AGENDA

7.00pm Questions from the Public
Anyone wishing to speak should provide details of the issue to be raised, together with the specific question to be asked, to the Secretary. They must include their name and address and whether they are representing any particular group. This information should normally be submitted by post or e-mail to the Secretary in advance of a week before the meeting. The Chairman has discretion to allow items outside of this timescale to be heard.

Presentations

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   6.4 LAF membership and recruitment (PC)

7. Correspondence and Consultations
   7.1 CCC Use of 4x4s and motor cycles on PROWS
   7.2 A1307 Three campuses to Cambridge initial ideas for bus and cycle links consultation

8. Closure of meeting and items for the next agenda
LAF Secretary report including supporting information on items on the agenda of the
meeting on 16 August 2016

Where I have information to support the items on the agenda this is below.

1. Apologies have been received from Jill Tuffnell.

3. Minutes of meeting on 17 May 2016 - Correct Record - attached

4. Matters arising
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4.1.1 Review of any matter which LAF members think is still outstanding and to consider how to
proceed

4.2 (1.2) Review Mission Statement, Terms of Reference, Public Participation Policy and
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No changes have been proposed by members. Does LAF wish to re-adopt these
documents with no change?

4.3 (1.2.1) To agree targets for the next 12 months and appoint lead members to oversee the
delivery of the targets
Comments received from members about the LAF’s priorities for the next 12 months have
been sent to Philip Clark to collate. – Attached.
No preferences for lead roles have been expressed by members.

4.4 (9.1) City Deal Memorandum of Understanding consideration of any shared objectives –
deferred from the last meeting

4.5 (9.4) Southern Fringe Development table of monies, deadlines and expenditure
Laurence Smith to report. The report will be circulated to members when received.

4.6 (11) Report on fly grazing problems
The following reply has been received:
For some years there has been an issue of tethered horses in the Willingham which
coincided with numerous ROW and a large settled traveller population. For some time this
had been manageable. However this year matters had got worse when stallions which had
been tethered and then had got loose had cause havoc.
As a result of a joint endeavour with the Police we introduce a pilot No Tether Zone
incorporating all the areas previously effected by fly grazing on the highway.
We introduced this about three months ago. We proliferated the area with new style
signage and fortnightly replaced whatever signs that had been stolen.
To date neither the Police or the CCC have had reports of unauthorised tethering at these
locations. We are sure there will be hiccups but things are looking positive at the moment.
We intend to enlarge the zone after the pilot has been review later this year.
We have worked alongside with the local riding community who keep us updated with any
issues.
If you have any questions don’t hesitate to contact me.
Yours
George Hay
Enforcement Officer, Cambridgeshire County Council

4.7 Cambridge TWAO consultation query response
Network Rail have written to Roger Buisson as follows:
Thanks for attending Network Rails TWAO consultation event in Cambridge on the 10th
June; it was useful to run through the project and outline the level crossings within the
scope of the project
You also raised a question in regards to what rules govern our application for the proposed
level crossing closures and downgrades. In regards to this, the “Transport and Works
(Application and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006” that will apply
and state that under section 5(6) of the Transport and Works Act 1992 itself an Order
cannot extinguish public rights of way over land unless the Secretary of State is satisfied
that (a) an alternative right of way has been provided or will be provided, or (b) that an
alternative is not required, and that is the test that Network Rail will have to satisfy in
relation to each proposal for each crossing.

Network Rail Huntingdon to Woodwalton Four Tracking – to note
Details of the consultation events were circulated having been received from Camilla
Rhodes.

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Other to for info only:
(5.2) Management and use of Country Parks
The National Trust has responded with regard to sharing their response:
“The response given was in respect of a specific set of circumstances.
Therefore we would be grateful if this information was kept with your organisation, rather
than shared as requested.”

The LAF Regulations requires any paper considered by the LAF to be published, which it
was with the last agenda and meeting papers. However, there will be no active sharing of
the National Trust’s response.

