



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

AGENDA ITEM 4

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Having opened on 28th January 2019 and continuing until 31st March 2019, the 'information gathering' phase of ROWIP 2 is underway. All responses will be collated and reviewed up to 31st August 2019, after which a draft ROWIP 2 will be written. A further public consultation will be held between September and November 2019 to invite comments on the proposed plan.

At 25th February 2019, a summary of engagement activities are as follows:

- All **parish councils** have received a letter and have been invited to fill in a survey, with 32 of 173 having responded;
- All **Local Area Forums** will receive a briefing presented by Buckinghamshire County Council staff;
- A range of **organisations** have received letters inviting their views (see next page), with the option to complete a stakeholder survey. Some of these have been offered the opportunity to meet;
- A **public survey** has been posted online. Buckinghamshire communications and web teams have been further promoting through social media and all organisations receiving letters have been invited to circulate the link. The response rate has been extremely high, with 1,100 responses. The survey closes on 31st March 2019 and the web link is:
https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Bucks_CC_ROWIP
- A range of **focus groups** are being arranged for early April 2019 to engage with sectors of the community who are not 'usual' public rights of way users. The focus group exercise aims to engage with those with disabilities, health issues, people from ethnic and minority groups and those living in new communities. Several prospective organisations have been suggested by health and community engagement officers at Buckinghamshire County Council. Those who are not invited to the focus groups will receive a letter to invite their views.

The results of the engagement exercise will help to inform priorities and opportunities for inclusion in ROWIP 2. The results will be reported to the LAF at the extraordinary meeting on 21st May 2019 after which members can draw conclusions discuss their priorities for ROWIP 2. A report of the review of ROWIP 1 will also be shared with the LAF. Further details of the agenda of the extraordinary LAF meeting will be forwarded prior to the meeting.

The timetable to produce ROWIP 2 is shown in APPENDIX 1.

Category	Organisation	Approach
User Groups and Wider Public	Local Access Forum	Additional meeting in May 2019
User Groups and Wider Public	Simply Walk	Attend walks
Local Area Forums	Local Area Forums and Local Community Partnerships	BCC reps to update with briefing paper
Bucks CC	Bucks CC members	Briefing paper
Bucks CC	Natural Environment Team	Email to inform
Bucks CC	EWR	Email to inform
Bucks CC	Expressway	Email to inform
Bucks CC	HS2	Email to inform
Bucks CC	Heathrow	Email to inform
User Groups and Wider Public	People with disabilities	Focus Group
User Groups and Wider Public	New communities	Focus Group
User Groups and Wider Public	Black and Ethnic Minority	Focus Group
User Groups and Wider Public	Health and Wellbeing	Focus Group
Neighbouring Highways Authorities	e.g. Central Bedfordshire Council, Hertfordshire, Oxfordshire, etc.	Letter
Neighbouring Highways Authorities	Slough Unitary Authority	Letter
District Councils	Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern, South Bucks, Wycombe.	Letter
Parish Councils	Bucks and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils	Letter
Organisations	Buckinghamshire and Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership	Letter
Organisations	National Farmers Union	Letter and offer meeting
Organisations	Country Land and Business Association	Letter and offer meeting
Organisations	Chiltern Society Rights of Way Group	Letter

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Organisations	Natural England	Letter
Organisations	Historic England	Letter
Organisations	Environment Agency	Letter
Organisations	RSPB	Letter and encourage members to take online survey
Organisations	Sustrans	Letter and encourage members to take online survey
Organisations	Off Road/Trail Riders - Trail Riders Fellowship	Letter and additional LAF workshop in May
Organisations	Equestrians - British Horse Society	Letter and additional LAF workshop in May
LAF Members	Ramblers Association	Letter and additional LAF workshop in May
LAF Members	Trail Riders' Fellowship	Letter and additional LAF workshop in May
LAF Members	Additional LAF members not associated with particular user groups	Letter and additional LAF workshop in May
Organisations	Bucks Conservation Trust	Letter and encourage members to take online survey
Organisations	CPRE	Letter and encourage members to take online survey
Organisations	Iver and District Conservation Association	Letter and encourage members to take online survey
Organisations	Marlow Society	Letter and encourage members to take online survey
Organisations	Transition Town Marlow	Letter and encourage members to take online survey
Organisations	Byways and Bridleways Trust	Letter and encourage members to take online survey
Organisations	British Driving Society, Beds, Bucks and Herts	Letter and encourage members to take online survey
Organisations	Disabled Ramblers	Letter and encourage members to take online survey
Organisations	Chilterns Conservation Board	Letter and meeting

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Organisations	Ridgeway National Trail	Letter and meeting
Organisations	Thames Path National Trail	Letter and meeting
Organisations	Open Spaces Society	Letter and offer meeting with Ramblers and OSS
Organisations	Ramblers Association	Letter and offer meeting with Ramblers and OSS
Organisations	Colne Valley Regional Park	Letter and offer meeting
Organisations	Tourism - Visit Buckinghamshire	Letter and offer meeting
Organisations	National Trust	Letter and offer meeting
Parish Councils	See separate sheet	Letter and online survey
Bucks CC	Aylesbury Garden Town	Meeting
Bucks CC	Highways - Policy and Strategy	Ongoing liaison
Bucks CC	Sustainable Transport	Ongoing liaison
Bucks CC	Health	Ongoing liaison
Bucks CC	Country Parks	Ongoing liaison

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