

Item No.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>LOCAL ACCESS FORUM</u></b>  <b><u>Thursday 23rd May 2019, 7pm</u></b>  <b><u>Shire Hall, Warwickshire County Council</u></b></p>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Michael Orlik, Roger Stone, Vaughan Owen, Mike Murray, Steven Wallsgrove, Cllr Andy Wright, Gina Rowe,</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Sarah-Jane Cash, Sheila Cooper, Claire Sangster, Joe Carroll, John Hall, Robin Hickin</p> <p><b>Members of the Public:</b> Steve Dyson, Richard Moorhouse, Gordon Bunker</p> <p><b>Officers in Attendance:</b> Keith Davenport(WCC); Lex Le Marinel (CCC)</p> <p><b>Other attendees:</b> Ashley Jackson (LM); Susan Bridges(HS2); Karl Curtis (WWT)</p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Alistair Rigby (WCC)</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minutes from meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>  Notes were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting.  Actions progressed</p> <p>Matters arising from meeting:  <i>Burton Green</i>  <i>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.</i></p> <p>Response:  Burton Green: Land acquired by HS2 will be held until 2027. Any land deemed surplus to requirement can be offered back to the landowner.</p> <p><i>Cubbington</i>  <i>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</i></p> <p>Response:  Land held temporarily by HS2 for landscaping will be handed back to landowner with agreement to maintain it. (Freehold retained by landowner).</p>	

<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Notes from Chair / Co-ordinator</b>  LAF website  Website to be moved to Warwickshire County Council (WCC) domain.  New address will be <a href="http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/laf">www.warwickshire.gov.uk/laf</a></p> <p>The content of the current website was reviewed for each tabature.  It was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refresh 'Home' page to include Countryside Act 2000 (relevant sections) and LAF Regulations 2007</li> <li>• Refresh 'Meetings &amp; supporting documents' page to include Rights of Way update reports and Improvement Plans for each local authority. Include Terms of Reference for LAF</li> <li>• Remove &amp; delete contents of 'Publications' page</li> <li>• Refresh 'Membership' page. Members to submit new text to Alistair giving general background and LAF interests</li> <li>• Refresh 'Contact us' page</li> <li>• Add 'Archive' page if LAF guidance requires long term keeping of Forum records</li> </ul>	<p>AR</p> <p>All</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Rights of Way team updates (WCC, CCC, SMBC)</b>  <u>Warwickshire County Council(WCC)</u>  Keith gave an update. Report was circulated and was well received.  The report highlighted the work of volunteer groups helping to maintain the PROW network. 3367 volunteer hours were recorded for year 2018/19. Volunteer groups include: Nuneaton Volunteers, Southam Volunteers, Harbury Volunteers, Stratford Ramblers, Solihull Ramblers, Cotswold Wardens, Ladbroke Volunteers</p> <p>Kenilworth Volunteer group was previously very active but now quiet since co-ordinator stepped down.</p> <p><u>Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council(SMBC)</u>  Stephen sent apologies and forwarded report which was circulated.  The report was well received and highlighted the improvement works to network; maintenance of footpath by contractor; contribution by volunteers; and response to legal orders and service requests.</p> <p><u>Coventry City Council (CCC)</u>  Alex presented his report which was well received.  The report highlighted response to legal orders and record of completed works. There is no volunteer programme in place currently to support maintenance of the Network in Coventry however plans are in place to meet with interested groups.</p> <p>A Section 56 notice has been served on Council following TTRO because of unsafe board walk. Options being considered include setting up a volunteer group to carry out the works.</p> <p>An audit of signposts across the Network is to be undertaken.</p>	

	<p>Alex spends approximately 20% of time on site in rural areas and 10% of time in urban setting.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Update: HS2 Phase 1 Area North Enabling works by LM – Susan Bridges, HS2 / Ashley Jackson, Laing O’Rourke Murphy (LM)</b></p> <p>In Sheila’s absence copies of her objection responding to Schedule 17 planning application (PL/2019/01276/HS2DIS) by HS2 to Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) were circulated. The objection related to the construction of Compounds in Park Lane and Waste Lane before the ‘Notice to proceed’ has been granted and the approval of a lorry route along associated roads.</p> <p>In response, Susan Bridges referring to Hall Meadow Lane planning proposal stated that no application had yet been submitted to SMBC by HS2.</p> <p>No further discussion was held around planning application PL/2019/01276/HS2DIS.</p> <p><i>[Post meeting – it was agreed by the majority of LAF members to send a letter to SMBC Planning Office asking to refuse application PL/2019/01276/HS2DIS at this time. Letter was sent on 3 June. Susan Bridges sent her apologies to the Chair for inadvertently misleading discussion at the meeting around Sheila’s objections to PL/2019/01276/HS2DIS because of her misunderstanding of which proposal Sheila was concerned about].</i></p> <p>Susan Bridges gave an update:  ‘Notice to proceed’ with the construction stage of HS2 by Balfour Beatty VINCI (BBV) has been delayed by Transport Secretary, Chris Grayling until December 2019.</p> <p>Laing O’Rourke Murphy (LM) is continuing with enabling works to prepare the way for construction of HS2 by BBV.</p> <p>HS2 is still waiting to receive final detail design by BBV of route construction. Main construction works not expected to start before January 2020, although the procurement of tunnel boring machinery will mean works on Long Itchington tunnel will start before ‘Notice’ is granted.</p> <p>Latest consultation events:  <a href="https://hs2inwarwicks.commonplace.is/schemes/proposals/upcoming-local-events/details">https://hs2inwarwicks.commonplace.is/schemes/proposals/upcoming-local-events/details</a>  HS2 roadshow 6<sup>th</sup> June in Leamington.</p>	