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Alex Sossick (potential new member as cycle rep)
Cllr Peter Topping has resigned
6.5 A14 update (PC)

7.  Correspondence and consultations
8.1 CCC Use of 4x4s and motor cycles on PROWs (LS)
Attached - Previously circulated to members. Does LAF have any comments?

7.2 A1307 Three campuses to Cambridge initial ideas for bus and cycle links consultation
The Greater Cambridge City Deal is working to improve travel for people across the city
region. We welcome your views on initial ideas for bus and cycle improvements in the
A1307 area.
- Potential Babraham Road Park and Ride Expansion
- A new A11 Park & Ride
- Linton Bus Priority
• On highway and off highway ideas for linking Granta Park, Babraham Research Campus, Addenbrooke's and Cambridge Biomedical Campus via a new A11 Park & Ride
• Cycling and walking links connecting villages along the A1307.

8. **Closure of meeting and items for the next agenda**
Minutes of the Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum (LAF) Meeting
Held on Tuesday 17 May 2016 at 7 pm
at The Monkfield Arms, Cambourne

Present: Members
Roger Buisson (Chairman), Jill Tuffnell, Erika Wedgwood, Lynda Warth and James Winter.

In attendance:
Andy Kenning, Steve Day and Nicholas Eddy (Network Rail), District Cllr Francis Burkitt, Steve Dimmock (Highways England) Philip Clark (CCC), Laurence Smith (CCC, Definitive Map Officer), and Mrs Gail Stoehr (Secretary).

The Chairman apologised for the change of venue for this evening’s meeting.

Questions from the Public
None.

Presentations
District Cllr Francis Burkitt introduced himself and spoke about the Quarter To Six Quadrant (QTSQ) initiative whereby four villages had joined together in order to feel more of a unit. The area included large companies such as Manor Farms, Burwash Manor Barns, the Universities, and the section of the River Cam from Cambridge to Madingley. A vision document had been produced following public consultation and engagement. This had been adopted by SCDC and other authorities, and gave the QTSQ a mandate. The area was within walking distance of Cambridge and was a green rural open space available to the public for access. Improvements had been made to a network of paths by working with local landowners and farmers, with lots of small schemes resulting overall in a good coverage, with the aim of trying to get people away from Grantchester Meadows by offering alternative circular routes. One challenge was signage, which was modest and friendly with humour, such as “Please shut the gate or cows will escape,” thus educating people.

In response to a question about multi-user access, Cllr Burkitt replied that this was being undertaken in stages, with initially a grass path for walking. Cllr Burkitt was also asked whether there would be a link between the Trumpington and Grantchester, and whether there was a railway interface with the area.

Network Rail provided an introduction to their rail crossing proposals. There is a phased strategy for the transport and works order, using compulsory powers. There are 30 sites that have proposals involving diverting or extinguishing ROWs. The public consultation will involve 3 or 4 local public events in Cambridgeshire in June. LAF will be invited and its views sought. Due to funding constraints until 2019, low cost works were being undertaken, in order of priority 1) main line works with little or no costs, 2) low cost branch line works, 3) building non-motorised user bridges, 4) road bridges and road diversions. It is a long term project with 779 crossings in the Anglian region to be dealt with over a couple of generations. The aim is to manage the assets and reduce the number of crossings.

Local knowledge was used to survey and draw up plans, together with the views of Mott McDonald and the Highways Agency. All were reflected in the plans which were ready for public consultation. The second round of consultation will take place in September and Network Rail will apply for the Order in February 2017. CCC has been consulted and is satisfied with the consultation.

LAF asked about improvements to connectivity. Network Rail replied that they were conscious not to create cul-de-sacs and there were viable alternatives close by. LAF will look at this proposal and ensure it is not opportunity led but whether there has been demonstrable improvement, and LAF hopes that any issues can be resolved before the Transport Works Act. Network Rail responded that
it was not their job to upgrade PROWs, as they had to keep their costs under control. A holistic view was being taken and it was hoped this would be appreciated by everyone. The date of the consultation will be announced next week and information will be sent to the LAF.

