

## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

# Report

### **AGENDA ITEM 6**

Date:	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022
Title:	LAF members' report
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#### 1. KBI Flexi-pave [Gavin Caspersz]

Following the KBI Flexi-pave presentation at the July 2022 meeting, Gavin Caspersz will arrange a display of samples to view during the 11am tea break.

#### 2. Ridgeway Delivery Group meeting 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 [Brian Worrell]

<u>a] Signage</u> – the overall message proposed was '*respect all users*', with preference for '*Be Nice, Say Hi*' slogan, developed by Cycling UK, along with '*Leave no Trace*'. <u>b] Grant funding 22/23</u> – proposed to be targeted on gates, benches and vegetation clearance where it improves access.

<u>c] Grant funding 23-253</u> Targeted on surfacing: e.g. World Heritage sections, Ivinghoe Beacon and Chequers [Ellesborough]. Any other ideas, please email: <u>sarah.wright@Oxfordshire.gov.uk</u>;

d] <u>Ridgeway 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary [2023</u>] has a dedicated website <u>The Ridgeway National</u> <u>Trail 50th anniversary</u>; focussing on the top 50 places to visit and is aimed at new audiences. Any areas that don't show the Ridgeway in a good light?

#### 3. Great Missenden Train Station: Disabled Access

The LAF were consulted in March 2022 by Network Rail on the desirability of installing a lift and ramps to link north and south-bound platforms at Great Missenden station. The existing connection for disabled and push chair users is outside the station along a steep and longer alternative path. The chairman wrote in support of the application on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023. We have now heard from Chiltern Railways' Stakeholder Manager to say the application to Network Rial was ultimately delayed from Spring 2022 to September 2022 and they anticipate an answer from Network Rail in early 2023.

#### 4. Opening of the new Berryfields to Buckingham Park Cyleway

Richard Jennings has inspected this new route and attended the opening ceremony. Richard to provide a summary Appendix C.

#### 5. West End Road, High Wycombe - Public Spaces Protection Order

Members may recall voting at the July 2022 meeting supporting the above order which closes Footpath HWU/80/1 for a further 3 years to combat anti-social behaviour. On 5th October 2022, the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member Health and Wellbeing, on behalf of the Leader of the Council, extended the order for a further three years commencing 10th October 2022.

Cllr. Lesley Clarke and other LAF members enquired if it was possible to extinguish the footpath permanently to avoid repeating the process every 3 years. In answer to that question, a summary is provided by the rights of way team in Appendix D

#### 6. LAF Annual report 2021/22

Enclosed for comment and final approval [Appendix E].

#### 7. Venue and dates of next meetings

Paralympic Room, The Gateway, Gatehouse Rd, AYLESBURY HP19 8FF - 10am, 1st March 2023; 12th July 2023, 1st November 2023.