

**Devon Countryside Access Forum**  
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	<b>Sender</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action and any feedback</b>
1	Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan August 2019	Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 16	<p>Discussed with Chair and Vice Chair.</p> <p>The Devon Countryside Access Forum submitted a copy of its Position Statement on Neighbourhood Plans in February 2019 and made a specific comment on the health and well-being objectives.</p> <p>Additional points were made seeking clarification or amendment.</p> <p>The section on access and public rights of way makes no mention of the legal responsibilities of Devon County Council’s public rights of way team for the inspection and maintenance of public rights of way and recreational trails.</p> <p>Although coastal access land is referred to, the text does not cover the current England Coast Path process and the implications for Bigbury.</p> <p>With regard to the Local Green Space policy, it was advised that the designation of local green spaces should meet the requirements set out under the legislation and according to guidance.</p> <p>Reference is made to muddy footpaths unsuitable for cycling or use by those with limited mobility (4.98). Attention was drawn to the fact that cyclists are not permitted on footpaths.</p>

			<p>Paragraph 4.98 raises the difficulties of access for people with pushchairs or mobility difficulties but there is no mention of improving access. It was advised that an amendment to Policy BP17 to include this as an aspiration would be welcome, in accordance with the Forum's Position Statement on Disability Access.</p> <p>It was advised that the retention of public rights of way, as outlined in the Transport Objective, should not prevent Devon County Council from making any necessary adjustments/ improvements, for example for the diversion of paths.</p> <p>The Transport Objective refers to making paths safer for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. It was advised that this aspiration is not reflected in Policy BP25 which only refers to pedestrians and cyclists.</p>
2	<p>Local Plan Torridge and North Devon District Councils 26.09.19</p>	<p>Public Consultation - draft Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs), Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012</p> <p>Consultation on the following draft SPDs: Draft Air Quality SPD; draft Leadengate Design Guide SPD; and draft Rural Workers' Dwellings SPD.</p>	<p>Not central to DCAF remit. No response.</p>
3	<p>Kingston Neighbourhood Plan August 2019</p>	<p>Regulation 14 consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>DCAF Position Statement submitted 27.09.19.</p>

4	Open Access Centre 01.10.19	<p><u>Case numbers 2019108975 and 2019108976</u></p> <p>Notification of discretionary restrictions under Section 22 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.</p> <p>The restrictions apply to land at Gittisham Hill for the following dates for case number 2019108975 which expires at the end of 2019.</p> <p>13 – 19 October 2019 inclusive 18 – 20 November 2019 inclusive 16 – 17 December 2019 inclusive</p> <p>And for the following dates for case number 2019108976 which applies to 2020.</p> <p>13 – 14 January 2020 inclusive.</p> <p>12 of the 28 days allocated to the 2019 case have now been used and 2 of the 28 for the 2020 case. Details of the restrictions appear on the Open Access website.</p>	For information only.
5	Mid Devon District Council 4.10.19	Cullompton Neighbourhood Plan proposal. Regulation 16 Publicity Period.	<p>Plan incorporates policies on access and provision for different user groups. The Plan includes a useful Local Green Space Assessment Report.</p> <p>No response.</p>
6	Open Access Centre 9.10.19	<p><u>Case number 2018088743</u></p> <p>Notification of a discretionary restriction under Section 22 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.</p>	No action required. For information only.

		<p>The restriction applies to land at Hartridge Hense Moor and Luppitt Common for the additional date in 2019 of 5 November 5.</p> <p>20 of the 28 days allocated to this case have now been used.</p>	
7	Exe Estuary Management Partnership 23.10.19	Exmouth, Queen's Drive - Hemingway Design Event Leisure and Mixed use proposals.	Insufficiently central to remit.
8	South Hams and West Devon 13.11.19	The Plymouth and South West Devon Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).	<p>Discussed with Chair and Vice Chair. Sent response seeking clarification on the public rights of way section. (Proposed changes in italics).</p> <p>Dev 3.3 Public Rights of Way (<i>footpaths and bridleways</i>) and <i>recreational trails</i>.</p> <p>3.94 "There are opportunities to improve connectivity, particularly linking new development sites to existing recreational areas, green spaces, Public Rights of Way <i>and recreational trails</i>. Opportunities to increase, or improve, Public Rights of Way (PROW) alongside new development, will be actively pursued. <i>Early negotiations will need to take place with landowners to investigate the potential and discuss relevant land management needs and rights.</i></p> <p>The Devon Countryside Access Forum greenspace position statement was marked to highlight areas not covered in the SPD.</p> <p>The Natural England Green Infrastructure revised draft framemark was also submitted for information.</p>

9	East Devon District Council 3.12.19	<p>Policy HP1 of the Membury Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan has been subject to Examination. The Parish and District Councils wish to amend the following Examiner recommendation.</p> <p>The proposed amendment is as follows: Delete policy HP1 and substitute:  “Policy HP1 – Meeting new build within Membury...  ...3) the cumulative new build within the whole parish over the plan period does not exceed 10 properties.”</p> <p>The recommendation had been for 15 properties.</p>	Policy proposal is for housing development and not within the Forum’s remit.
10	Open Access Centre 3.12.19	<p><u>Case number 2018088743</u></p> <p>Notification of a 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 additional dates in 2019:</p> <p>17 and 28 December</p> <p>22 of the 28 days allocated to this case have now been used. Details of this restriction appear on the Open Access website.</p>	No action required. For information only.
11	Otterton Neighbourhood Plan 5.12.19	Regulation 16 consultation	<p>Discussed with Chair and Vice Chair. Brief response sent.</p> <p>Inclusion of Public Rights of Way and National Cycle Network map welcomed. Advised that the NCN route description should make clear that it is available to walkers and horse-riders too.</p>

12	Open Access Centre 13.01.20	<p><u>Direction case number: 2013036672</u></p> <p>Notification of restrictions in 2020 in accordance with the above direction. Reason for direction: Section 24 – No public access - land management.</p> <p>Period of restriction:</p> <p>May 2, 16 and 30 June 13 &amp; 27 July 11 &amp; 25 August 8 &amp; 22 September 5 &amp; 19</p> <p>Land affected: Hemyock Common. Grid reference: ST118119.</p> <p>11 of the 12 days allocated to the direction have now been used.</p>	No action required. For information only.
13	Open Access Centre 13.01.20	<p><u>Case number 2020019037</u></p> <p>Notification of a discretionary restriction under Section 22 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. The restriction applies to land at Hemyock Common for the 7 and 21 March and 4 and 18 April 2020. All four weekend days allocated to this case have now been used – 24 weekdays remain available for closure in 2020.</p> <p>The details of this restriction appear on the Open Access website.</p>	No action required. For information only.

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