Steve Dimmock of Highways England spoke about non-motorised user routes and PROWs affected by the A14 upgrade and outlined his role, responsibilities and involvement with signage. LAF requested better signage on the guided busway and asked that all ground users be identified equally.

A meeting will take place with CCC tomorrow to look at signage with a view to ensuring consistency.

LAF advised that all diversions must be correctly signed.

A query was raised about the old dual carriageway at Huntingdon Road. Laurence Smith outlined works to the viaduct. LAF commented that other issues had not been resolved.

Regarding the A14 non-motorised user bridges, LAF expressed the expectation that both bridges would be for all users, namely foot users, cycle users and equestrian users. After an inspection the Chairman had attended a meeting where there had been confusion about the bridges. The one at Bar Hill had been equestrian, but the one at Swavesey was not equestrian. LAF asked how to get this changed. Steve Dimmock will provide information on the steps to be taken. LAF had already expressed the view that the current situation was not acceptable. Laurence Smith of CCC will raise the matter with Mike Evans, the Project Manager at Highways England.

The width of the path, which was not defined on the map, was settled at the Examination in Public, and was to be a minimum of 3 metres in width. This would be wider at Bar Hill East, due to the heavier usage.

Laurence Smith stated that CCC could liaise with Highways England for example, in pushing for an alternative connection at Swavesey.

LAF felt that a meeting was required with Cllr Topping. Philip Clark is to arrange a date convenient to the LAF Chairman and invite Mike Evans to attend.

1. Annual LAF business including
   1.1 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
       Mary Sanders was elected Chairman. (Prop LW, 2nd EW, unanimous)
       Roger Buisson was elected Vice-Chairman. (Prop JW, 2nd JT, unanimous)

1.2 Review Mission Statement, Terms of Reference, Public Participation Policy and Review of Objectives and

1.2.1 To agree targets for the next 12 months and appoint lead members to oversee the delivery of the targets
RESOLVED to deal with items 1.2, 1.2.1 and 6.2 via correspondence.
   The proposal that two weeks should be allowed for members to comment was felt to be a positive suggestion. Other members are also to be invited to comment.

1.3 LAF Annual Report – LAF to complete
   LAF members are to provide content for inclusion to the Secretary.

2. Apologies for absence
   Apologies had been received from Mary Sanders and Jonathan Clarke (CCC Highways).

3. Declarations of interest
   None.

4. Minutes of meeting of 16 February 2016 – Correct Record
The minutes of the meeting of 16 February were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (Prop RB, 2nd JT)

5. **Matters arising from the last meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

5.1 Secretary’s report – to note

The Secretary’s report was noted. LAF is to review actions which have fallen by the wayside and inform the Secretary. Members are to identify strategic issues they would wish to lead on and let the Secretary know.

5.2 (5.2) Management and Use of Country Parks – to consider responses received

The responses received were considered. The Country parks are aware of the issues and need to manage them and there is funding for maintenance. RESOLVED that no further action is required apart from thanking the respondents and ask them if they mind the LAF shared their responses with others. The Secretary advised that they had already been published as required by the LAF Regulations.

6. **LAF Admin**

6.1 LAF contract

Phil Clark reported that the LAF contract had been signed for a one year term.

6.4 LAF Budget

Noted.

6.2 Priorities for the year (paper from Philip Clark)

To be considered via correspondence. LAF is to look at the “musts” and whether they are relevant, then whether the “shoulds” are to be prioritised.

6.3 Forum recruitment

Philip Clark reported that Alex Sossock of the Cambridge Touring Club (now Cycling UK) was interested in joining and he was also doing a wider recruitment campaign.

