

Devon Countryside Access Forum
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	Sender	Subject	Action and any feedback
1	Forestry England 30.04.19	East Devon Forest Plan. Response to consultation comments.	<p>Forestry England noted and acknowledged the DCAF's comments. It made a specific comment that the Plan did not define the strategy for recreation.</p> <p>With reference to the DCAF's comments on the lack of mention of equestrian use of woodlands, FE has changed the Plan text to read "These woodlands and the rights of way which bisect them are popular for quiet cycling, riding and walking with views to the Jurassic Coast."</p> <p>The FE noted the comments on dogs and responsible dog walking. Although not included in the Plan, the FE is engaging with the Devon loves Dogs project.</p> <p>FE noted the comments on car park enhancements for people with disabilities. It confirmed no new car parks were planned.</p> <p>The DCAF made a comment on improving recreational access in association with other landowners, particularly authorities or charities. The FE noted this statement and said work is in progress.</p> <p>A wish to see maps of public rights of way in the Plan had been expressed. The FE said people are referred to OS maps.</p> <p>The full FE consultation response is on https://consult.forestryengland.uk/forest-districts/east-devon-forest-plan/results/consultationrecord.pdf</p>

2	Land Charges DCC 03.06.19	Commons Act 2006: Schedule 2(2) and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2014. Applicant on behalf of the Open Spaces Society seeking to register part Kentis Moor as common land. (Dulford, parish of Broadhembury). Non- registration or mistaken registration under the 1965 Act.	No action required.
3	National Network of Regional Coastal Monitoring Programmes of England Stakeholder Consultation 14.06.19	Survey looking at extent to which organisations use coastal monitoring data.	Brief response sent ticking boxes related to potential to use data related to shoreline management, coastal and recreational access. Stated that all data used by the DCAF is free.
4	Otterton Neighbourhood Plan 20.06.19	Pre-submission Consultation stage of the draft Otterton Neighbourhood Plan.	Discussed with Chair and Vice Chair. Sent Neighbourhood Plan position statement and suggested a map of public rights of way and the National Cycle Network would be a useful addition. Also commended Steering Group for carrying out surveys with children and young people.
5	Network Rail July 2019	Parson's Tunnel to Teignmouth Resilience Project	Discussed with Chair and Vice Chair. Details and implications for public rights of way and the South West Coast Path not clear. Sent initial comments requesting information and further consultation on access and amenity land proposals. Also advised that Network Rail should consult with DCC, NE and private landowners regarding implications.

6	South Hams District Council 23.07.19	Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan. Regulation 16. Consultation on Plan before making a formal decision as to whether to instruct an independent examiner to carry out the examination.	<p>Discussed with Chair and sent brief comments on a few sections of text seeking clarification or expansion. The current coastal access process is not mentioned nor Devon County Council's legal responsibilities for the inspection and maintenance of public rights of way and recreational trails.</p> <p>Reference is made to the access issues experienced by those with pushchairs and mobility difficulties. In accordance with the Disability Position Statement, advised that improving disability access should be incorporated in policy BP17 which refers to recreational access enhancements.</p> <p>Several areas of Local Green Space have been designated. It was noted that defining these areas should follow relevant requirements and guidance.</p>
7	Exe Estuary Trail Partnership July 2019	Print run of map. Inclusion of accessible toilets.	Discussed with Gordon Guest. Limited time-scale so suggested inclusion of public facilities with footnote that pubs/establishments may have additional facilities.
8	East Devon District Council 05.08.19	East Devon District Council has now submitted its Cranbrook Plan and associated documents and evidence for examination. An inspector will be appointed to undertake the examination.	No action required.
9	Open Access Centre 23.08.19	<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 Common.</p>	For information. No action required.

		<p>Closed 2019: September 24th: October 17th, 24th and 31st; November 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th; December 5th, 12th and 19th.</p>	
10	<p>Open Access Centre 23.08.19</p>	<p>Case number 2019088949</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 2020:</p> <p>Closed 2020: January 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th; February 1st.</p>	<p>For information. No action required.</p>
11	<p>Marine Management Organisation 09.09.19</p>	<p>Summary of stakeholder led Iteration 3 policy changes.</p>	<p>The DCAF responded briefly to the MMO consultation on the SW Plan earlier in 2019. (DCAF agenda item 14.4 25.04.19)</p> <p>The MMO has published draft policy changes following the consultation. The following are the main ones related to access. (The final draft Marine Plan for the South West will go out for consultation in autumn 2019).</p> <p>SW-ACC-1 Proposals, including in relation to tourism and recreation, should demonstrate that they will, in order of preference: a) avoid, b) minimise, c) mitigate significant adverse impacts on public access.</p> <p>SW-ACC-2 Proposals demonstrating appropriate enhanced and inclusive public access to and within the marine</p>

			<p>area, and that consider the future provision of services for tourism and recreation activities, will be supported.</p> <p>SW-DIST-3 Proposals, including those that increase access to the south west marine plan areas, must demonstrate that they will, in order of preference: a) avoid b) minimise c) mitigate adverse impacts on priority habitats.</p> <p>SW-SCP-1 Proposals should demonstrate how the significant adverse impacts of a development on the seascape and landscape of an area has been considered.</p> <p>The proposal will only be supported if they demonstrate that they will, in order of preference: a) avoid b) minimise c) mitigate d) if it is not possible to mitigate, the public benefits for proceeding with the proposal that outweigh significant adverse impacts to the seascape and landscape of an area and its significance. Where possible, proposals should demonstrate that they have considered how highly the seascape and landscapes of an area is valued, its quality, and the areas potential for change. In addition, the scale and design of the proposal should be compatible with its surroundings, and not have a significant adverse impact on the seascape and landscapes of an area or the wider landscape.</p> <p>SW-TR-1 Proposals supporting, promoting or facilitating tourism and recreation activities where appropriate, particularly ecotourism or where this creates additional utilisation of related facilities beyond typical usage patterns, should be supported.</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.