

Item No.	<p style="text-align: center;">LOCAL ACCESS FORUM Thursday 9th September 2021 at 7pm <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, Joe Carroll, Gina Rowe, Roger Stone, Sarah-Jane Cash Apologies: Claire Sangster, Alex Le Marinel (CCC)</p> <p>Members of the Public: Mark Hind, Liz White</p> <p>Officers in Attendance: Steve Hawley (SMBC), Keith Davenport (WCC)</p> <p>Other attendees: Simon Davis; Paul Mullins, Richard Calvert</p> <p>Notes: Alistair Rigby (WCC)</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes from meeting on 29th November 2019 Notes were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting. Actions progressed</p> <p>Correction was noted under Item 6: Some (not all) TROs in Warwickshire can be viewed on-line http://maps.warwickshire.gov.uk/tro/</p> <p>Matters Arising: An order has been made for E2298 to legally determine the nature of the public rights on it and its width. The Order was made to add it to the Definitive Map and Statement as a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT). The Order received objections and a submission is being prepared to take to the Planning Inspectorate for a decision. The route will remain on the List of Streets even if recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement. The List of Streets is purely a list of highways maintainable at public expense and gives no indication of the rights of the public.</p>	
3.	<p>Presentation: HS2 Midlands South area – Richard Calvert, Head of Engagement, Fusion presented. Double click on icon below to open up presentation.</p>	

	<p>Fusion is the Enabling Works Contractor for HS2 Ltd in Area Central. Within Warwickshire the remaining work scope is primarily ecological and archaeological mitigation works Archaeological mitigation to be completed by end of year. Ecological mitigation: Newt & reptile mitigation concluded Land possessions completed and boundary fencing being erected with accessibility requirements being sorted eg rights of way Bat mitigation on going working to seasonal calendar</p> <p>Simon Davis, Engagement Manager, EKFB presented. Double click on icon below to open up presentation</p> <p>A joint venture of Eiffage, Kier, Ferrovial and BAM Nuttall (EKFB) HS2 main works contractor for the 80km section between the Chiltern Tunnel and Long Itchington Wood. Also responsible for construction of compounds eg Southam compound and demolition of sites eg Greenleaf Nursery, Southam</p> <p>PROW diversions and closures Wormleighton to Southam detailed in maps of the area. The maps are designed to highlight the changes and do not provide full details of the complete network of paths etc</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage is put up to tell users that the path ahead is closed but these are sometimes removed deliberately. New signage is being looked at to be more in keeping with surroundings • BHS has been consulted on diversion of bridleways and had design input 	
4.	<p>Presentation: HS2 Midlands North area – Paul Mullins, Senior Interface & Engagement Manager, BBV IPT presented. Double click on icon below to open up presentation.</p> <p>Paul is HS2 employee working for BBV IPT.</p> <p>PROW diversions and closures detailed in maps of the area with brown routes signifying safe routes. W171 remains closed with review in October to see if can divert with help from Stoneleigh Park M182, Burton Green to remain closed for 4 years Sign up to HS2 Community Pages for latest info</p>	

	<p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic security sentinels are used along paths to keep public out of restricted areas • All environmental assessments carried out by verified professional experts 	
5.	<p>Kenilworth Greenway – diversion route & reinstatement plans Michael Orlik highlighted some concerns for the route including high fencing, narrower pathways, tight corners and end point in a field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION: Paul Mullins to walk Kenilworth Greenway with WCC Parks Department to look at issues raised <p>It was noted that Kenilworth Greenway will eventually end by Berkswell Station</p>	PM
6.	<p>Rights of Way team updates (WCC, CCC, SMBC) <u>Warwickshire County Council (WCC)</u> Keith presented his report which was circulated and was well received.</p> <p>[Report not included due to size]</p> <p>Pandemic had a profound effect on team. All services stopped apart from emergency responses. Volunteer work programme stopped.</p> <p>Contractors called in to carry out works at additional cost of £50K.</p> <p>Number of contacts from public increased substantially. Rights of Way officers continued to do day job during lockdown. DMMOs were actioned.</p> <p>By March 2021 volunteer groups were active again installing 5 wooden bridges and 4 steel bridges.</p> <p>New area of work – Asset Surveys (BPBI) to record features on the network. Pilot to run on 10 paths in Brailes, Shipston-on-Stour.</p> <p>WCC RofW Team to move into County Highways depot at Budbrooke, Warwick. Training to be offered to all Highways staff on ‘Rights of Way’ programme</p> <p><u>Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC)</u> Steve presented his report which was circulated and was well received.</p>	

	<p>The Assistant Rights of Way Engineer, SMBC has been shielding due to health concerns. Volunteers have not been active for many months. But working parties to resume more frequently soon. Conversely there has been a notable increase in requests for diversions by landowners in response to increased use of paths by public.</p> <p><u>Coventry City Council (CCC)</u> No update received</p>	
7.	<p>Appointment of Manager of WCC, RoW team – Keith Davenport Marion Borman appointed to new post of Manager, Rights of Way Team, WCC. Marion’s previous role Definitive Map Officer will be advertised.</p> <p>Footpath R250 Sawbridge to Flecknoe (rotten bridge) – Keith Davenport Footpath has now been closed for three years following the wooden bridge being submerged under water. Due to extensive bank erosion standard bridge kits can not be used. A replacement steel bridge is needed and revetments at estimated cost of £20-30K. County Highways bridge design team will make application to WCC Capital Works Programme in advance of WCC Cabinet’s budget setting meeting for 2022/23.</p> <p>Changes to Heart of England Way – Steve Hawley Deferred to next meeting</p>	SH
8.	<p>New M42 junction & changes to RoW – Steve Hawley / David Keaney, SMBC</p> <p>Deferred to next meeting</p>	SH/ DK
9.	<p>Land South of Chesterton Gardens and Campion School, Leamington Spa. Proposed development affecting Bridleway 119 Sheila Cooper introduced the item. After a planning appeal the decision was upheld to build 200 houses on land south of Chesterton Gardens and Campion School, Leamington Spa. The development impacts the Whitnash to Radford Semele bridleway W119 as the new access road to the development will cross the bridleway on the single access route from the bottom of Brimstone End on the Chesterton Gardens Estate.</p> <p>In response Keith Davenport, WCC confirmed:</p>	

	WCC has commented on the application asking that the new crossing, which will be part of the new development, be subject to a full safety audit and be included in the proposed Section 38 agreement which will adopt the new roads on the estate.	
10.	LAF membership – recruitment & appointments Officers from the 3 Appointing Authorities to get together to work on actively recruiting new members to LAF. Membership at critical level.	KD / LM / SH
11.	Election of Chair Deferred	
12.	Election of Vice-Chair Deferred	
13.	AOB An email from Teeside LAF was shared raising concerns about infilling of Railway Historic Estate bridges across the country. John Hall agreed to put together a discussion paper for next meeting	JH
14.	Suggested agenda items for next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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/ 	
15.	Date and venue for next meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 7pm 28th April 2022 	ALL