7. **County Council Reports**

7.1 Budget updates

It was noted that Emma Murden had left her role with Highways and Jonathan Clarke had replaced her. It is hoped he will attend the next meeting.

Laurence Smith reported that the ROWIP was on the website and that a press release was being sent out to all Parish Councils, giving updates and statements of action. LAF is to refer to the ROWIP when responding to consultations and giving advice.

7.2 ROWIP

New dates had been given for the publication of the Definitive Map. This will be at the end of June. The Definitive Map is the paper copy but the website shows the working copy. The information has been consolidated.

7.3 Wisbech Missing Links

Philip Clark is discussing the project with his new line manager Jo Gray and has had discussions with the Fenland Ramblers and the Town Council. Local people are setting up targets and taking ownership of the project. LAF is to monitor whether it is effective and can be used as a model elsewhere.

8. **Planning**

8.1 Oxford to Cambridge Rail Link

It was noted that in the press the principle of opening the Sandy to Cambridge rail line had been agreed. The Oxford to Bedford and Bedford to Sandy sections had been agreed but the Sandy to Cambridge section had been left to last as it had been built on and the bridges had been demolished. The consultation is expected in due course. LAF needs to watch out for
the consultation and be ready to respond. In the Cycling and Walking Strategy it seemed to be accepted that provision for non-motorised users should be standard. Members and CCC are to inform the Secretary if they hear of the consultation. Laurence Smith reported that there should be an announcement in the 2017 budget.

8.2 Cambridge City Deal MOU
Further to meetings with Tanya Sheridan, the Project Board had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Philip Clark and LAF is to consider shared objectives. All are to sign a formal agreement. This will be a possible agenda item for the August or November meeting.

9. Consultations
9.1 Cycling & Walking Strategy
Philip Clark circulated a paper. It was noted that this referred to journeys and traffic (urban) but did not account for ROW network access to the countryside and health and wellbeing for recreation. LAF did not need to make a full response. LAF felt that it did not take a holistic approach and was a loss of opportunity. The deadline is 23 May.

9.2 ECDC Transport Strategy
LAF felt that there was a loss of opportunity and failed to recognise the needs of new mothers and people in mobility scooters and wheelchairs. There was no mention of bridleways or PROWs. The plan had poor connectivity with Newmarket. There will be a follow up consultation. The lead members will be Jill Tuffnell and Lynda Warth.

9.3 A14
LAF expressed concern at the statutory document in that the Swavesey bridge was not equestrian. LAF is to write to Highways England asking what they intend to do to correct this error. Another contact to write to is Penny Fletcher. LAF wishes to see the style of the Bar Hill pedestrian, cyclist and equestrian bridge replicated at Swavesey.

9.4 Southern Fringe Development
There is a permissive bridleway at Trumpington Meadows. A family day will be held on 11 June. LAF felt that new links were required to Grantchester. LAF’s queries about S106 funding were still outstanding. The diversion of a footpath has been agreed. Laurence Smith is to provide a table of monies and deadlines, and how the funds are being spent.

9.5 Waterbeach
Roger Buisson declared an interest given his employer’s involvement in the development. Laurence Smith reported that CCC had given pre-application advice to the developers and Andrew Filmore at SCDC. LAF will approach Rebecca of Urban and Civic to ask to be placed on the mailing list and secure LAF’s involvement at an early stage. Erika Wedgwood will be lead member on this.

10. Partner organisations
10.1 Living Sport Workshop on 7 July
Living Sport funding recognises the importance of walking. Philip Clark is attending. LAF is to send a member if someone is available, who will report to the next meeting.

10.2 Community Green Spaces Network on 25 May
Mary Sanders will attend this event, which will be looking at all friends’ and green spaces groups, 80 in all, to see how they can be better supported.

10.3 Wicken Fen Access Forum
Erika Wedgwood will be lead member for this, but if she cannot attend Mary Sanders will do so.

