


Devon Countryside Access Forum
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	Sender	Subject	Action and any feedback
1	Devon County Council, South Hams District Council, Dartmoor NP, Torbay Council, Teignbridge District Council 16.04.18	Greater Horseshoe Bats Supplementary Planning Document. Draft document for South Hams Special Area of Conservation.	Outside remit.
2	Mid Devon District Council 25.04.18	Public Consultation Event – Tiverton Town Centre Regeneration Masterplan. Supplementary Planning Document	Not relevant to remit
3	NICE 21.05.18	NICE guideline PH54 Physical activity: exercise referral schemes. Consultation on decision not to update guidelines.	Discussed with Chair. Marginal and decision made not to respond.
4	Defra 8.06.18	Consultation on the third tranche of Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs), in which 41 new sites and the addition of new features to 12 existing MCZs have been proposed.	Not relevant to on-shore recreation. Not within remit.
5	Exmoor National Park 12.06.18	In April 2016, the BHS circulated a paper to all Local Access Forums titled 'Auditing the List of Streets: A Role for Local Access Forums'. Exmoor LAF is setting up a working group to look at the implications on Exmoor. DCAF was approached by the Exmoor LAF Secretary to ascertain whether it had investigated this matter and, if so, to share responses.	The DCAF had already approached the Assistant County Solicitor and details of correspondence were forwarded to Exmoor.
6	Exbourne Neighbourhood Plan. Committee member 13.06.18	Copied into letter to DCC Public Rights of Way about the Devon Rights of Way Improvement Plan and potential PRoW improvements in Exbourne. Also copied in to correspondence with the Diocese of Exeter in connection with the legal status of paths through churchyards.	Sent DCAF position statements on Disability Access and Neighbourhood Plans.

7	DCC 22.06.18	Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 - Regulation 3 Construction of a trail at Hole Station, Road From Windmilland Cross to Dismantled Railway, HIGHAMPTON, EX21 5JH. The above application was withdrawn by the applicant (DCC) on 21 June 2018.	Noted. The Devon County Council Planning Officer is not aware of plans for resubmission.
8	British Horse Society County Access Officer 24.06.18	Copied into correspondence from the BHS County Access Officer to Exmouth Town Council in response to an article in the Western Morning News stating that as a result of "one or two complaints" Exmouth Town Council was considering applying to East Devon District Council for a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) excluding horse riding on Exmouth Beach between the hours of 10am and 6pm all year round.	A subsequent copy of an email from the Town Clerk confirmed that the Town Council was in the very early stages of gathering evidence. Any potential Public Spaces Protection Order would be consulted on.
9	East Devon and Blackdown Hills AONB 25.06.18	Landscape Character Assessment - East Devon and Blackdown Hills AONB.	<p>DCAF member due to attend workshop but unable to at last moment. In consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair a brief response to the survey was made reflecting advice previously given by the DCAF – the importance of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conserving and enhancing the natural beauty and landscape of the AONBs and wider area. • opportunities to appreciate the tranquillity and enjoy the scenery through quiet enjoyment of public rights of way. • changes to agricultural support/profitability which may impact on the landscape in the future. • a vision for a landscape that is well-maintained by land managers for food production and conservation, whether by individuals or organisations. It should allow for recreational access and enjoyment of public rights of way, cycle/multi-use trails, designated access land and permissive access.

10	East Devon District Council 04.07.18	Consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement.	<p>Contacted EDDC to confirm the DCAF's status regarding the SCI. The response was that the DCAF is consulted when producing general planning documents (so it can respond if it thinks they might be of interest) and with regard to specific documents that relate to the DCAF's area of interest.</p> <p>Requested that the DCAF is added to the consultation list for significant planning applications and Neighbourhood Plans.</p>
11	Torridge District Council 05.07.18	<p>Consultation under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012 and Regulation 13 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.</p> <p>Following independent examination of the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan, the Inspector has asked the Councils to consult on a further Main Modification, which is considered necessary to make the Plan sound. This relates to reducing the housing allocation in Buckland Brewer (Policy BBR04).</p>	No action required.
12	Teignbridge District Council 10.07.18	Consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement.	Wrote and received confirmation that the DCAF is a non-statutory consultee on the SCI.
13	Member of public 16.07.18	Missing footpath signs in Puddington	Referred to Public Rights of Way Warden.
14	Defra 24.07.18	Report to Parliament about Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (IFCAs) conduct and operation: a 'Call for Evidence'	Outside remit.
15	Open Access Centre 21.08.18	<p>Case number 2018088743</p> <p>Discretionary restriction under Section 22 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.</p> <p>The restriction applies to land at Hartridge Hense Moor and Luppitt</p>	Noted.

