

Item No.	<b><u>LOCAL ACCESS FORUM</u></b> <b><u>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 7pm</u></b> <b><u>Shire Hall, Warwickshire County Council</u></b>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<p><b>Present:</b>, Claire Sangster, Michael Orlik, Roger Stone, Vaughan Owen, Mike Murray, John Hall, Steven Wallsgrove, Sheila Cooper, Gina Rowe, Sarah-Jane Cash</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b>, Cllr Andy Wright, Robin Hickin, Joe Carroll, Rachel Fraser</p> <p><b>Members of the Public:</b> Steve Dyson, Richard Lloyd</p> <p><b>Officers in Attendance:</b> David Keaney, Stephen Hawley (SMBC); Lex Le Marinel (CCC); Keith Davenport (WCC)</p> <p><b>Other attendees:</b> Jane Smith, Nick Berg (LaingMurphy); Susan Bridges(HS2); Nicola Van der Hoven (WCC)</p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Alistair Rigby (WCC)</p>	
2.	<p><b>Election of Chair</b> Nomination received: Michael Orlik - accepted Elected: Michael Orlik</p>	
3.	<p><b>Election of Vice Chair</b> Joe Carroll wished to stand down due to health concerns Nomination received: Claire Sangster – accepted Elected: Claire Sangster</p>	
4.	<p><b>Notes from meeting on 22 March 2018</b> Notes were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting Actions progressed</p>	
5.	<p><b>Notes from the Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Hall updated declaration of interest: Elected as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Open Spaces Society at AGM on 5 July. Retains the position of Local Correspondent for the City of Coventry as already registered.</li> </ul> <p>John was congratulated on his appointment.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Notes from the LAF Co-ordinator</b> None</p>	
7.	<p><b>Update: HS2 Local Engagement</b> Susan Bridges, Engagement Manager, HS2 introduced officers from the ecological mitigation works team from Laing Murphy.</p>	

	<p>Jane Smith, Community Engagement Team Leader Nick Berg, Design Manager</p> <p>Nick presented the proposed ecological mitigation works for key sites in Area North 1.</p> <p><b>Burton Green</b> Plans for ecological mitigation include: Black Waste Wood – improved management of woodland, ponds, grassland. Woodland planting to screen rail track.</p> <p>Village hall to be demolished and new one built.</p> <p>Potential to enhance land between site of new village hall and designated environmental mitigation site as an amenity asset for the village. Burton Green Parish Council to consider options. The land is currently owned by HS2, possibly on a temporary basis. Susan to clarify.</p> <p>PROW enhancements also proposed.</p> <p><b>Kenilworth</b> Several sites for ecological mitigation proposed along route. Plans for ecological mitigation include: Translocation of ancient woodland soils at Broadwell Wood which will be crossed by the track near its southern boundary.</p> <p>Kenilworth Greenway diversion – hedgerows have already been removed to prepare for the diversionary route.</p> <p>New hedgerows to be planted to link up existing and new areas of woodlands. Designated arable fields along route to be planted for woodland. The Hedgerow Regulations 1997 protect newly planted areas.</p> <p><b>Cubbington</b> Plans for ecological mitigation include: Consent given by Environment Agency for woodland planting in flood zone to screen track. Woodland planting area is designated west of Cubbington Woods Possibility of ‘green bridge’ installed at cutting through South Cubbington Wood. PROW to be kept open.</p> <p>Copies of the latest HS2 brochure ‘More than a railway’ were handed out</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not aware of more land parcels being acquired either temporarily or permanently in accordance with HS2 Act 2017</li> <li>• Clarity to be sort over keeping of freehold land rights by</li> </ul>	<p>SB</p> <p>SB</p>
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	<p>landowner of land acquired by HS2 for landscaping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All applications for road closures and lorry movements over 12 journeys / day go through local traffic liaison groups in Warwickshire and Solihull</li> <li>• Best place to find local information <a href="https://hs2.commonplace.is/">https://hs2.commonplace.is/</a></li> <li>• Woodland Trust have accused HS2 of 'Greenwashing' publications and understating the extent of environmental degradation</li> <li>• Diversionary routes are covered under Act of Parliament. Most have been discussed in House of Commons and appropriate diversions have been agreed</li> </ul> <p>Discussion about the lack of provision of 'green bridges' for the movement of wildlife 'across' the track identified that no green bridges are confirmed in North Area, Warwickshire, the nearest being in Central Area at Wormleighton, Warwickshire on the Oxfordshire border. The track will be a physical barrier for wildlife creating separate communities either side of the line with little chance of interaction, in particular for deer and badger. It was requested that more green bridges in Warwickshire are included in the final design plans.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Presentation: A46 Link road at Stoneleigh</b></p> <p>Nicola Van der Hoven, WCC gave an update on the road junction proposals. The existing bridge over the A46 will remain with a new one constructed to the north to create a gyratory system. The majority of the construction of the new junction should be complete with minimal disruption to traffic flow on A46.</p> <p>The plans show shared use footpath / cycleway around the perimeter of the roundabout with Toucan crossing points.</p> <p>Final funding decisions expected in September 2018 from West Midlands Combined Authority and towards the end of the year from Department for Transport.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Rights of Way team updates (WCC, CCC, SMBC)</b></p> <p><u>Coventry City Council (CCC)</u> 1 DMMO completed today. There's a 116 backlog of DMMOs the majority of which are claims, others will be treated as LEMOs Section 143 notice issued for 2 metre high wall across footpath</p> <p>PPO applications are outsourced to an agency to process and monitor including applications for diversion orders.</p> <p><u>Warwickshire County Council(WCC)</u> Public Path Orders processed to date: Diversions – 5 to be confirmed but 4 need works doing by the landowner before confirmation, 2 of these are currently moving</p>	