11. **National LAF Conference – Any comments on presentations from the National Conference in February**

The conference was interesting. Philip Clark and Mary Sanders are to flag up anything that LAF needs to consider at the next meeting.

12. **Any other business for the next agenda and Closure of meeting**

Lynda Warth reported that a flygrazing problem had blocked ROWs near Willingham. Multiple authorities and agencies including CCC are attending to this. Jonathan Clarke is to report on this at the next meeting. LAF resolved to support action to keep ROWs open to all users.

The next meeting will be held on 16 August. Jill Tuffnell gave her apologies for absence. The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.
LAF Priorities for 2016/17

‘Must’ indicates ‘absolutely essential work for a LAF’
‘Should’ indicates “this would be very important work for the LAF to do”

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Cambridgeshire ACRE - Outline Proposal for new HLF Project

Giving Nature an Edge – Enhancing Corridors (in Cambridgeshire?) (for nature?)

**Context**

The Fens for the Future Strategy\(^1\) aims to make the Fens more sustainable and resilient by tackling the challenges that communities and the Fen landscape are facing now and in the future. Its vision is:

*To see sustainable wetlands restored, recreated and reconnected across the Fens for the benefit of people, our natural and historic heritage and the rural economy.*

Although often overlooked, the Fens is an important biodiversity and archaeological area that is impacted by:

- Biodiversity loss and fragmentation
- Water availability (both flooding and drought problems)
- Water quality
- Soil erosion
- Housing and population growth and pressures
- Lack of awareness of the importance of the area’s heritage assets amongst visitors/local communities

In previous years there has been an emphasis on working and expanding the core conservation sites in the Cambridgeshire Fens with projects such as Lakenheath, Wicken Fen Vision, Great Fen Project and others. The Heritage Lottery-funded Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership (OWLP) has helped directly deliver some of the *Fens for the Future* aspirations in and around the Ouse Washes and has provided an opportunity to start to tackle some of the above issues by taking a landscape-scale approach.

The OWLP has started to build a strong working partnership of organisations as well as greatly increasing local community and volunteer engagement in the Cambridgeshire fenland’s heritage and natural environment. However, evidence collected from the OWLP and its legacy planning work, F4F Strategy, The Fens National Character Areas, IPENs Site Improvement Plans and Lawton Review demonstrates that more work needs to be done, especially on buffering core sites and enhancing the potential wildlife corridors connecting these sites. The OWLP Ditch Survey project has shown that these wetland features are an important biodiversity asset in their own right and need better management and protection. There is also a need to continue to develop people’s understanding of the heritage value (wildlife, archaeology and cultural) importance of this man-made landscape/wetland features. The plan is for a new HLF project to take this work forward with an aim to:

- Create and enhance the biodiversity connectivity between core wildlife sites
- Promote multiple land use options in land buffering core sites
- Help with climate change adaption
- Strengthen co-operation between key organisations/stakeholders and local communities
- Develop appropriate skills to manage and appreciate the heritage resource.
- Increase the knowledge and awareness of heritage value of wetland corridors.

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This project will help towards making the Fens ‘one of the main UK BAP landscape scale wetland complexes within a matrix of sustainable agriculture’.

What will the project deliver?

Outcomes for Heritage

Partnership working: conservation: persevering and enhancing corridors: new ways of managing and integrating land use: protection

Better management and in better condition
Early work on water quality, ditch management, non-native species identification, climate change and flooding shows there is considerable more that needs to be achieved by partners through:

- Recreating habitat and improving existing management on key wetland corridors around and between existing core conservation sites to help conserve the existing conservation interest within the corridors, increase priority wildlife species resilience and reverse fragmentation of core wildlife sites.
- Recreating new habitat and improving management of land buffering core conservation sites.

