



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

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HS2

- 1 John Elfes attended the HS2 summit at AVDC Offices on 19th April 2012 and will be attending 'the Missendens' HS2 Community Forum taking place during the second week in July 2012. Viv Lynch attended the Stoke Mandeville and Aylesbury Community Forum on 5th July 2012.
- 2 Rosie Brake, the lead officer for HS2 at Bucks CC has suggested the LAF should have a place within the engagement framework, of which the Community Forums are a part. There will be a Buckinghamshire Mitigation Panel to which John Elfes is invited, but until cost recovery and an engagement framework have been agreed with HS2, this will be delayed. There will also be a Planning Forum every 2 months, into which the LAF can feed their advice. Buckinghamshire LAF should decide who should be involved and if a sub-group should be formed?

Olympics - Dorney

- 3 Peter Challis will give a brief update on the final legacy works Sustrans have undertaken around the Dorney rowing venue.

CRoW 2000 open access land consultation review

- 4 At the February 2012 meeting, members discussed the CRoW 2000 open access land consultation review at Chawley Manor Farm, West Wycombe and made representation to Natural England. Natural England issued their final decision which was published in May 2012. The Outline direction Notice (Appendix 5) and Direction Notice (Appendix 6) were issued by NE on 23rd April 2012.

South East LAF Conference

- 5 Viv Lynch attended this Conference on 22nd May 2012 in London and the summary notes are available in Appendix 7.

The Rifle Range site: detections and disposal of buried ordnance.

- 6 The site is next to Pulpit Hill near Chequers in the Chilterns (see map in Appendix 9). There are no records of munitions that date back to the 2nd World War, and the County Council is looking to hand over management of the site to BBOWT on a long term lease, but this will not be done until the site has been cleared. Ownership will remain with the County Council.
- 7 The site is a Special Site of Scientific Interest (SSSI), has CROW 2000 Open Access designation and the Ridgeway National Trail runs through the site. There will be an alternative route for footpath that forms the Ridgeway and the National Trails Office and Parish Council, County Council Cabinet Member and Local Member, District Council and Chiltern Society will be kept fully informed.
- 8 Specialist contractors will be brought onto the site to dispose of the munitions, likely to be in October 2012. Due notice will be given to Natural England in order to close the open access land.