



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

AGENDA ITEM 9

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Title: LAF members' report

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1. **CROW Act Open Access consultation: 5-year review proposing to maintain restrictions for shooting (Wayside Farm, Bledlow Ridge) and restricting walkers to a fenced, permissive path when grazing with cattle & calves (Chawley Manor Farm, West Wycombe).**

In January 2022 Natural England sought additional Local Access Forum comments regarding the necessity of existing land management restrictions on a parcel of land at Chawley Manor Farm, Bledlow HP14 4BS. In reply the chairman wrote to Natural England on 4th March 2022 [APPENDIX 2].

The LAF reply sought to relocate pedestrians off the 'marked route' which ran through an overgrown, scrubby corridor, south-west of Chinnor Road. An additional suggestion sought a new pedestrian access gate onto the Open Access land off Lower Road.

The revised restriction has now been published, and Natural England agreed with the Local Access Forum: that the public be allowed unrestricted access to the whole open access parcel without needing to use the scrubby, fenced-off corridor when cows were present. Nevertheless, walkers with dogs should, all times, keep dogs on a lead and stick to the 'marked route', which is now along open land to the west of the fenced corridor. This simplifies the restriction and resolves trying to keep on top of the scrub growth with limited resources.

2. **Great Missenden Train Station: Disabled Access**

The LAF were consulted by Network Rail on the desirability of installing a lift to link north and south-bound platforms at Great Missenden station. The existing link for disabled and push chair users is outside the station along a steep and longer alternative

path. Written representations were made by members, included in the Chairman's reply [APPENDIX 3].

3. Woodland Management - West Wycombe HP14 3AH

The Local Access Forum are being invited by the National Trust to comment on proposed felling operations [a general thinning of ash dieback] taking place on land subject to CROW 2000 Open Access designation at Windy Haugh, West Wycombe HP14 3AH [APPENDIX 5]. Works require a temporary road closure and pedestrian access restrictions on areas being felled in autumn 2022 [not including the public footpath]. Neil Harris to outline.

4. Venue and dates of next meetings

Paralympic Room, The Gateway, Gatehouse Rd, AYLESBURY HP19 8FF - 10am
Wednesday 2nd November 2022.