Better interpretation and explanation

- Developing better understanding, sharing management practices and providing advice to improve habitat and species resilience in key wetland corridors. Sharing knowledge of management issues like flooding; drought; water quality; soil erosion and non-native species amongst IDBs, landowners and communities.
- Working with local communities to further develop their understanding of the value and importance of care and management of the fenland habitats.

Better identification and records

- Identifying and designating new Local Wildlife sites.
- Producing new and additional mammal, invertebrate and plant species records from newly surveyed wetland and water habitats with all records incorporated into local Records centre/NBN and shared with specialist groups and land owners.

Outcomes for people

Young people; education/training; knowledge transfer; awareness raising; recording; volunteering; apprenticeships

Developed skills

- Developing workplace training of future land managers/apprentices achieving land based NVQ qualifications.
- Providing opportunities for volunteering and Citizen Science training to build a community of field surveyors which have specialist knowledge of fenland habitats.
- Providing a forum for sharing knowledge of some of the key issues in the fens- flooding, drought, INNS, erosion
Learnt about the heritage

- Creating demonstration sites to trial and showcase new and best practise management techniques and ecosystem benefits. Demonstrate that managing and recreating wetland habitats is a cost-effective tool that can be used to provide society with a range of benefits such as cleaner water, better protection against the effects of drought and floods, carbon storage and food supply.
- Developing a programme for schools including events. Creating and producing activity packs as teaching aids suitable to use across the Fens for all key stages.

Volunteer time

- Providing opportunities for volunteering through an organised volunteering programme across the area building a community of people that can support events, school trips and events.

Outcomes for Communities

Access; Improving intellectual access to fens heritage and culture; promoting and marketing; events; future economy; preserving and promoting built and natural assets.

More people and wider range of people engaged with heritage

- Looking to develop new audiences- art/archaeology.
- Developing events and extending the concept of a science, heritage, community and culture to promote and develop people’s understanding of the Fen. Include agricultural element to demonstrate land management.

Local area better placed to live, work and visit

- Improving, increasing and promoting physical access to the landscape through trails and PROW.
- Promoting the ‘Destination Fens’: so visitors can find out points of interest and places to go in the Fens with links to more information on visiting and staying in the area.

Strategic Links

Climate Change
Fens for the Future Partnership and Monitoring Strategy
Water Framework Directive
Making Space for Nature
Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership
Living Landscapes (Wildlife Trusts)
Futurescapes (RSPB)
Fens Waterway Link
Fens Museum Partnership

Partners

- Anglian Water
- Association of Drainage Authorities
- Buglife
- Cambridge Conservation Forum
- Cambridgeshire ACRE
- Cambridgeshire County Council
• Cambridgeshire Local Nature Partnership
• CAMEO (Catchment Partnership – Cam and Ouse)
• Ely Group of IDBs
• Environment Agency
• Freshwater Habitats Trust
• Green Light Trust
• Mepal Outdoor Centre
• Middle Level Commissioners
• NFU

• Natural England
• North Level District IDB
• Ouse Washes Catchment Partnership
• Prickwillow Engine Trust
• RSPB
• University of Cambridge
• Visit Cambridge and Beyond
• WWT Welney
• Wildlife Trust BCN

**Timescale**

Deadline for submission: 7 March 2017 – for June 2017 decision.

**Funding**

Heritage Lottery Fund – up to £2m.
DEVELOPMENT OF HLF PROJECT ‘GIVING NATURE AN EDGE’ - APPLICATION (PHASE 1)  
PROJECT WORKPLAN

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### Outputs:

1. Form a steering group of partners to deliver a new HLF Application.
2. Submit stage one application to HLF Fund.

### Project Team and Roles:

- Kirsten Bennett [KB]
- Mark Nokkert [MN]
- Catherine Weightman [CW]

### Funding:

Heritage Lottery Fund
10% costs to be found locally (cash, volunteer time and non-cash contributions)

