

Item No.	LOCAL ACCESS FORUM Thursday 7pm 25th July 2024 Committee Room 1, Shire Hall, Warwick, WCC	<u>Action</u>
1.	<p>Present: Sheila Cooper, Kenneth Thomas, Mike Murray, Vaughan Owen, Gina Rowe, Christopher Kettle Via Teams: Joe Carroll</p> <p>Apologies: Michael Orlik, John Hall, Mike Patrick, Roger Waring, Diane Smith, Sarah Jane Cash, Byron Melia, Craig Williams, Robin Hickin, Claire Sangster Alex Le Marinell (CCC), Neil Benison (CCC), Marion Borman (WCC), Paul Tovey (SMBC), Sharon Bayne (WCC Consultant)</p> <p>Members of the Public: Simon Storey, Luke Rolls, Peter Norris, Elizabeth White, Steven Dyson Via Teams: Wendy Bannerman (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>Claire Sangster has formally resigned after 20 years as a member, past Chair and Vice Chair. Claire was thanked for her long running contribution and service to LAF with best wishes in her retirement and for the future.</p> <p>Cllr Christopher Kettle, WCC's nominated representative to LAF was welcomed. Cllr Kettle replaces Cllr Wright</p> <p>Luke Rolls and Simon Storey were welcomed as participating guests having submitted LAF membership applications to formally join.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were shared.</p> <p>Cllr Christopher Kettle introduced himself. He is a South Warwickshire farmer with interests in land use, footpaths & equestrianism. He was elected to Stratford District Council in 2014 and WCC in 2021.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes from meeting on 18th April 2024 & matters arising Notes were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting.</p> <p>Matters arising: Steven Dyson reported back that he'd not received a response re: footpath 122/SD228/2 or enquiry on the upgrade to M42 Jctn 6. It was</p>	JH

	<p>confirmed both requests were forwarded on 24th April. Responses to be followed up.</p> <p>Footpath W165Y - Vaughan Owen confirmed he was satisfied with response from WCC RoW team received on 25 April and this concluded the matter.</p> <p>Burton Green / Kenilworth Greenway Ref: PL/2022/02203/HS2DIS - It was agreed to wait to invite engineers working on HS2 from WCC Strategic Planning & Infrastructure team until the definitive route is known.</p> <p>Planning applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ref: W/23/1766 - W/23/1746 - DOC/24/0024 - Chesterton Gardens, Leamington is with the Secretary of State • ref: PL/2023/0001205/FULM - Alderman's Green Road Coventry. The minutes should read: 'PRoW was not shown accurately on plan' replacing the previous wording 'PRoW has been overlooked by planners' <p>The bridge on the Radford Road, Leamington is now scheduled to reopen by October (due to gas mains complication).</p> <p>Luke Rolls confirmed he was looking at a baseline for future content of RoW reports</p>	<p>AR</p> <p>LR</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Opportunity for Public participation All members of the public who were present were welcomed.</p> <p>Simon Storey asked about surfacing guidelines for bridleways by highlighting concern for the bridleway off Golf Lane, Whitnash towards the Leamington end. In response Wendy Bannerman, BHS said bridleways should be suitable for the primary use by horses, but also for use by cyclists and pedestrians.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Update: Warwickshire ROWIP A brief update report prepared by Sharon Bayne, Consultant, posted on LAF website was referred to https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/democracy/local-access-forum/3</p> <p>Work is continuing on gathering views to provide the evidence which will underpin the new Warwickshire ROWIP.</p> <p>The results from the engagement exercise, alongside review of other strategies and analysis of the public rights of way network, will be brought together to formulate the draft ROWIP towards the end of 2024.</p>	

