

Agenda Item 10

PERMISSIVE ACCESS

The Rutland Countryside Access Forum (Local Access Forum) has written to Lord Benyon expressing concern that the LAFs should have an involvement in the consultation process in relation to funded permissive access. In the letter it also states that the Local Access Forums should have a say in the individual applications to ensure the funded access route is required and provides value for money. Letters have also been sent to the Rutland and Melton MP and Natural England in relation to this.

A copy of the letter to Lord Benyon is included in this pack.

Other national organisations are writing to and having meetings with ministers of DEFRA to help make them aware of the importance of having funded permissive access.

With more organisations stating the importance of having funded permissive access to DEFRA, it is important that we have a process that ensures that funding goes to routes that are required. To try to ensure this happens, the Forum needs to express their views to DEFRA and the MPs in the Joint Local Access Forum area.

Recommendation: John Law drafts a letter for circulation to members of the Forum for comments. Once agreed and signed by the chairman the letter is sent to the relevant DEFRA minister and the Joint Lincolnshire Local Access Forum area MPs.

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