

Item No.	<p style="text-align: center;">LOCAL ACCESS FORUM Thursday 7pm 18th April 2024 Committee Room 3, Shire Hall, Warwick, WCC</p>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<p>Present:, Mike Patrick, Sheila Cooper, John Hall, Kenneth Thomas, Mike Murray, Michael Orlik, Vaughan Owen Via Teams:, Gina Rowe</p> <p>Apologies: Roger Waring, Diane Smith, Sarah Jane Cash, Byron Melia, Craig Williams, Robin Hickin, Claire Sangster, Joe Carroll, Alex Le Marinel (CCC), Marion Borman (WCC), Paul Tovey (SMBC), Wendy Bannerman (BHS)</p> <p>Members of the Public: Simon Storey, Steve Rowell, Luke Rolls, Peter Norris, Elizabeth White, Richard Moorhouse, Steven Dyson Via Teams: Val Parsons (BHS)</p> <p>Officers in Attendance: Charles Barlow (WCC)</p> <p>Notes: Alistair Rigby (WCC)</p>	
2.	<p>Introductions and apologies for absence There were no objections to the meeting being recorded. Sheila Cooper, Chair confirmed the meeting was being recorded and opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Apologies were noted.</p> <p>Cllr Andy Wright has resigned as WCC's nominated representative</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes from meeting on 18th January 2024 & matters arising Notes were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting. Matters arising: The bridge on the Radford Road, Leamington is due to reopen by the end of May. Sustrans is generally removing barriers along its routes where it makes sense to do so.</p>	
4.	<p>Opportunity for Public participation All members of the public who were present were welcomed. Steven Dyson, Solihull resident raised two issues: i) Steven has submitted regular reports to WCC RoW team since December 2018. Many appear unresolved. Of particular concern is footpath (122/SD228/2) just north of Henley in Arden from Camp Lane to Liveridge Hill and the A3400. There is a large drop from the kissing gate directly onto the Stratford Road. A fellow walker was injured falling into the road. This was reported in May 2022. The path has also been blocked at the new 'Haven Pastures' housing development. Steven to forward photographs, reports etc. To be passed on to WCC RoW team for comment</p>	AR

	<p>cycling in the District. Key priorities are helping to improve infrastructure eg cycle parking in town, safety, and accessibility for all.</p> <p>There are 13 Bicycle Mayors in UK.</p> <p>During lockdown Simon set up the award winning ‘The Bicycle Bus’ – encouraging families to ride to school. Five schools are currently signed up and served by 3 different cycle routes. Simon has helped set up 7 similar initiatives across the country. He is an accredited British Cycling coach. In 2023 Simon set up Cycle Infinity CIC a not for profit organisation helping people to learn to ride bikes safely.</p> <p>In answer to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no direct funding to support the role • There is opposition from Cycling UK, British Cycling to increase power of electric bikes • SUSRANS funding has been cut by 80% • 19 May, Annual Cyclists’ memorial service, Meriden <p>https://www.cyclinguk.org/event/annual-meriden-cyclists-memorial-service-2024</p>	
7.	<p>Stakeholder engagement: Warwickshire ROWIP – John Hall</p> <p>Following Sharon Bayne, Director, Blackwood Bayne Ltd presentation at the last meeting and Sheila & John’s formal response by letter on behalf of LAF, which was posted on LAF website. John requested final comments before Sheila and John meet Sharon on 13 May to agree how LAF can support and provide advice to help prepare the ROWIP.</p>	
8.	<p>Update: HS2 Schedule 17, Burton Green / Kenilworth Greenway Ref: PL/2022/02203/HS2DIS HS2</p> <p>SMBC Planning Committee has granted permission for HS2 to construct the reinstated Kenilworth Greenway. A follow up meeting to highlight the lack of consultation was held in Solihull. However it proved unproductive with HS2 not attending. The reinstatement however is only along a permissive path. WCC as the owners could be approached to discuss a re-designation of the Kenilworth Greenway in the future. This could be included as part of the RoWIP.</p> <p>It was suggested to invite engineers working on HS2 from WCC Strategic Planning & Infrastructure team led by Chris Egan to a future meeting</p> <p>On the Greenway about ¼ mile from Balsall Common there is a sign saying – no horses beyond this point</p>	SC/J H

9.	<p>Updates: Planning applications Ref: W/23/1766 - W/23/1746 - DOC/24/0024 - Chesterton Gardens, Leamington On 16 April WDC Planning committee decided not to grant a second access route on / off the new housing estate. The existing access road cuts across an active bridleway renamed Greenfield Road</p> <p>Ref: PL/2023/0001205/FULM - Alderman’s Green Road Coventry On going. PRow has been overlooked by planners</p> <p>Ref: PL/2023/000106/FULM - Lentons Lane Coventry Permission refused</p>	
10.	<p>Membership: Recruitment & applications It was suggested Members should put forward nominations. Trampers – Gina to check if group is still active and wanting to join Real estate rep – Michael to ask at Ladders To improve diversity within the membership it was suggested to approach EQUIP, Equality & Inclusion Partnership. Alistair to pass details to Sheila</p>	All GR MO AR
11.	<p>Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inhouse training on planning applications by WCC legal team • ‘Planning Aid’ could provide training 	
14.	<p>Suggested agenda items for next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Nature Recovery Strategy (inc Health & Wellbeing / access to countryside) – Gina Rowe, WWT • Baseline of Rights of Way provision by each local authority • ROWIP – Sharon Bayne • Speaker from Planning Inspectorate • CPRE – national office 	GR
15.	<p>Date and venue for next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25th July Shire Hall, Warwick, WCC 	All