

Item No.	<p style="text-align: center;">LOCAL ACCESS FORUM Thursday 18th October 2018, 7pm <u>Shire Hall, Warwickshire County Council</u></p>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<p>Present:, Claire Sangster, Michael Orlik, Roger Stone, Vaughan Owen, Mike Murray, Steven Wallsgrove, Sheila Cooper, Sarah-Jane Cash, Cllr Andy Wright, Robin Hickin</p> <p>Apologies: Joe Carroll, Gina Rowe, John Hall</p> <p>Members of the Public: Steve Dyson, Tim Covell, Sandie King</p> <p>Officers in Attendance: Stephen Hawley (SMBC); Lex Le Marinel (CCC)</p> <p>Other attendees: A de Bell (Balfour Beatty VINCI); Wenda Leslie, Susan Bridges(HS2); Chris Egan, Marion Borman, Sonu Copson, Michael Newham (WCC)</p> <p>Notes: Alistair Rigby (WCC)</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes from meeting on 12th July 2018 Notes were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting. Actions progressed</p> <p><u>Update: HS2 Local Engagement</u> Burton Green Land at Burton Green is legally owned by HS2 until 2027. Concern was expressed that any surplus land should be made available for community use. Awaiting direction from Secretary of State as to disposals of surplus land.</p> <p>Cubbington To clarify whether landowners can retain ownership of land required by HS2 for landscaping as long as they enter into agreements to allow the landscaping</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SB</p>
3.	<p>Notes from Chair / Co-ordinator None</p>	
4.	<p>Update: Rural Growth Plan for Warwickshire 2017-2020 Chris Egan, WCC introduced the Plan which was adopted by WCC in 2017. The Plan provides a spotlight on the rural economy and highlights its significant contribution to the overall economy of Warwickshire. The Plan sets out 7 areas of support to help bolster the rural economy which includes: Improving access to services & community networks.</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PROW could be promoted as an asset to residents of new 	

	<p>housing developments to encourage access to the countryside</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Plan should help to mitigate the impact of new housing developments in rural settings by highlighting need • Rural businesses are encouraged to adapt and diversify eg pub car parks used as starting points for walks. Symbol / branding could be developed to create appropriate signage 	
5.	<p>Update: HS2 Local Engagement</p> <p>Susan Bridges, HS2 updated on enabling works: Ground vegetation surveys planned for Harbury / Long Itchington area over 5 phases of approximately 2 weeks. Road closures and diversions planned.</p> <p>Consultation meetings organised by Laing Murphy to be held in Southam & Harbury to discuss road closures / diversions. Full details to be posted on HS2 website. https://hs2inwarwicks.commonplace.is/</p> <p>Archaeological sites are recorded on HS2 website https://www.hs2.org.uk/building-hs2/archaeology/</p> <p>In response to questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadworks associated with HS2 will be advertised in local press and on https://roadworks.org/ • Guidance on vibration damage to property to be shared 	SB
6.	<p>Haul routes in Berkswell and Balsall Common – Balfour Beatty VINCI (BBV)</p> <p>Andy de Bell, BBV presented on North delivery area. SYSTRA and Mott MacDonald design companies are working jointly to support Balfour Beatty VINCI's HS2 programme of works in the Midlands.</p> <p>There are 2 packages of work (North 1 & North 2): N1: (Long Itchington – Handsacre, Staffs) There are approximately 380 physical assets along N1 section of route to construct eg cuttings; diversions; bridges, tunnels</p> <p>Currently at Stage 1 – 'early contractor involvement' within the High Level Programme of Works plan. Steps to plan programme delivery include: How we will build; Programme of works; Method of construction; Costs / budget</p> <p>Where appropriate the preferred mode of access to construction sites along HS2 route will be along the route of HS2 itself in order to minimise congestion on public roads. A haul route is being considered through Balsall Common to give access to a works compound off Park Lane, Berkswell and minimise use of Waste Lane and Truggist Lane.</p>	

