



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

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Membership

1. Clive Harriss joins the Forum as Deputy Cabinet Member for Planning & Environment, replacing Netta Glover and Warren Whyte. Clive is the Conservative County Council Member for the Bernwood Division (Haddenham, Long Crendon, Worminghall) and Wycombe District Council member for the Icknield Ward.

East West Rail

2. Alan Lambourne attended an EWR public consultation event on Thursday 25 May 2017, at Waddesdon Village Hall, but on arrival found it had been cancelled due to the General Election. Alan has offered to attend the rearranged event in Waddesdon when the consultation on the Transport and Works Act Order Environmental Statement will be publically available. Other events are as follows:

Location	Date	Time	Address
Winslow	12 July	12-8pm	Public Hall, Elmfields Gate, MK18 3JG
Waddesdon	14 July	12-8pm	Waddesdon Village Hall, Baker Street, HP18 0LQ
Newton Longville	17 July	3-7pm	2 Paradise, MK17 0AQ
Chamdon	20 July	3-7pm	Community Centre, Chamdon Playing Fields, Steeple Claydon Road, OX27 0BL
Princes Risborough	21 July	12-8pm	Elim Church@Risborough, 9 Bell Street, HP27 0DE

3. At an earlier consultation at which Alan and the Ramblers attended, a useful suggestion was made by Alan that an additional footpath connection to Footpath WIS/6/1 would improve pedestrian access to the new Winslow School along Furze Lane. Unfortunately, East West Rail returned comments as follows:

This has been considered beyond the scope of the EWR works; therefore will not be included as part of our project. However, I wanted to bring this to your attention in case you feel it is something that should be raised with other interested parties.

Despite this the council will seek to secure such a connection from any future development in this area.

Services from Bedford to Winslow and Bicester, and Milton Keynes to Aylesbury are predicted to be operational in 2019.

Rights of way diversions as a result of EWR are as follows:

Marsh Gibbon -MGI/5/1

Poundon No. 2- POD/2/1

Charndon No. 3 - POD/4/2, CHA/3/1

Twyford No 2 & 3 - TWY/3/1

Middle Claydon No. 8 - MCL/8/1, SCL/1/3

Middle Claydon No's 4 & 6 - MCL/4/1, MCL/6/2, MCL/6/1, MCL/4/2

Verney Junction - MCL/2/1, MCL/2/2

Winslow FP No. 5 - ADD/11/1, WIS/5/1

Winslow FP No. 17 - SWA/17/1 (incorrectly named by EWR)

Moco Farm No. 2 - SWA/1/2

Swanbourne Old Station - MUR/19/1, LHO/27/1, SWA/20/

Swans Way - LHO/20/1, MUR/13/1

North Bucks Way No.1 - WAD/3/5

Griffin Lane – AYL/7/1, AYL/8/1

Hockeridge Wood Disabled Access Improvements

4. Gavin and Andrew have been investigating the possibility of replacing two narrow kissing gates at Hockeridge Wood, Ashley Green with the Royal Forestry Society. Gavin has designed metal gates that incorporate RADAR operated disabled locks into the existing design. Andrew is hoping to apply for external funding to pay for the project.

CAMS Web

5. Members may recall the Forum decided to write to David Sutherland, Head of Planning & Environment, after the March 2017 meeting and after the presentation on the new Maintain My Street System for reporting highways defects (potholes), etc. at the November 2016 meeting. Richard's letter of 22nd March 2017 (Appendix 3) received a reply on 29th March 2017 (Appendix 4). Mr Sutherland agrees with member's comments and has now set-aside funding to pay for CAMS web. The new system will need to be compatible with existing IT in the council's Contact Centre, so a little more work is needed before the software is purchased. Once up and running CAMS web will allow easier public problem reporting and allow much better visibility of each stiles, gates and bridges on the network via web-based electronic mapping to aid those with reduced mobility to plan their walks.

Heritage Lottery Fund: Chalk Cherries and Trees Landscape Partnership Scheme

6. The LAF Chairman and Strategic Officer met Nick Marriner (Development Officer, Landscape and Ecology) who is one of the newly appointed team members leading on this Chiltern's project. Others include Steven Warnock (Development Officer, Landscape) and Jacky Akam (Landscape Partnership Development Manager).

The Local Access Forum are an official project partner and were involved in discussions prior to the successful Stage 1 Heritage Lottery Bid being submitted. The Project is now in 'Stage 2' development following the initial approval of £185, 600 to develop plans and seek final approval for a full grant of £2.18m. Over the next 15 months a range of Landscape Partnership projects will be explored. Ideas during discussions with Richard included:

- Management of highway verge vegetation;
- Management and protection of sunken lanes;
- Linking with the Restoring the Record Project;
- Breaking down barriers preventing people from engaging with the countryside; and
- Improving people's health and well-being through reconnecting with the beauty of the landscape.

Chilterns Walking Festival

7. Gavin led disabled access walks at Wendover Woods and Ivinghoe Beacon. Andrew led walks as follows:
 - Wednesday 26 April - The pre-launch walk from Foxes in Amersham;
 - Saturday 13 May - Chesham Beat the Bounds Walk;
 - Tuesday 16 May - Foxtrot Walk from Fox's in Amersham;
 - Wednesday 17 May - Black Horse Walk in Chesham Vale; and
 - Friday 26 May - Ivinghoe Archaeology Walk

Slough Local Plan – issues and options consultation

Alison responded to this consultation on behalf of the British Horse Society and her response is enclosed for information in Appendix 5.

LAF dates for 2017

8. The date of the next meeting is 8th November 2017.