



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

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Title:

1. **Buckinghamshire Integrated Landscape System.**
2. **HS2: the proposed high speed railway through Buckinghamshire.**

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1. Mark Bailey, Natural Environment Team Leader, will provide a presentation introducing the Forum to the Buckinghamshire Integrated Landscape System (BLIS). BLIS is a new spatial resource based on a number of Geographical Information System (GIS) datasets containing a number of landscape and environment components which collectively provide data that meets national guidelines, policy and best practice. BLIS will be used principally by strategic planners, transport officers, and land managers to enable informed decision-making about land use/land management change as well as ensuring the protection of the character of Buckinghamshire's landscape. Information gained from the system can also contribute towards good design and improved quality of life through informing provision of cultural and green infrastructure.
2. Mark Bailey will also update the Forum on proposals for High Speed Rail (HS2) and show how BLIS is being used by the County Council to undertake a Baseline Environmental Assessment for each of the three proposed rail routes within Buckinghamshire.

Recommendation: Members to consider comments.