		<p>Common for the following dates in 2019:</p> <p>Thursdays 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 January Friday 1 February</p> <p>6 of the 28 days allocated to this case have now been used.</p>	
16	<p>Open Access Centre 21.08.18</p>	<p>Case number 2017098519</p> <p>Discretionary restriction under Section 22 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.</p> <p>The restriction applies to land at Hartridge Hense Moor and Luppitt Common for the following dates in 2018:</p> <p>Thursdays 4, 11, 18, 25 October Thursdays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 November Thursdays 6, 13 and 20 December</p> <p>19 of the 28 days allocated to this case have now been used.</p>	
17	<p>Land Charges DCC 05.09.18</p>	<p>Commons Act 2006 Notice of an application for the registration of land as a town or village green (Ref: New land 55).</p> <p>Application has been made to the registration authority, Devon County Council, by the applicant, Mrs Cross under section 15(1) and Section 15(2) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2014.</p> <p>The applicant seeks the inclusion in the register of Town or Village Greens of the land described in the application as, Ermington Park, Ermington Playing Field, Ermington Recreation Field which is claimed to have qualified for registration as a Town or Village Green.</p>	<p>Noted. A legal process. Insufficient knowledge to respond.</p>

		<p>To be so registered, the Registration Authority will need to be satisfied that a significant number of the inhabitants of the locality, or of a neighbourhood within the locality, have indulged as of right in lawful sports and pastimes on the land for a period of at least 20 years, and continued to do so at the time of the application.</p> 	
18	<p>Teignbridge District Council 06.09.18</p>	<p>The Teignbridge Local Plan 2013 – 2033 (Policy NA3) allocates land at Wolborough, Newton Abbot for at least 1,500 new homes, 10 hectares of land for employment, a road linking the A380 (South Devon Highway) to the A381 (Totnes Road), education facilities, and other associated community facilities.</p> <p>The draft Development Framework Plan (DFP) for Wolborough is out for consultation</p>	<p>In consultation with Chair/Vice Chair sent DCAF Planning and Disability Position Statements. Advised members of details should anyone wish to draw attention to matters which should be raised.</p>
19	<p>Open Access Centre 10.09.18</p>	<p>Case number 2017098519</p> <p>Discretionary restriction under Section 22 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.</p> <p>The restriction applies to land at Hartridge Hense Moor and Luppitt Common for the additional date of 9 October in 2018. 20 of the 28 days allocated to this case have now been used.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

20	<p>Torrige and North Devon District Councils 13.09.18</p>	<p>Regulation 25: Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012 - Notification of publication of the report on the Examination of the North Devon and Torrige Local Plan.</p> <p>The Inspector in her report concludes that the Local Plan can be made sound and capable of adoption with the application of the recommended Main Modifications that are provided as an Appendix to her report.</p> <p>Arrangements are now being made to allow for the consideration of the Inspector's report by the membership of the Councils, to enable the Local Plan to be formally adopted.</p>	<p>Noted. Some of the Main Modifications relating to access are below with additions underlined. These indicate the significance attached to the Tarka Trail.</p> <p>BID05 (Bideford)</p> <p>Amendment to criterion 2. New criteria (c) <u>integrated pedestrian, cycle and public transport networks that provides connections to neighbouring residential and commercial areas;</u></p> <p>BRA02A (Braunton)</p> <p>Add new policy after paragraph 10.165:</p> <p>Land East and West of Staggers Lane (approximately 15 hectares), as identified on Policies Map 3, will be planned comprehensively to deliver a mixed-use development that includes:</p> <p>(f) <u>enhancing the existing network of local and strategic green infrastructure through and around the site including the provision of public open spaces and an enhanced biodiversity network;</u></p> <p>(g) <u>new footpath and cycle access onto the Tarka Trail;</u></p> <p>Add new paragraphs after Policy BRA2A (Braunton)</p> <p><u>10.165D The nearest primary and secondary schools are along Wrafton Road, access to which requires a new pedestrian crossing of the A361. Provision of a new pedestrian crossing should be delivered comprehensively with improvements at Rectory Close Cross required by Wrafton Glebefield (Policy BRA02). New or enhanced pedestrian and cycle links to the Tarka Trail will serve both the proposed housing and existing business at Perrigo.</u></p>
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			<p>FRE02 (Fremington)</p> <p>(k) <u>provision of a public car park for users of the Tarka Trail;</u></p> <p>(l) <u>improvements to the existing road junction with the B3233;</u></p> <p>(m) <u>improved pedestrian and cycle links through and around the site and from the B3233 to the Tarka Trail; and</u></p> <p>(n) <u>appropriate traffic management measures where vehicular traffic crosses the Tarka Trail to reduce conflict with, and improve safety for, pedestrians and cyclists using the Tarka Trail;</u></p> <p>(o) <u>provision of a 10 metre landscape buffer along the developable site frontage alongside the Tarka Trail;</u></p> <p>10.197</p> <p>Amend paragraph: Vehicular access to the site will be along the access road off <u>an improved junction</u> with the B3233, as well as providing pedestrian and cycle links to the Tarka Trail. <u>A new public car park of approximately 30 spaces will be provided for users of the Tarka Trail.</u></p> <p>Development at Yelland Quay will need appropriate traffic management where it crosses the Tarka Trail to reduce conflict with and improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists using the Tarka Trail.</p>
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In addition, the DCAF Forum Officer receives a large quantity of e-mail updates from Devon County Council and other organisations. Relevant information is extracted and circulated to DCAF members via regular newsletters or forwarded direct.