



## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

# Report

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### AGENDA ITEM 7

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#### Open Access

- 1 The parcel of common land called Pinner Green (HP5 1UL), fenced off along the west side of Blackwell Hall Lane, Latimer, has been discussed at previous meetings. Following the chairman's letters of 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Chiltern district council confirmed the fence wire has now been removed (Appendix 3) to allow free pedestrian access to the common, while leaving the post uprights to prevent possible fly-tipping. The Open Spaces Society provided a press release (Appendix 4) which featured on the 'getBucks' news website (Appendix 5).

#### 2026 Cut-off date

- 2 A letter was distributed by email from the Chairman (Appendix 6) to all Buckinghamshire parish councils and user groups (Appendix 7) inviting volunteers to form a group to co-ordinate progress towards achieving better access in the county before the definitive map is closed for new applications. Within the first week there were 13 volunteers. A strategy for organising the volunteer group will need to be formed.

#### Ongoing Projects

- 3 Gavin Caspersz and Andrew Clark have undertaken surveys together in Hockeridge Woods, Johns Lane, Ashley Green, HP4 2SZ (Appendix 8), to seek better pushchair and mobility scooter access. They have also been in contact with the landowner, The Royal Forestry Society, for permission to modify the existing gates.
- 4 Gavin Caspersz attended a local stakeholders briefing workshop for the proposed A355 Relief Road scheme to the east of Beaconsfield. Various route designs were presented and attendees invited to comment and indicate preferences.

## **Joint LAF meeting**

- 5 A joint meeting was held at Maidenhead Town Hall on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 to discuss cross-boundary issues between Buckinghamshire, Slough, Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead (RBWM), Surrey, Mid & West Berks and Bracknell Forest. The meeting touched on the proposal for new bridleway dedication along the Jubilee River network between Tapolow and Eton after the Chairman wrote the RBWM council on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015 (Appendix 9). The M4 Smart Motorway scheme was also discussed, in particular the three crossings on the county boundary (i. Old Slade Lane, Iver; ii. Thames Path underpass; and iii. Old Marsh Lane, Dorney). A co-ordinated response to Highways England was discussed, as were other boundary issues and possible future site meetings.
- 6 John Elfes attended the South East Local Access Forum Chairs meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in London. A range of topics discussed included LAF member training, conferences, government consultations to LAFs and the List of Streets.

## **Annual Report 2014/15**

- 7 The Buckinghamshire LAF annual report summarises the key achievements of the forum between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 and was submitted Natural England on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The report is enclosed for reference (Appendix 10).

## **LAF dates for 2016**

- 8 The dates of the next meetings, in Mezz 1, are: 23/3/06, 20/7/06 and 9/11/06.