

Norfolk Local Access Forum

Report title:	NLAF subgroups' report (Permissive Access; PROW; NAIP)
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Strategic impact Activities since the last Norfolk Local Access Forum (NLAF) meeting by the NLAF's three subgroups are summarised.	

Executive summary

This report summarises activities since the last NLAF meeting by the NLAF's three subgroups: The Public Rights of Way (PROW) subgroup; the Permissive Access subgroup and the Norfolk Access Improvement Plan (NAIP) subgroup.

Recommendations:

That the NLAF:

- (i) requests an update on the Greenways project at the July meeting as recommended by the PROW subgroup**
- (ii) considers a recommendation by the PROW subgroup to send a formal letter to the Legal Orders and Registers Team requesting an update on the Pockthorpe Lane, Thompson case**
- (iii) notes the date for the first parish council seminar**
- (iv) confirms that the NAIP subgroup has delegated authority to work with NCC officers outside NLAF meetings on the annual delivery plan 2019 / 2020 and monitoring mechanism.**
- (v) notes progress with permissive access schemes.**

1. Proposal (or options)

- 1.1. The **PROW subgroup** met on the 11th January 2019 (See **Appendix 1** for minutes from the meeting).

The subgroup recommended that Matt Hayward should be invited back to the NLAF meeting in July to report back on the Greenways project.

The subgroup was concerned about the length of time taken by NCC to send a referral document concerning the Pockthorpe Lane, Thompson case to the Planning Inspectorate for determination and recommended that a formal letter was sent in by the NLAF to Legal Orders and Registers Team requesting an update and timescale.

The first parish council seminar would take place mid week at North Walsham at the Atrium during half term (27th to 31st May 2019) from 2pm to 4pm.

- 1.2. **Permissive Access subgroup**

A presentation on the Bradenham permissive scheme which has established 12 km of permissive footpath will be made to the NLAF at this meeting.

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- 1.3. **NAIP subgroup**

The NAIP was endorsed by the NCC Environment Development and Transport Committee at their meeting on 8th March 2019 and has been formally adopted by

the Council. It has been uploaded to the NCC website:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/out-and-about-in-norfolk/public-rights-of-way/norfolk-access-improvement-plan>

NCC would like the NLAf to confirm that it is happy for the NAIP subgroup to have delegated authority to agree the annual delivery plan and monitoring mechanism for 2019/ 20 outside main NLAf meetings. NCC asks that the subgroup meets in May to do this.

The terms of reference for the subgroup are attached (**Appendix 2**)

2. Evidence

- 2.1. Pockthorpe Lane, Thompson is a complex case where access rights are being contested. NCC has made an order for BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic) for part of the route. The order has attracted landowner objections. The case which is an NCC 'own motion' will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for resolution once the paperwork has been approved by NPLAW.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1. None as a result of this report

4. Issues, risks and innovation

- 4.1. None as a result of this report

5. Background

- 5.1. Please see proposal

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