<p>forward at Grandborough and Newton &amp; Biggin.</p> <p>Main attention being given to paths that need diverting due to new housing developments. There are about 9 routes affected by planning permissions being worked on at the moment spread around the County. These are District/Borough Council orders.</p> <p>There are two live temporary path closures at the moment due to HS2: Hunningham Lane gas pipeline diversion; Wormleighton Heave trial site set to start on 30th July with diversionary path in place.</p> <p>Footpath improvements on Edge Hill have been done by the Cotswold Wardens.</p> <p>Volunteer hours April to June = 674.5 hrs. The dry weather has really sped up progress of the bridge repair / replacement programme</p> <p>Bridges in the North:  R117 Kings Newnham bridge had an official ribbon cutting opening ceremony on 12 May 2018  T35 Kingsbury 7 metre kit bridge installed  AE32 Grendon 7 metre kit bridge installed  M367 Fillongley/Maxstoke 7 metre kit bridge installed</p> <p>N28 Weddington 5 metal panels replaced  R76 Brinklow Pedlars bridge stone parapets being replaced  R152 Ryton on Dunsmore bridge had been lifted by floods and was offline. The bridge was dismantled re-furbished and put back in place.</p> <p>Bridges in the South:  Fenny Compton SM138 5m kit bridge  Tysoe SS23 3.6 metre Crossing  7m timber kit bridge refurbishment ~ Coventry Ramblers, Aston Cantlow AL98b</p> <p>Dive inspections on major bridges over significant rivers currently underway.</p> <p>Coming up:  Kenilworth Greenway HS2 haul road being designed by Laing Murphy – PROW will need to be diverted  National Grid - 400Kv powerlines. Pylons to be replaced April 2019</p> <p><u>Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council(SMBC)</u>  Stephen Hawley, Engineer will be taking over from David Keaney on LAF. David was thanked for his for all his work on the LAF.</p> <p>2 footpath diversions in place to resolve longstanding obstruction.  2 live applications for path diversions currently being dealt with.</p> <p>There are a number of temporary path closures at Blyth Valley and</p>	
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	<p>Hockley Heath. 15 volunteer working parties have taken place in last 6 months and have improved network accessibility by converting styles into kissing gates. Contractors have replaced waymarker fingerposts across network.</p> <p>New 3 year mowing contract has been awarded to Glendales, Nuneaton</p> <p>16 DMMOs in system to adjudicate.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>AOB</b> A brief discussion was had about the breadth of rural issues the LAF has authority to comment on beyond accessibility issues. It was questioned whether wildlife and habitat conservation was an area of interest for the group. It was agreed to circulate guidance notes with the minutes to help agree the role of the group before the next meeting.</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Suggested agenda items for next meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greening the Grey – cycle routes in Solihull (tba)</li> <li>• Rural Growth Plan for Warwickshire – Chris Egan</li> <li>• Presentation: A46 Link Road at Stoneleigh – Nicola van der Hoven / Adrian Hart (tba)</li> <li>• HS2 – Local engagement – Jonathan Lord / Susan Bridges (tba)</li> <li>• Green Space Strategy Coventry CC – Michelle Tyrntania (tba)</li> <li>• Update: HS2 Phase 2b Eastern Leg (Lea Marston to Austrey, North Warwickshire) – Wenda Leslie / Muhammad Gous, HS2</li> </ul>	
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Date and venue for next meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7pm 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018</li> <li>• 7pm 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019</li> </ul> <p>Meetings will be held in Committee Room 2, at Shire Hall, Warwick (7.00pm – 9.00pm) unless otherwise stated. Please do not try to enter the building before 6.30pm Evening parking is available in the car park underneath Barrack Street Office.</p>	