6.	<p>Reports: Rights of Way teams (WCC, CCC & SMBC) Reports were submitted by Coventry and Warwickshire RoW teams John Hall and Luke Rolls to give feedback on reports</p>	JH/LR
7.	<p>Discussion: IM Properties Employment Park, North Warks – Sheila Cooper Papers for this item were posted on LAF website and referred to in the meeting https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/democracy/local-access-forum/3</p> <p>Sheila invited comments on the new employment park proposal off M42 Jctn 9, Curdworth, North Warwickshire. www.thrivepark.co.uk</p> <p>It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • footpaths connecting Curdworth, Wishall, Over Green crossed the proposed site with connectivity potentially being broken • the developer would be required to undertake an ecological survey as part of a planning application • biodiversity net gain condition would need to be proven under new planning laws • soil grading surveys use results from 1930/40s. Natural England website has grading for all agricultural land classification surveys. Grading is from 1 – 5. Critical band is 3a – 3b. Most of Warwickshire is 3b (moderate crop yield) • IM properties also has another employment park proposal at Peddimore, Sutton Coldfield. https://impeddimore.co.uk/ <p>Suggested actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A site visit by LAF members to North Warwickshire • Consult Local Plan. https://www.northwarks.gov.uk/forward-planning/local-plan-north-warwickshire • Luke Rolls to look at wider impact on RoW network and report back at next meeting • Sheila to liaise with IM Properties 	ALL LR SC
8.	<p>Ampyr Solar Europe, Solar Farm, North Warks – Sheila Cooper Papers for this item were posted on LAF website and referred to in the meeting https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/democracy/local-access-forum/3</p> <p>The item will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting in October. Sheila to keep in contact with the company representative as part of the public consultation exercise www.campfarmsolar.co.uk</p> <p>It was suggested to approach the local planning authority for their position on the proposal.</p>	SC

9.	<p>Update: A46 / Walsgrave junction upgrade – Sheila Cooper It was agreed for Sheila to write to Sweco UK Ltd about consideration for a dedicated access route (link road) to Walsgrave hospital and update on Public Rights of Way provision.</p>	SC
10.	<p>Updates: Planning applications Ref: PL/2023/0001205/FULM - Alderman’s Green Road Coventry Application Refused (no credit given to LAF)</p>	
11.	<p>Chairman’s updates Ref: PL/2023/000106/FULM - Lentons Lane Coventry Application Refused. Tenant farmer was put in a very difficult position. Applicant unlikely to appeal decision but instead wait for new government guidelines on solar farms</p>	
12.	<p>Membership: Recruitment & applications The proposed round of interviews to recruit two new members could not go ahead due to the unavailability of all 3 RoW officers from the appointing authorities. It was queried whether alternative representatives could appoint.</p> <p>The solicitor from Ladders has put her application on hold for the time being. Luke Rolls said he’d ask at his place of work, Trowers & Hamlins LLP if a legal representative would like to join</p> <p>Sheila to approach EQUIP, Equality & Inclusion Partnership</p> <p>Joe Carroll to compose generic letter to disability groups asking for representation on LAF. Letter to be shared with Charles and Sheila for forwarding on to groups</p> <p>Sheila drew the meeting’s attention to the Terms of Reference which state on Page 1 (4.6): 'WCC will establish a panel who will appoint members equitably according to selection criteria and the member's purpose and role'.</p> <p>WCC should provide a 'selection panel' as defined in the T's of R, clearly not limited to RoW officers already under self confessed pressure of work confirmed by the time taken to appoint Luke Rolls and Simon Storey. Advice will be sought ahead of the next meeting.</p> <p>It was suggested that new LAF members receive a ‘welcome pack’</p>	LR SC JC
13.	<p>Any other business Gine Rowe, WWT to circulate link to survey for Local Nature Recovery Strategy. Consultation open until end of September And to circulate Local Nature Partnership link for survey on public views on wildlife</p>	GR

14.	Suggested agenda items for next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Nature Recovery Strategy - Gina Rowe, WWT • Open Discussion on Camp Farm Solar Proposal • Air Quality Chamber, Climate Change Committee advisor 	GR
15.	Date and venue for next meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th October Shire Hall, Warwick, WCC 	All