### Steering Group:

TBA

### Other support:

- Dawn Isaac [DI]
- Alison Brown [AB]
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<td>Project scoped out further internally.</td>
<td>• Hold meeting to scope out further including work plan, strategy and delivery.</td>
<td>End Jun-2016</td>
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<td>Internal meeting held.</td>
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<td>• Establish draft work plan to guide project.</td>
<td>End Jun-2016</td>
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<td>• Set-up ACT! database of partners and invite to inaugural steering group meeting.</td>
<td>End Jun-2016</td>
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<td>Group list set-up.</td>
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<td>Steering Group of key partners established to take project forward on behalf of Ouse Washes LP Board.</td>
<td>• Set date and agenda for inaugural steering group meeting.</td>
<td>Mid Jul-2016</td>
<td>19-Jul-2016</td>
<td>Meeting date confirmed for 3-Aug-2016.</td>
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<td>• Agree draft workplan to guide project.</td>
<td>Mid Jul-2016</td>
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<td>• Produce paper on Outline Proposal for discussion and amendment.</td>
<td>Mid Jul-2016</td>
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<td>• Gain understanding on overall strategy and HLF outcomes relating to what partners can deliver.</td>
<td>Mid Jul-2016</td>
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<td>• Set timetable for meetings and agenda plan.</td>
<td>Mid Jul-2016</td>
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<td>Discussed with partners at steering group meeting.</td>
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<td>Proposal revised to strengthen strategy for project.</td>
<td>• Consider area and why it has been chosen – what would happen if project did not go ahead. Look at water catchment boundaries and IDB boundaries. Flood management maps. Parishes and Town. Farm landscape.</td>
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<td>• Map area - identify key natural heritage resources, landscape futures and communities.</td>
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<td>• Write overall strategic need document detailing legacy of OWLP and Fens for the Future links. What are the needs and opportunities the project will address?</td>
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<td>• Draft HLF ‘Project Enquiry’ Form.</td>
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<td>• Draft Partnership Agreement.</td>
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<td>Second Steering Group meeting held to sign-off Proposal, Partners, Area, and Expression of Interest HLF.</td>
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<td>• Consult Proposal and sign off.</td>
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<td>• Consult ‘Project Enquiry’ Form and Sign Off.</td>
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<td>• Consult and agree Partnership Agreement.</td>
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<td>• Consult Project Proposal Form for partners and Sign Off.</td>
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<td>Partnership Agreement issued.</td>
<td>• Amend and send Partnership Agreement to all Partners for signing.</td>
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<td>Project Enquiry Form sent to HLF.</td>
<td>• Discuss Project Enquiry Form with HLF and amend if necessary.</td>
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<td>Data, Consultation and Project Ideas developed.</td>
<td>• List and gather secondary data on area that demonstrates needs and opportunities. What would happen if did not go ahead?</td>
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<td>• Issue Project Proposal Forms to Partners/support partners to complete.</td>
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<td>• Brief consultation with audience for project in terms of needs and opportunities. Establish short consultation exercise.</td>
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<td>Needs from Development Phase and costs considered.</td>
<td>• Review development phase needs, timescale and costs. Citizen Science how to develop and deliver; Teacher lead study on needs of information and use; access and IDB outreach opportunities; Apprentices – what are the needs and heritage and conservation sector across the area. Work Welfare Programme.</td>
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<td>Third Steering Group held to feedback on research and consultation data collected.</td>
<td>• Feedback of data collected through research and consultation.</td>
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<td>• Feedback on projects proposed and strategic fit to overall Proposal. Finalise Projects.</td>
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<td>Phase One Application drafted.</td>
<td>• Draft application form.</td>
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<td>• Develop costing and finances.</td>
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<td>• Develop timetable for Development Phase.</td>
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<td>• Develop Job Descriptions for Development Phase.</td>
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<td>• Develop Briefs for the internal and external commissioning of work.</td>
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<td>• Ensure all partners have signed Partnership Agreement.</td>
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<td>• Ensure letters of support received from all relevant partners and Ouse Washes Board.</td>
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<td>• Ensure have good images to illustrate the project and other relevant supporting material.</td>
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<td>Fourth Steering Group meeting held to finalise application and supporting documents.</td>
<td>• Sign Off Application.</td>
<td>Mid Feb-2017</td>
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<td>Application submitted.</td>
<td>• Make final adjustments to Application, chase missing documents chased and then submit application and supporting documentation.</td>
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Dear colleagues,

