

Item No.	<p style="text-align: center;">LOCAL ACCESS FORUM Thursday 12th October 2017, 2pm Shire Hall, Warwickshire County Council</p>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<p>Present: Robin Hickin, Michael Orlik, Joe Carroll, Annabel Arnold, Roger Stone, Vaughan Owen, Mike Murray, John Hall, Steven Wallsgrave, Sheila Cooper, Cllr Andy Wright,</p> <p>Apologies: Gina Rowe, Dave Allen, Claire Sangster</p> <p>Members of the Public: Richard Lloyd</p> <p>Officers in Attendance: Keith Davenport (WCC), Marion Borman (WCC), David Keaney (SMBC), Lex Le Marinel (CCC), Colin Whitehouse (CCC),</p> <p>Other attendees: Annie English (WWT), Nicola van der Hoven (WCC), Peter Etrick (HS2); Jonathan Lord (HS2)</p> <p>Notes: Alistair Rigby (WCC)</p>	
2.	<p>Notes from meeting on 27 July 2017 Notes were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting All actions had been progressed.</p> <p>Michael Orlik to write an open letter to Dave Allen about arrangements for LAF elections in May 2018</p>	MO
3.	<p>Notes from the Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no updates 	
4.	<p>Notes from the LAF Co-ordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no updates 	
5.	<p>Update: HS2 Local Engagement Peter Etrick, Project Manager, Construction Team gave an update on the programme for contractors.</p> <p>Warwickshire falls in HS2's North 1 area. Peter is Project Manager for north; Alan Payne is Project Manager for southern section of North 1.</p> <p>Balfour Beatty VINCI (BBV) is the Main Works contractor to construct the HS2 route in North 1. There is a commitment from BBV to send representatives to future LAF / LAF sub group meetings if required.</p> <p>Stage 1 for the design scheme of the route has passed 'design</p>	

	<p>concept'. This will be firmed up by January 2018. Outline / preliminary design for the route is due to be ready March 2019 to prepare for the final detailed construction design.</p> <p>The Enabling Works contractor is Laing Murphy (LM). LM will prepare the route for construction. They are responsible for archaeology, site clearance, setting up construction compounds.</p> <p>The design for The Greenway temporary diversionary route should be ready by November. The diversion route will be constructed by BBV.</p> <p>LM should be hosting a community event in Burton Green to share the design for the diversionary route which will include vegetation clearance of The Greenway and for new haulage roads.</p> <p>LAF to be informed directly by Susan Bridges, HS2 of the community event.</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested that a local Forum is set up for The Greenway project to include representation from The Greenway Trust. • High-level programme of works for north and south areas of Warwickshire and Solihull (North 1) to be forwarded to LAF • LM to do ecological mitigation design works <p>LAF to comment on general concept of HS2 works and delivery of HS2 programme.</p> <p>It was agreed for LAF members to set up a Technical sub group to comment on environmental and ecological mitigation design works presented by LM.</p> <p>LAF to decide how to take forward - to seek representation from LM and LAF members and schedule in meetings</p> <p>LM is obliged to contact local interest groups about proposed ecological works. Over the next 6 – 12 months environmental surveys and ecological mitigation design works will be produced.</p> <p>Jonathan Lord provided an update on community engagement activity. Delivery would be along parish boundaries and would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgeries to meet contractors • Use of Village halls 	<p>AR</p> <p>PE, JL</p> <p>MO, JC</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share 6 monthly forward planning documents <p>LAF was asked to identify local interest groups that contractors could engage with.</p> <p>Solihull: Environmental surveys and ecological mitigation design works are being done. In mid 2018 preparation work should begin at the site of Birmingham Interchange Station. Highway England will make improvements to the local road network including: Stonebridge island on A45; Junction 4 of M6; Junction 6 of M42.</p> <p>Roger Stone declared a land interest at Park Farm where the new Station is due to be built.</p> <p>It was agreed for Peter and Jonathan to provide a progress update in advance of the next LAF meeting in March 2018.</p> <p>Jonathan gave a reminder of the Community Environmental Fund which is available to help mitigate the impact of HS2. Up to £75K is available per project – examples given: sports fields; cycle routes; planting schemes; environmental improvement schemes. Catchment area for the grant is for projects within 1Km of the route.</p> <p>A project to improve Rights of Ways was proposed – match funding is required. Section 106, LEPS, Whip could be used. Need to check with Groundwork – grant administrators.</p>	<p>PE, JL</p> <p>KD, DK</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>A46 Stoneleigh Junction</p> <p>Nicola van der Hoven presented an update on the design which includes Toucan crossings and shared use footway / cycleway around the junction to minimise vehicle conflict.</p> <p>Link to the existing public footpath is via steps.</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of junction to be completed by Winter 2019/20 before HS2 construction traffic arrives. • Issues & options public engagement exercise to launch on-line in November to consult on proposed new link road from A46 Stoneleigh Junction to Warwick University. • The scheme addresses access issues to the countryside and is therefore relevant for LAF comment and feedback. 	

7.	<p>Footpaths & rivers</p> <p>Roger Stone invited discussion on his paper highlighting issues and problems that need to be considered when proposing new public access routes alongside rivers.</p> <p>From a public access point of view it was acknowledged that riverside walks are beneficial and enjoyable</p> <p>Roger was thanked for his report.</p>	
8.	<p>Rights of Way team updates</p> <p><u>Coventry City Council (CCC):</u> Lex Le Marinel circulated a summary of activity by CCC's PROW team over the last 12 months which included 4DMMO; 3 Public Path Orders; 3 bridge repairs.</p> <p>Deregulation Act amendment will mean in future a DMMO no longer has to be advertised in the local press, reducing the cost of compliance. Websites will be used as the main method of public notification.</p> <p><u>Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council(SMBC):</u> David Keaney reported back. There is 250Km of PROW in SMBC overseen by a part time assistant engineer (3 days / week) with the support of an engineer. There are no Rights of Way officers currently employed. The service is outsourced to a contractor supported by a highways management budget of £40K / yr. The team receives approximately 25 service requests per month. Almost half the requests are to cut back overgrown vegetation. 45Km of footpaths are actively managed each year.</p> <p>Activity over the last 12 months includes: 4 traffic Regulation Orders; 1 Diversion Order; 12 DMMO</p> <p>The officers were thanked for their feedback.</p>	
9.	<p>Membership list and vacancies</p> <p>Officers from the 3 appointed authorities to convene working group meeting to look at LAF membership and report back to LAF at next meeting</p> <p>Heather Clatworthy's membership to LAF was approved</p> <p>Terms of Reference to be sent to LAF members.</p>	<p>KD, DK, LM</p> <p>AR</p>
10.	<p>AOB</p> <p>None</p>	

11.	<p>Suggested agenda items for next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAF membership – Lex Le Marinel; Keith Davenport; David Keaney • Presentation: A46 Link Road at Stoneleigh – Nicola van der Hoven / Adrian Hart • HS2 – Local engagement – Jonathan Lord / Susan Bridges • Coventry City Council – Green Space Strategy (revised) 	
12.	<p>Date and venue for next meetings 7pm 22nd March 2018</p> <p>Meetings will be held in Committee Room 2, at Shire Hall, Warwick (7.00pm – 9.00pm) unless otherwise stated. Do not try to enter the building before 6.30pm Evening parking is available in the car par underneath Barrack Street Office.</p>	