	<p>Ashley Jackson, Engagement Manager, LM highlighted progress of enabling works</p> <p>Areas of work divided into two zones i) Southam up to A46 ii) A46 up to Birmingham Interchange junction</p> <p>Preparation for tunnel boring at Long Itchington has started with community engagement events and pre-works construction of compounds for boring machine and main works compound off Fosse Way, Offchurch.</p> <p>The haul route to be constructed on the line of HS2 from A429 Coventry Road to Burton Green will maintain existing cycle routes and PROW.</p> <p>Temporary Kenilworth Greenway route comes into effect in 2020.</p> <p>Survey work is continuing including ecological surveys, archaeological surveys and mitigation site surveys. All open to visitors to view work. Susan to share list of active survey sites for Members to choose a couple of sites to visit, if interested.</p> <p>Projected to handover to main works contractor, BBV in 2020</p>	<p><b>SB</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation: 'Wilder for Wellbeing' project proposal by Garden Organic and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) bidding for HS2 funding</b></p> <p>Karl Curtis, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust introduced the project proposal in partnership with Garden Organic to improve community wellbeing and support local wildlife to help mitigate the effects of HS2 construction.</p> <p>The 'Wilder for Wellbeing' project will seek funding from HS2 grant fund to develop a 3 year programme of wildlife and organic growing themed activities to support communities within 5km of the railway line.</p> <p>To help identify interest and support for the project proposal residents within HS2 5Km buffer zone are encouraged to complete a short on-line survey.  <a href="https://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/wilder-wellbeing">https://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/wilder-wellbeing</a></p> <p>It was agreed that a letter of support from LAF would be provided to demonstrate evidence of need for the scheme. The letter would be submitted as part of the application process</p> <p>If the bid is successful it is hoped the project would begin in early 2020.</p>	<p><b>C</b></p> <p><b>AR</b></p>

7.	<p><b>Update: Introducing the Dunsmore Living Landscape (DLL) project and promoting how communities can reconnect with their local green spaces and heritage sites</b></p> <p>Gina gave an update on the £1.2M scheme funded by Heritage lottery (2017 -2021) to restore key habitats and veteran trees; improve connectivity across the Landscape and engage the local community. The project area is to the west and south-west of Coventry stretching across to the villages of Brinklow, Bourton on Dunsmore and Hunningham with the outskirts of Leamington to the south.</p> <p>Recommended walks across the Landscape area are using existing PROW – waymarking has been improved especially around Ryton Woods and Brinklow Castle.</p> <p>Looking at access under A46 to encourage Coventry residents to explore the project area. Draft outline proposals by Highways England for the redevelopment of the A46 Binley Woods roundabout in 2020/21 could present an opportunity for an underpass.</p> <p>For more information on DLL go to:  <a href="https://www.exploredunsmore.org/">https://www.exploredunsmore.org/</a>  <a href="https://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/dunsmore-living-landscape">https://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/dunsmore-living-landscape</a></p>	GR
8.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Possible focus areas for LAF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvements to Rights of Way between habitats to help wildlife movement and connectivity. Gina to look at network to propose PROWs that could be improved for habitat connectivity</li> <li>• View and respond to district / borough council planning applications involving sites with PROW to help enhance network through CIL funding.</li> <li>• Cycling lanes / paths – identifying routes and connecting up</li> </ul> <p>The cut off date of 2026 enactment date has not yet been reached for stopping the addition of historic paths to councils' Definitive map of Rights of Way. Regulations to be made will provide that, routes that have been submitted for inclusion but not determined by the deadline will be protected.</p>	GR
11.	<p><b>Suggested agenda items for next meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cycle connectivity &amp; funding – WCC HS2 team</li> <li>• Cycle routes in Coventry – Richard Smith, CCC</li> <li>• Greening the Grey – cycle routes in Solihull</li> <li>• Green Space Strategy Coventry CC – Michelle Tyrntania</li> </ul>	

<b>12.</b>	<b>Date and venue for next meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rescheduled to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 7pm</li></ul> 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.	
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