



# NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM MEETING

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**MEETING CALLED** Neil Lewis (Officer NCC)  
**TO ORDER BY:**

**DATE:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**TIME:** 13.30

**VENUE:** Rufford Mill, Rufford

**NOTE TAKER:** Mary Mills (NCC)

**MEMBERS,  
PROSPECTIVE  
MEMBERS**

Dave Backhouse, Mary Mills, Chris Thompson, Dennis Reeson, Mike Graham, Hilary Limb, Councillor Mike Quigley, Councillor Jim Creamer, Penny Lymn Rose

**OFFICERS:** Neil Lewis (NCC)

**GUESTS:**

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## MINUTES

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### ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES

Alan Hudson, Stephen Walker, Sue Jones, Andrew Osbourne, Lynne Collins, Debbi Smith

### ITEM 2 – MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from the last meeting held at Rufford Mill, Rufford on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were approved as a true record.

### ITEM 3 – LOCAL ACCESS FORUM CHAIR

Dave Backhouse kindly volunteered as Chair of the LAF and was duly elected to that position, Penny Lymn Rose is standing down but will continue as an active LAF member. Alan Hudson continues as Vice Chair

### ITEM 4 – MATTERS ARISING

**Membership** -Mary requested an up-to-date membership list so that only those who wish to, receive all the consultations and other mailings, and we know how many active members we have and need to recruit.

**The Rack** -There has been no progress since the A46 Active Travel Group attended a site meeting to look at the possibility of a route dedication over “the Rack” there is however a DMMO Application with NCC.

**Jubilee Way Mansfield**- dates were put forward for a site visit to get a better understanding of the proposed development so that the LAF can offer advice and contribute to the consultation. The proposed dates are 25<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Neil to confirm ASAP.

**Moor Lane, Bingham** – Network Rail want to close this crossing to Equestrians (of whom there are very few or if any), Neil to meet with them and discuss a TRO, the LAF consider the crossing to be an important one for pedestrians and cyclists.

#### **ITEM 5 – JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY LAF AND PROPOSED RIVER TRENT BRIDGE**

A Joint meeting with Nottingham City LAF and other representatives has been arranged for 2pm on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at County Hall, this will be an opportunity to learn more about the new multiuser river bridge, connecting City and County, and to ask questions about its progress and design. This meeting will include an opportunity to join online for anyone unable to make the meeting in person.

#### **ITEM 6 – UPDATE ON THE M2M PROJECT-TRAILS AND PATHS**

The project finishes shortly, walk leaflets have been produced, some signage, steps and other works are still to be completed.

Neil to provide copies of booklets produced by the project for distribution at the next meeting.

#### **ITEM 7 - TRENT VALE TRAIL**

Recent heavy rain and flooding has had its effects but most of the existing trail is ok. A Diversion and upgrade of paths at South Clifton is currently progressing through the legal stages, this will provide a route on bridleways into South Clifton and permissive access for walkers to the trig point overlooking the Trent Vale.

#### **ITEM 8 – PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS – STANDING ITEM**

No updates on PSPOs affecting public access.

#### **ITEM 9 – NETWORK RAIL – STANDING ITEM**

Neil to invite a representative of Network Rail to attend our next meeting to update us on their plans and discuss concerns.

**North Muskham Footpath 1 Crossing**: Following the diversion of the footpath away from the footpath crossing, works on the new path have been progressing. The new path will be inspected and signed off by NCC shortly.

**Cross Lane, Collingham**: An application to close one level crossing and divert footpaths has been submitted by NR (a parting gift from David Shorrocks).

**Butts and Dykes Collingham**: Network Rail would like to take this to Public Inquiry.

**Attenborough**: These crossings are back on the radar due to recent suicides.

**East Markham**: Paths which were recorded on the Definitive Map approximately 8 years ago cross the East Coast Mainline at East Markham over 2 nonexistent bridges demolished by British Rail back in the 1970s. The paths are currently closed by TTROs. The County Council are discussing with local landowners, Network Rail and the Parish to look at path diversions and creations.

**Chestnut Grove Crossing, Burton Joyce**: Network Rail have made some improvements to the crossing and have also carried out some publicity to encourage safe usage.

**Kings Mill Bridge** - The bridge was surfaced by NR with around 3000 rubber tiles which are now lifting and also preventing proper drainage, Network Rail are replacing them when reported. Ongoing discussions regarding a long term solution continue.

#### **ITEM 10 – NCC PLANNING AND RIGHTS OF WAY CTTE – STANDING ITEM**

No Update.

## **ITEM 11 – TOWN OR VILLAGE GREENS/ COMMON LAND – STANDING ITEM**

No update.

## **ITEM 12 – PPOs AND DMMOs – STANDING ITEM**

**Babbington and the riverside path at Hallcroft** A DMMO has been made and objections have been received.

**Ethel Avenue** has been confirmed, by interim decision, as a Public Footpath, there is therefore still a chance for objector input.

**Elston** – a DMMO has been confirmed by the Planning Inspectorate, various PPOs are now out to consultation to enable the recognised paths to be accommodated in the modern landscape.

**Normanton on Trent FP8** – Diversion Order made but still one outstanding objection to be resolved.

**Nettleworth Manor**-Spion Kop Warsop, DMMO made for Restricted Byway, landowner has objected but has agreed to consider extinguishment of the Restricted Byway and creation of a Bridleway on a similar alignment.

**Calverton – Renals Way** – the developer has submitted an extinguishment Order application to the Department for Transport for 2 short paths across the woodland. The Ramblers and others have submitted objections to this.

## **ITEM 13 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ MEMBERS UPDATE**

**Radcliffe on Trent to Cotgrave multiuser greenway** – The greenway had to be closed to protect public safety after excavations from the adjacent landowner caused a partial collapse of the railway embankment, resolution of this will take some time.

**Attenborough for All** – A new consultation and project group have asked us for a LAF Representative, Chris Thompson has volunteered.

**D2N2 Cycle Alliance** – Penny has agreed to contact them and find out what is happening and ensure we are kept updated and that the plan also includes and considers horse riders.

## **ITEM 14 – FUTURE DATES AND VENUES**

The next full LAF meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 14th 7.15pm at County Hall, West Bridgford – subject to confirmation of availability of room.

Close of meeting.