	<p>Kenilworth Greenway diversion is being implemented by Laing Murphy. In time The Greenway will revert back to approximately its existing route.</p> <p>In response to questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All traffic management plans for road closures and diversions are approved by the local authority. Temporary Traffic Orders give residents at least 7 days notice to plan routes to work / school. Claire Sangster asked that much more notice should be given, preferably at the start of the academic year, so that school transport routes could be properly planned. • Roger Stone to be informed when access needed to land at Stonebridge • HS2 will try to use Hallmeadow Lane, Balsall Common only as a delivery route at less busy times of the day • To pass on details of types of security fencing, highlighting wildlife friendly features to be used during construction • Current plans by Enabling works contractor (LM) and Main works contractor (BBV) do not match up with regards to connection of PROWs 	<p>SB</p> <p>SB</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>A46 Stoneleigh Junction & link road aspiration</p> <p>Copies of a briefing note prepared by Nicola Van der Hoven, WCC were shared at the meeting.</p> <p>The project has three delivery phases:</p> <p>Phase 1 – A46 Stoneleigh Junction. This scheme has received planning permission</p> <p>Phase 2 – Stoneleigh Junction to University of Warwick / Westwood Heath is identified in Warwick District Local Plan and is in early design stage</p> <p>Phase 3 - University of Warwick / Westwood Heath to A45 / A452 No design work progressed.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Rights of Way team updates (WCC, CCC, SMBC)</p> <p><u>Warwickshire County Council(WCC)</u></p> <p>Marion gave an update. Keith's report was circulated and was well received. The report included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • updates on bridge inspections including dive inspections for bridges crossing major rivers • details of improvements to 9 PROW in north of county and 3 in south • 3 new volunteer groups / persons: Southam, Dunchurch, Coleshill <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stiles can only be converted to kissing gates with landowners permission – can not be enforced • stiles not permitted on diversionary routes • most volunteer groups are supported directly by WCC Rights of 	

	<p>Way team <u>Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council(SMBC)</u> Stephen gave an update. 3 year strimming contract awarded to contractor for two cuts in year – May/June & Sept/Oct to maintain PROW. 131 sections out of 450 strimmed so far.</p> <p>General footpath maintenance has been carried out by sole trader contractor who has now retired. It is proving difficult to find a suitable replacement.</p> <p>Supporting 2 volunteer groups (Coventry Way and Solihull Ramblers) who have completed 4 improvement projects: installing foot bridge, removing fallen trees and widening of paths</p> <p>Recent improvements to the network include: 3 new kissing gates and 12 new finger way-marker posts.</p> <p>Encroachment / obstruction: 6 letters to landowners this year. 1 Section 130 notice issued and resolved</p> <p>40 service requests since July – most resolved</p> <p>Should funding become available issues to address would be: Create a digital asset management map / database to pin-point stiles, bridges and features along PROW network Help support landowner concerns eg dogs, vandalism to network</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solihull’s Definitive Map is not on-line due to lack of resources • National Street Gazetteer is available on-line to view and shows footpaths. Updated by local highway authorities <p><u>Coventry City Council (CCC)</u> Alex updated: New mowing contractor appointed.</p> <p>Showed photos of 2 metre wall obstruction in Foleshill across PROW being removed by CCC contractors at landowner’s expense.</p> <p>Showed photos of work done by landowner on PROW: M248 (Harvest Hill area) in clearing and widening of footpath to make significant improvements.</p> <p>1 DMMO application rejected 1 kissing gate to replace stile 1 collapsed bridge has led to temporary closure of footpath</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report back on work of volunteers at next meeting 	
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9.	<p>Update: HS2 Phase 2b Eastern Leg (Lea Marston to Austrey, North Warwickshire) Wenda Leslie, HS2 introduced the next stage of the HS2 route north of Birmingham.</p> <p>Consultation on the working draft Environmental Statement for HS2 Phase 2b including the section Lea Marston – Austrey in North Warwickshire closes 21 December 2018 Also consulting on ‘working draft environmental impact assessment’ for Phase 2b</p> <p>Information available at Tamworth and Polesworth libraries and North Warwickshire Borough Council offices, Atherstone.</p> <p>To view consultations on-line: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-phase-2b-working-draft-environmental-statement</p> <p>County area reports available on-line. For LA01: Lea Marston to Tamworth section use link below: https://bit.ly/2K9HIsT</p> <p>Wenda to send invitations to Sheila Cooper and Andy Wright as well as WCC rep from Rights of Way team to attend meeting with design consultants to discuss the realignment of PROWs in North Warwickshire.</p> <p>Expected opening of route in 2033.</p>	WL
10.	<p>AOB There was a brief discussion on the role of LAF in advising on the classification of unclassified green roads. The Chair confirmed that green roads were within the terms of reference of the Forum.</p>	
11.	<p>Suggested agenda items for next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greening the Grey – cycle routes in Solihull Green Space Strategy Coventry CC – Michelle Tyrntania 	
12.	<p>Date and venue for next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm 21st March 2019 (<i>Rescheduled to 7pm 23 May 2019</i>) <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>	