

Item No.	LOCAL ACCESS FORUM Thursday 28th April 2022 at 7pm Committee Room 2, Shire Hall, WCC	<u>Action</u>
1.	<p>Present: Michael Orlik, Claire Sangster, Cllr Andy Wright, Robin Hickin, Sheila Cooper, John Hall, Joe Carroll, Roger Stone, Diane Smith, Elizabeth Birtley, Kenneth Thomas, Byron Melia, Roger Waring</p> <p>Apologies: Sarah-Jane Cash, Vaughan Owen, Gina Rowe, Mike Murray, Crawford Davidson, Mike Patrick</p> <p>Members of the Public: Martin Young</p> <p>Officers in Attendance: Steve Hawley (SMBC), Marion Borman (WCC), Alex Le Marinel (CCC)</p> <p>Other attendees: Alison Kennedy, Simon Davis; Andy de Bell</p> <p>Notes: Alistair Rigby (WCC)</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes from meeting on 9th September 2021 & matters arising</p> <p>Notes were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting. Actions progressed</p> <p>Chair announced with sadness the death of Steven Wallsgrove, who was a founder member of this LAF and who unfailingly gave of his time and expertise to facilitate the working of the Forum.</p> <p>John Hall also shared his thoughts describing Steven as a great friend; a knowledgeable local historian; dedicated volunteer at County Records Office, local rambler, a man of integrity who will be missed by those who knew him.</p> <p>Matters Arising: Footpath R250 Sawbridge to Flecknoe (rotten bridge) An application to WCC Capital Works Programme has been made. The first such bid for 10 years.</p> <p>E2413 Radbourne Lane, Ladbrook has been diverted as an e-route on HS2 plans</p> <p>Sawbridge e-route with Planning Inspectorate with Order made for 40ft width</p>	

3.	<p>Welcome new members & training</p> <p>Chair welcomed new members to their first meeting. Marion Borman, WCC offered Highways legislation training to all members and officers. Training to be given via Teams, led by Ruth Stockley, barrister on Monday or Tuesday morning to suit. Claire Sangster to be offered help by Marion to access the course online. <i>(Training to take place 9am-1pm Tues 21st June)</i></p>	ALL
4.	<p>Presentation: Warwickshire Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan & consultation</p> <p>Alison Kennedy, Principal Transport Planner, WCC presented. The report sets out a programme of prioritised improvements to facilitate more walking and cycling in Warwickshire. The Plan follows DfT guidelines.</p> <p>It will enable WCC to respond to demand for walking and cycling schemes; ensure consideration is given to such schemes in local planning and transport policies; and make the case for future funding requirements.</p> <p>It will strengthen negotiations for Section 278 agreements with developers to include walking and cycling infrastructure when improving the public highway as part of planning approval.</p> <p>LCWIP and Rights of Way Improvement Plan both feed into Local Transport Plan.</p> <p>The draft LCWIP will go out to formal consultation June – July before adoption by WCC’s Cabinet</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyclists should not use footpaths but can use canal tow paths • On Woodloes park, Warwick there is a scheme going out to consultation for widening pathway for pedestrians and cyclists to use alongside each other • LCWIP supports widening of paths to allow access by mobility scooters • Active Travel England (equivalent to Ofsted for cycling & walking schemes) is able to enforce LTN1/20 cycle infrastructure design guidelines) • Alison to notify Canal & River Trust of obstruction of Sustran Route 41 at Two Boats Inn, Long Itchington • Grants available from Active Travel Capability Fund, DfT • Horse riders are included in Plan although not within DfT guidelines. It was noted that equestrian pursuits could be highlighted in Plan <p><i>Presentation made available for sharing</i></p>	AK

5	<p>Presentation: HS2 Midlands South area Simon Davis, Engagement Manager, EKFB presented. EKFB is main works contractor for HS2, Wormleighton – Southam, responsible for line of route to track level. Updates were given on PROW alterations SN90 footpath (Harry Green Way) – new diversion in place SM101 / 102 – alterations to route SM116 – closed to village access SM33 – closed with no diversion SM116 (Will’s pasture) – diversion in place to provide connectivity</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon to action cutting back of vegetation on SM96 (Lower Radbourne Lane e-route) • Weather proof signage used and checked regularly along diversionary routes and intersections • Overplanting of trees is done to compensate for dieback and to avoid the need for watering which is costly 	SD
6.	<p>Presentation: HS2 Midlands North area – Andy de Bell, Head of stakeholder engagement, BBV IPT presented. BBV IPT is main works contractor for civic construction of the line.</p> <p>A short video giving an artist impression of the route either side of Burton Green tunnel was shown highlighting Kenilworth Greenway</p> <p>Cromwell Lane provides a good vantage point from which to view the construction works</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sections of the route of the diverted Kenilworth Greenway are being revised after feedback from users • H of E Way / Millennium Way – bi-monthly meetings held with residents • Noted that the ‘short video’ of the route lacked equine representation despite there being liveries on route • Intersections between vehicular routes and bridleways will be surfaced appropriately for safety of rider & horse 	AB
7.	<p>Presentation: M42 New Junction 6 scheme. Impact on ROW & improving pedestrian connectivity Presentation withdrawn as report by Martin Follmer – Skanska Stakeholder, Customer and Communications Manager did not meet the brief to highlight impact of scheme on PROW network.</p> <p>It was commented that presentations to Hampton in Arden PC by Skanska have been less than satisfactory</p>	

8.	<p>Update: Kenilworth Greenway - Heart of England Way Deferred to future meeting</p>	
9.	<p>Rights of Way team updates (WCC, CCC, SMBC) <u>Warwickshire County Council (WCC)</u> Marion presented her report. No written report was prepared due to retirement of admin officer.</p> <p>New bridges on PROW to be put in by HS2 on Staffordshire / Warwickshire border and replacement bridge at Cubbington, Warwickshire. Diversion Orders being made</p> <p>New Rights of Way Improvement Plan in early stages of development. Outside consultant to be hired to draw up Plan</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROW team relies on public to report issues along network such as gateways being too narrow to pass through. Volunteer path maintenance groups can respond and make improvements • Definitive Map and Statement does not record path width <p><u>Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC)</u> Steve presented his report which was circulated and was well received.</p> <p>New contractor - Idverde appointed to trim sections of network twice during summer</p> <p>New boardwalks, gates and finger posts installed across network</p> <p>Diversion Orders and DMMOs being progressed</p> <p>SMBC continues to hold a working group to engage user groups on matters associated with HS2 and rights of way</p> <p><u>Coventry City Council (CCC)</u> Lex presented his report which was circulated and was well received. Path blocked for 30 years by overgrown hedge and misleading signage on gate has now been opened up after extensive clearance work with appropriate signage Canley Ford is maintained by Friends of Canley Ford and recently received Active Travel funding to improve accessibility for disabled users on main pathway</p> <p>New boardwalk at Harvest Hill New tarmac surface for cycle track at Spencer Park</p>	

10.	Discussion: Bridge infrastructure report Deferred to next meeting	
11.	AOB None raised	
12.	Suggested agenda items for next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coventry Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan • Tame Valley Wetlands Team – projects & site access – Gina Rowe, WWT • Transport for West Midlands – encouraging cycling across the West Midlands (Mike Murray) https://www.tfwm.org.uk/who-we-are/what-we-do/encouraging-cycling-in-the-west-midlands/ 	
13.	Date and venue for next meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 7pm 7th July 2022 at Northgate House Conference Centre, adjacent to Shire Hall, Warwick, WCC 	ALL