



**Hertfordshire Local Access Forum**  
**56th Local Access Forum – Minutes**



6 December 2017 at Hertfordshire Sports Village

**LAF Members:** Liddy Lawrence (Chair), Ian Gregory (Vice-chair), Diana Collingridge, Gary O’Leary, Mike Hartley, Rosemary Gilligan, Deborah Hougie, Paul Christian, Russell Huffer, Brian Worrell, Mark Mills-Bishop

**HCC Officers:** Richard Cuthbert (ROW), Jacob Wing (TARS), Bethan Clemence (Public Health)

**Apologies:** Bill Storey

<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes and matters arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BW: Green corridor issues</li> <li>• LL: Natural England report – has been prepared</li> <li>• Secretarial support</li> <li>• New membership suggestions</li> <li>• Blue book for roads on Huddle - or all can see as publicly available on the Broads Authority website:  <a href="http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/833169/The-Blue-Book-for-Roads.pdf">http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/833169/The-Blue-Book-for-Roads.pdf</a></li> <li>• Representative from Symondshyde development for next mtg.</li> <li>• Future meetings – March and June dates to be confirmed (likely to be Tuesdays)</li> <li>• Discuss dogs and livestock at fieldtrip - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January - Lea Valley.</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RC</b> to circulate Herts LAF Natural England report</li> <li>• <b>RC</b> to consider IPROW review of Blue Book for Roads document</li> <li>• <b>RC</b> to refresh Huddle awareness</li> <li>• <b>All</b> to circulate written member updates</li> <li>• <b>RC</b> to circulate sheep worrying paper</li> </ul>
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>Public Health (Bethan Clemence)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health improvement (commissioned services, interventions), protection (commissioned services, threats to human health), service</li> </ul>

improvement, via Policy and strategy influence

- Prevention and Reducing health inequalities (11 year life expectancy gap in Herts, between healthiest and least healthy)
- £16m per year cost to society of physical inactivity
- Wider determinants of health – behaviours, socio-economic factors, built environment
- No direct cause and effect relationship, but natural environment is fundamental to human health
- Local activity examples:
  - Hertfordshire health walks, 20-60% decrease in a wide range of diseases, £1 spend = £7 NHS benefit
  - ParksHerts app: locations of parks and information, also links into walking and cycling routes (see [www.parksherts.co.uk](http://www.parksherts.co.uk))
  - Year of Physical Activity (2018) – Herts Sports Partnership led, primarily around the “Couch to 30 mins” campaign, series of short videos. Contact Jane Parker at Herts Sports Partnership
  - Other district led projects include support for Mudlarks Community Garden and Park Run
- Social prescribing – NHS Sustainable Transformation Plans, enabling people to help themselves, avoiding GP appointments for non-medical issues, referral route through HertsHelp

### Questions

- Life expectancy gap elsewhere? Average for England around 7 years, also consider disability inequality, pockets across county
- County and district roles? Good working relationships – some devolved funding to local priorities
- Fall prevention being picked up by Adult Care Services primarily
- Local Nature Partnership? Currently no resource, options are being considered
- Involvement in countryside stewardship schemes? Some relevance of ROWIP; primarily through DEFRA
- U3A involvement as regards elderly? - each U3A area has many

	<p>walking groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bucks LAF – encouraging cycle routes within the transport planning framework.</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BC</b> to circulate natural environment and public health literature review</li> <li>• <b>BC</b> to circulate Wildlife Trusts natural environments research</li> <li>• <b>BC</b> to pass stewardship access opportunities through Public Health England to DEFRA</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Access and Rights of Way, and Countryside Management Service review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tony Bradford appointed head of Countryside and Rights of Way</li> <li>• County Council budget constraints – merger of the two teams</li> <li>• Slight reduction in staffing expected (2 posts)</li> <li>• Seeking to finalise new structure by 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Local Transport Plan 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation – see <a href="http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ltp">www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ltp</a></li> <li>• NB: closing at end of January</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>All</b> to respond to LTP4 consultation</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Major developments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern from British Horse Society that large developments traffic generation affecting minor road network, forming links between the bridleway (and wider Rights of Way) network</li> <li>• Examples in North Herts, East Herts, St Albans</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crown land exemptions? Some but generally the same regulation applies</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>Date of Next LAF Mtgs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>6th March 2018</b></li><li>• <b>5th June 2018</b></li></ul> <p>Venue as usual is Herts Sports Village.</p>