

Item No.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>LOCAL ACCESS FORUM</u> <u>Thursday 28th November 2019 at 7pm</u> <u>Leamington Town Hall, Council Chamber, Parade</u></p>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<p>Present: Michael Orlik, Vaughan Owen, Mike Murray, Steven Wallsgrove, Cllr Andy Wright, Robin Hickin, Sheila Cooper, John Hall</p> <p>Apologies: Gina Rowe, Roger Stone, Sarah-Jane Cash, Claire Sangster, Joe Carroll</p> <p>Members of the Public: Steve Dyson, Gordon Bunker</p> <p>Officers in Attendance: Lex Le Marinel (CCC), Steve Hawley (SMBC)</p> <p>Other attendees: Richard Smith (CCC)</p> <p>Notes: Alistair Rigby (WCC)</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes from meeting on 23rd May 2019 Notes were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting. Actions progressed</p> <p>Correction was noted under Item 5: HS2 Phase 1 update - Hall Meadow Lane should read Hall Meadow Road</p>	
3.	<p>Notes from Chair / Co-ordinator</p> <p>Maps of HS2 diversionary routes for Kenilworth Greenway and Heart of England Way were circulated for discussion</p> <p>Kenilworth Greenway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a number of right angle turns in the route which may cause issues particularly for horse riders. Sheila to discuss with Mark Weston, BHS • Passing points needed in route for safe passage of walkers and riders to mitigated tight bends and fenced route • Safe crossing points needed particularly at Cromwell Lane and also at Red Lane, Waste Lane. In comparison the existing Greenway does not cross any roads • The route extension to Berkswell station would require a boardwalk as area prone to flooding. Network Rail has asked for adjacent ditch to be cleared <p>The highway crossing points are still in the design stage: WCC has refused Pegasus crossing points Davinder Chaudram, Highways Lead Officer at SMBC</p>	SC

	<p>Heart of England Way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The route from Barncroft guest house shown in yellow is an existing path and not strictly a diversion • To rejoin the diverted route shown in red involves using a footway alongside A452 <p>New LAF website was approved. https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/democracy/local-access-forum/1</p> <p>Website to encourage new members to join. In particular looking for members with cycling interest / background</p> <p>Existing members to send new individual profiles to add to webpage – if not already done so</p>	ALL
4.	<p>Presentation: Cycle routes in Coventry</p> <p>Richard Smith, CCC gave an overview of cycling strategy for Coventry.</p> <p>Richard introduced an online evidence tool to inform cycling investment. http://pct.bike/</p> <p>It shows that people in Coventry are more likely to cycle to work than in Solihull and Leamington. Coventry has much higher proportion (9.1%) of people cycling for travel compared to England average.</p> <p>‘Bike Citizens’ is the first cycling app that has been specifically designed to meet the needs of cyclists in urban areas.</p> <p>It is available via https://www.bikecitizens.net/ https://www.bikecitizens.net/cities/coventry/</p> <p>Coventry is signed up to West Midlands cycling charter</p> <p>Birmingham has opened two cycling super highways on A roads. A34 and A38 blue cycle routes.</p> <p>West Midlands Combined Authority is reviewing routes in each of the twelve authority areas to take forward for funding proposals. Recently transport bosses have committed £15 million towards four major cycle routes as part of the region’s vision to get more people to take up cycling. https://www.wmca.org.uk/news/15-million-funding-for-more-than-30-miles-of-new-cycle-routes/</p> <p>Coventry has had new cycle routes including: city centre; canal basin; city centre to Binley. Proposed schemes include: city centre to Coundon (to improve air quality); city centre to Holbrooks; Binley to University hospital.</p> <p>Hopeful that cycling will be included in Coventry City of Culture 2021. Decision to be made in 2020.</p>	

	<p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle training is being offered mainly in schools • Air quality monitoring equipment is set up in key transport corridors across Coventry to measure pollution levels • Public Health Warwickshire has wearable air monitoring gear • Richard is involved in advising cycle routes for new housing developments • Cycle route to Coombe Park (Warwickshire) would likely follow the installation of Binley to University Hospital route 	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Rights of Way team updates (WCC, CCC, SMBC) <u>Warwickshire County Council (WCC)</u> In Keith Davenport's absence the report was circulated and was well received. No points were raised</p> <p><u>Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC)</u> Steve presented his report which was circulated and was well received. The Ranger (Rights of Way Officer) has been tasked to follow up issues of obstruction and encroachment of public paths with landowners to clear incident backlog. 15 DMMOs are currently logged with SMBC. 1 diversion order is currently being advertised at Meriden quarry.</p> <p>The Ranger is the only member of staff in Steve's team and is employed part time 3 days a week. All work on the network is carried out by contractors supported by a yearly budget of £35K. Volunteer groups also make a valuable contribution as highlighted in the report.</p> <p>SMBC legal services team provide advice and respond to legal challenge / enforcement where appropriate to support the ROW team.</p> <p><u>Coventry City Council (CCC)</u> Alex presented his report which was circulated and was well received. Alex reported on Section 56 court action which was successfully defended with Magistrates awarding costs of £10K to CCC. The award has been received in full. 3 Coventry Park Rangers have begun to manage groups of volunteers to help carry out maintenance work on the Network. Coventry Park Rangers are promoting their work on 'twitter'. The Rights of Way team is able, for the foreseeable future, to call on the Rangers to carry out Network maintenance. Materials for construction are provided by Rights of Way.</p> <p>The DMMO from Fir Tree Avenue to Broad Lane has been confirmed</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Update: TROs Green Lanes – Winter 2019/20 on Warwickshire / Northants border In Keith's absence his briefing note was circulated stating that there are no TROs on any routes of unknown status on the Warwickshire side of the Northamptonshire border</p>	

	<p>It was pointed out that Northants CC issue a blanket ban prohibiting the use of 4x4s on Green Lanes during the winter months</p> <p>TRO has been made for Newnham Lane, Rugby. Comment was made that Newnham Lane has been treated as UCR appearing on the list of streets for 70 years and should be part of the public highway</p> <p>All TROs in Warwickshire can be viewed on-line http://maps.warwickshire.gov.uk/tro/</p>	
7.	<p>Update: UCR 2289 (Warwickshire) status & width In Keith's absence his briefing note was circulated stating that the route can be used by the public while its status is being determined for a possible DMMO to be made at Wolfhampcote.</p> <p>Robin gave his views on the status of the route having been managed as an ordinary road for last 70 years.</p> <p>Comment was made that fencing and trees likely to have been established by adjacent landowner is encroaching on 40ft width requirement to comply with C18 inclosure award of this route as a public carriage road.</p> <p>An indication of timescale for determination of the route's status was requested</p>	KD
8.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify status of Coventry Green Space Strategy (CGSS) (Update from Michelle Tyrantia, Park Services Manager, CCC. CGSS is complete and adopted) https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/754/green_space_strategy 	
9.	<p>Suggested agenda items for next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greening the Grey – cycle routes in Solihull Footpaths as wildlife corridors – Gina Rowe, WWT HS2 update for Midlands South (Ufton to Wormleighton) Robin Hickin to identify PROWs affected HS2 update for Midlands North (Ufton to Minworth) 	RH
10.	<p>Date and venue for next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 26th March 2020 7pm <p>Meetings will be held in Committee Room 2, at Shire Hall, Warwick (7.00pm – 9.00pm) unless otherwise stated. Please do not try to enter the building before 6.30pm Evening parking is available in the car park underneath Barrack Street Office.</p>	ALL