



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

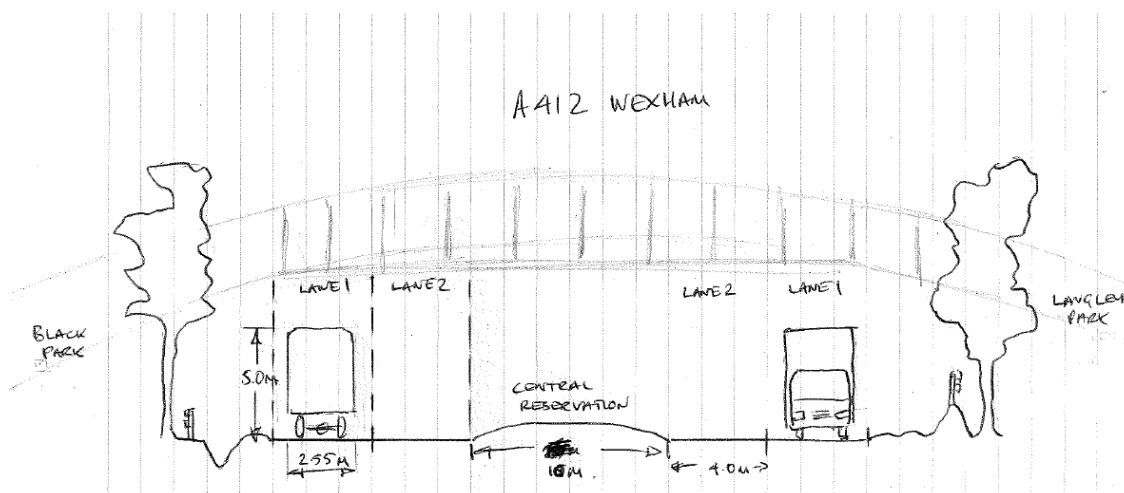
AGENDA ITEM 6

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Site meeting

1. Slough LAF invited members of Buckinghamshire LAF to attend a meeting at Black Park to understand and appreciate the severance issues for non-motorised users crossing the A412 Uxbridge Road dual carriageway between Black Park and Langley Park. Unfortunately, Bucks LAF members were unable to attend, but Andrew Fowler, Head of Country Parks & Green Spaces with the county council, was able to attend.

The best solution would be a bridge across the road suitable for walkers, horse riders and cyclists, as the sketch below illustrates, but would need to be at full height right to the edge of the carriageway. The cost is likely to be prohibitively expensive at an estimated £5m. There are further complications around the length of ramps into each park, especially as Langley is a Grade II listed historic landscape.



A surface, traffic-lighted crossing is further complicated by safety concerns highlighted by TfB engineers. An additional safety concern in the parks area is the Black Park Road - Uxbridge Road junction which has a very poor safety record.

Events

2. Andrew Clark, Alison Heath and Gavin Caspersz attended an event held by Cllr Bill Chapple at Black Park to celebrate and thank volunteers for their work.
3. Andrew Clark and Gavin Caspersz attended the new National Land Access Centre gate display at Aston Rowant OX49 5HX. The centre was launched by Lord Blencathra and provides an environment in which users, professionals and volunteers can trial gates and other infrastructure meeting the British Standard (BS5709: 2018) for gaps gates and stiles. The standard requires 'the least restrictive option' to be available to users, aimed at opening up the countryside for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and mobility vehicles (wheelchairs and push chairs) - see photos below. The gate display is open every day of the year and LAF Members are welcome to attend.





LAF dates for 2019

4. 20th March 2019; 24th July 2019 and 6th November 2018.