

NEW FOREST ACCESS FORUM

Meeting: *Monday 3 September 2018*

Agenda item 11: *Reports from other Forums*

a) Hampshire Countryside Access Forum (HCAF) 19 June 2018

Draft minutes will be available on the Forum's website at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/countryside/hcaf>. The following is a summary of the main items covered:

- **Engagement with Hampshire Highways:** HCC is developing a Walking, Cycling & Horse-riding Assessment & Review process which is expected to mirror at a proportionate level the process identified by Highways England in HD 42/17.
- **Forward Plan:** there had been several significant changes since this was last reviewed in 2015. The Chair and vice-Chair presented an updated the plan which was approved subject to one minor amendment.
- **HCC draft Enforcement Policy:** this has recently been remodelled and a further draft will be brought to HCAF once HCC is satisfied with it internally.
- **BirdAware Solent consultation:** Rachel Bryan had attended a consultative meeting and had subsequently received early-stage draft Access management assessments for 3 sites on the Solent (Bunny Meadows, Emsworth and Ryde, Isle of Wight) and had prepared a draft response which the Forum approved with minor amendments.
- **Equestrian Guidance:** the draft is nearing completion and is due to be presented for formal approval/adoption by HCAF at the next meeting on 11 September.
- **List of Streets sub-group:** agreed to meet with Cllr Edward Heron, Executive Member for Countryside and Rural Affairs, to discuss a number of issues, including fragmentation of the off-road network and how the contact between Countryside and Highways works (this meeting took place at the end of July and will be reported at the next HCAF meeting on 11 September).
- **Country Parks Transformation Programme - Refurbishment of the Royal Victoria Chapel:** the Forum was given a presentation by the Chapel manager, Lauren Rhodes, followed by a guided tour of the refurbished building.

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b) Wiltshire Countryside Access Forum 5 September 2018

Ruth Croker will be attending on behalf of NFAF. The Agenda for this meeting includes the DEFRA 25 year Environment Plan update (review of protected landscapes) and the future of the CAF.