Use of 4x4s and motorbikes on public rights of way

As a result of discussion with Defra Ministers (who have written to National Park Authorities in similar terms) I am writing in relation to the difficult issue for Local Highway Authorities of controlling the use of 4x4s and motorbikes on public rights of way. It is clear that, in certain hotspots, there are three major problems:

- Conflict between motor vehicles and other users;
- Damaged route surfaces, especially where drainage is poor; and
- Illegal use of routes including where traffic regulation orders are in place.

The Government is nevertheless resolute that such problems must be addressed so that you can safeguard the network in your area for the greater enjoyment of all users. You, of course, already have considerable powers to deal with these problems; and you have local knowledge about users and how to go about encouraging voluntary restraint. But there may be the potential to make greater use of your traffic regulation order powers in controlling the misuse of motor vehicles, both on byways open to all traffic and other unsealed routes – building on, for example, the successful introduction of traffic regulation orders in both the Yorkshire Dales and the Peak District National Parks.

As you will be aware, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 enables you to restrict, prohibit or regulate the use of routes through traffic regulation orders, which can be permanent, temporary or experimental. They can apply all year
or at specific times of year. Orders can prevent damage to a route, preserve the character of a route or conserve the natural beauty of an area, including flora and fauna, and geological features.

Without enforcement a traffic regulation order may have limited effect on preventing irresponsible use and therefore liaison with local police is an important aspect of any successful order. The police also have powers under the Police Reform Act 2002 to seize vehicles that are being driven in a careless and inconsiderate manner and in a way that causes alarm, distress or annoyance. Enforcement may also require physical barriers to control access, but these should be in keeping with the local area and not prevent other legitimate users using the route.

Temporary traffic regulation orders are easier to introduce, are more flexible and can be used where there is a likelihood of danger to the public or serious damage to a route, and if work is planned on or near a route.

Many unsealed routes are not recorded on the definitive map and statement, and clarifying their status by recording them, often as a restricted byway, can be a quicker and more direct way of managing motor vehicle problems. As you know, the Government’s package of reforms to the process for recording public rights of way, due to be implemented later this year, will make this process more streamlined and less costly for all parties.

More detailed information on all these subjects is available in the Defra publications ‘Making the Best of Byways’ and ‘Regulating the use of Motor Vehicles on public rights of way and off road’.

During the passage of the Deregulation Act through Parliament in early 2015, the Coalition Government committed to Defra and Natural England together establishing a Motor Vehicle Working Group of stakeholder experts to consider the issues around motor vehicular use of unsealed routes and make recommendations. However, the Government believes that locally brokered solutions will be far more effective in the long term and is keen that you share your considerable knowledge and expertise with each other, and with National Park Authorities, so that you can learn from each other and build on existing best practice.

To take this forward, the Government proposes setting up a one-off forum for all motor vehicle stakeholders to share their experiences and discuss ways of working together in the future. Defra has written to the Institute of Public Rights of Way (IPROW) and the Association of Directors of Environment, Planning and Transport rights of way managers group (ADEPT) to invite Local
Highway Authority representatives to participate in such a one-off forum. If you have any suggestions you would like to contribute ahead of this, please contact jonathan.tweney@defra.gsi.gov.uk or feed in your ideas via IPROW or ADEPT. If there is sufficient interest, Defra and Natural England will set up the forum; if it proves useful you may subsequently wish to consider setting up a more permanent forum yourselves, which the Government would of course be keen to support.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Jones

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