



Hertfordshire Local Access Forum

64th Meeting Minutes

2nd December 2019

(Hertfordshire Sports Village, Hatfield)



- LAF Members:** Liddy Lawrence (Chair), Ian Gregory (Vice-chair), Chris Hall, Diana Collingridge, Russell Huffer, Brian Worrell, Cllr Chris Lloyd, Debbie Hougie, Rosemary Gilligan, Cllr Mark Mills-Bishops, Paul Christian
- Apologies:** Gary O'Leary.
- HCC Officers:** Richard Cuthbert, Team Leader & Jamie Bartlett, Enforcement Officer (Countryside & Rights of Way Service)
- Welcome:** Cllr Chris Lloyd, plus John Featherstone, BHS; David Keeley, STAAF; and Bianca Badham, Earthworks.

1	Minutes and matters arising
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) BHS request for meeting - supported by LAF - needs to be requested directly for formal response from Portfolio Holder.ii) Use the Health eBulletin to recruit a rep for the LAF - RC ask HHW.iii) Tarmac update would be useful - RC to chase.iv) BC/DC rep vacancy now filled - by Cllr Chris Lloyd, 3RDCv) BW Concrete blocks on Ridgeway now gone, as 6-month closure finished and surface settled in. Bucks CC route surfacing is built to cope with farm machinery, rather than doing PTROs. Good liaison with local Police (Rural Division) who liaise and have a presence at misuse hot-spots.vi) RH, GLASS Volunteer tasks are self-insured and can use heavy machinery - works in Wales, Devon and Yorks. Sustrans insurance, used by IG for small works. RH & CH to meet with LT & TB to clarify support and possible options.vii) Adequate LAF Secretarial Support → RC/DH to follow-up student options.viii) RC to thank Mike Hartley for all his service to the LAF, as no longer a member.ix) Definitive Map backlog and 2026 cut-off, still awaiting national legislation.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- RC to share stats on number of applications received in last 5 years and spreadsheet of Applications.x) RG Do developers / planners see the map layer of pending DM applications? - Yes, they are sent them in planning responses with RoWIP desires and DM&S routes.xi) BW are FPs asked to be upgraded via development? - Yes as a matter of course, to make multi-user routes and sustainable transport routes.xii) JF Are CRoW consulted by Highways DM Team - Tony Bradford / Mark Youngman's teams? Given recent garden villages and A602 examples – Yes, better communication is now in place. Issue of A507 closure to HGVs using A602 instead, increasing danger for NMUs trying to cross the A602. Cycle Herts put-in an 18-page objection to the A602 project's Side Roads Order, trying to secure improved facilities for cycling.

2	<p>Member Updates</p> <p>CH No more parish council meetings planned about the PTRO review. TRF have met with CRoW over process and priorities. TRF see their role as to increase motorcycle access; TRF are talking to 3 landowners to negotiate paid-for m/c access and using The Trails Trust guidance.</p> <p>IG A414 Corridor Plan approved by HCC cabinet → RC circulate to all. → need for safe crossing provision for equestrians, so not like BR crossings on existing A414 between Hatfield and London Colney. New Herts Cycling Map now printed - copies available from HCC.</p> <p>DH DMMOs backlog → Aldenham Co. Park MOD app highlights issues that can arise when cases are not progressed swiftly.</p> <p>LL Railfreight Terminal have “broken ground” at Park Street site, which extends planning for another 3 years.</p>
3	<p>Access in New Developments</p> <p>RC outlined Birchall Garden Suburb options → comments needed by WHBC by 11th December for PINS consideration.</p> <p>IG How does it connect to Hatfield? How do users cross A414/Birchall Lane? Would cycle route be lit for commuter and school use? 3m min width essential. Wildlife corridor 100m wide to be effective.</p> <p>DG could they be split; wildlife corridor and cycle route? Is there an overall Greenway Plan for across Herts?</p> <p>BW = GRIP/Ship → links for all. Looks a bit piecemeal, who consider overview? → e.g; HH crossing of M1 to expanded business plan to Picotts end housing proposals. Green Corridor route through needed to get beyond M1 and off Bucks Greenway (email from BW) links. Opportunity to overcome severance. Need to ensure :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planners achieve improvements while we have the opportunity. • Need greenway links to achieve Climate Emergency <p>DH asked for an update on all 11 LPAs position /progress and Herts growth board.</p> <p>MM-B will liaise with Cllr David Williams (HCC leader).</p>
4	<p>Review of Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders (PTROs)</p> <p>RC outlined the process for reviewing existing PTROs, which is the same as for creating new Orders. Regulations suggest Orders must be reviewed regularly and HCC has set this at every 10 years. HCC TRO Guidance will be followed, which ensures the Authority complies with recent case law decisions and assesses the tests in the legislation.</p> <p>JB outlined progress so far in surveying the routes with PTROs. Starting in Dacorum walking and photographing the routes. This is intended to bring a fresh pairs of eyes, with no preconceptions to the process.</p> <p>LAF asked for numbers of routes affected and the plan for the project. RC/JB to share the spreadsheet and the process.</p>
5	<p>Field Trip</p> <p>Being planned for Tring Park and the SSSI area nearby, and the Tring PTRO byways On Friday 7th February 2020 (a.m.).</p>
6	<p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LL and RC to finish letter and send on to Tarmac • RC to circulate list of names awaiting Huddle access
7	<p>Dates for future meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th February 2020 - Field Trip (Tring) • 9th March 2020 • 29th April - Business meeting with Huddle Training • 10th June 2020