF 107	Yes	06/10/2014	Reviewing evidence.
Navenby	384	PB	Alleged PB Grantham Road-Doncaster Gardens	Yes	16/04/2015	DMMO made seeking to record PF 1146 along the Application route on 23.06.2017: objection period 06.07.2017-18.08.2017. Objections received. Awaiting final response from objectors.
Heydour	48	PF	PF to be diverted	No	01/01/1985	Reviewing evidence.
Aunsby & Dembleby	5		Aunsby RB 6 plus section to Manor House Farm, Aunsby PB 9, Heydour RB 18	No	11/07/1985	Reviewing evidence.
Mablethorpe & Sutton	106	PF	High Street to Broadway	Yes	16/09/1985	Reviewing evidence.
Grimoldby	43	PF	From Mill Lane	Yes	23/10/1985	Submitted to PINS 24/06/17.
Burgh-le-Marsh	18	PF	Faulkers Lane	Yes	10/02/1987	Draft Statement of Grounds complete.
Stamford	101	PF	Cherry Holt Lane to Priory Road	Yes	03/04/1987	Reviewing evidence.

BOAT: Byway Open to All Traffic

RB: Restricted Byway

PB: Public Bridleway

PF: Public Footpath

- **Total Number of cases (formal application or self-initiated): 149 outstanding inclusive of 3 Orders awaiting determination by the Secretary of State at 30th September 2017)**

APPENDIX B – Appeals against prioritisation – Q2 2017-2018

No DMMO prioritisation appeals were submitted or heard over the period since the last forum meeting.

APPENDIX C – Definitive Map Case Prioritisation

ACTIVE CASEWORK

Parish	File	Status	Further details	Application/Acceptance	Active	Priority Ranking
Middle Rasen	72	PF	Caistor Rd to Gatehouse Lane	05/08/1987	Yes	1
Hogsthorpe	49	PF	Sea Lane to Maiden Lane	11/12/1986	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
Tetford	365	PF	Addition of missing link to PF 33	30/09/2013	Yes	5
Ludborough	378	PF	Claimed footpath along track running to and from PF107	06/10/2014	Yes	6
Navenby	384	PB	Claimed bridleway from Grantham Road to Doncaster Gardens	16/04/2015	Yes	7
Heydour	48	PF	PF to be diverted - from Southern end of PF 3 to church Lees	01/01/1985	Yes	8
Aunsby & Dembleby	5	PROW	see file	11/07/1985	Yes	9
Mablethorpe and Sutton	106	PF	High St to Broadway	16/09/1985	Yes	10
Grimoldby	43	PF	from Mill Lane	23/10/1985	Yes	11
Burgh-le-Marsh	18	PF	Faulkers Lane	10/02/1987	Yes	12
Stamford	101	PF	Cherry Holt Lane to Priory Rd	03/04/1987	Yes	13

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

Ref Number	Parish	Location	Effect of Application	Date of Application	Progress Notes
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.

Correspondance with Planning Department, confirming the location of the Public Footpath. The Public Footpath will link the developemtn with the Country Park and part of West Marsh. I wider respects this will be an access from Laceby to Europarc.

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County Council

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

Report to:	Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum
Date:	24 October 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 eight diversions to realign routes in the Coastal Country Park area including the potential dedication of a bridleway over a current footpath. The Orders were made 21.07.17, with an objection received to one.
- A diversion of part of Public Footpath No. 124 and extinguishment of a non-definitive footpath at North Wold Farm in Tealby: an Order was made 05.05.2017, with the consultation period running to 15.06.2017. No objections were received therefore the Order was confirmed.
- A proposal to divert Old Bolingbroke Public Footpath 198, for which the consultation period also ended on 15.06.2017. No objections were received therefore the proposal is awaiting certification of the route.

- A proposal to divert Irnham Public Footpath 7, for which consultations ended on 16.06.2017. No objections were received and the proposal was confirmed 26.09.2017.
- Extinguishment and creation orders in Market Deeping and Deeping St James parishes seeking to provide an improved route for a well-used public footpath in a developed area were made, with a consultation period running to 02.06.2017, however an objection has been received. The proposal was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate to determine on 14.08.2017.
- A proposal to extinguish, dedicate and create various PROW in Claypole and Stubton parishes, on which a meeting will shortly be held.
- Extinguishment, creation and diversion proposals in respect of Little Hale Public Footpaths 2 and 3 – these orders are awaiting confirmation and a legal event, as the bridge which was required has now been provided.

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 the 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 is developing a provisional Public Path Order Policy, which will eventually determine the order in which proposals are processed. This will need to be ratified before it can be implemented, and is subject to any changes necessary once regulations in respect of the Deregulation Act 2015 are issued.

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	Northern Powergrid have given a time scale of 1 year time scale. An application for relocation has been submitted to planning officers. A petition has been submitted objecting to the relocation of the substation. This is going to committee.
PPO 15	Stallingborough FP21	HA s118 & s26	Self initiated	Currently trying to establish contact with one of the landowners where the proposed diversion would run.
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	Signage to be installed.
PPO 19	Stallingborough FP 37	HA118A	Initiated by Network Rail	Informal consultation been carried out, one objection made. In process of negotiating with Network Rail.
PPO 20	New Waltham	TCPA 1990	Initiated by developer	Order currently being written.
PPO 21	Ashby cum Fenby	HA 118	Initiated by landowner	Consulation has been carried out but land owner came back with concerns. Currently being negotiated.

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