

Devon Countryside Access Forum
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(not specifically on agenda)

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	Sender	Subject	Action and any feedback
1	Tees Valley Local Access Forum 16.04.21	Email to all Local Access Forums expressing concern about plans by Highways England to infill or demolish historic railway bridges, some of which have use as part of trail proposals.	Emailed to ascertain impact in Devon. The response from the Historic Railways Estate (on behalf of the Department for Transport) stated "We have no current plans to infill or demolish any structures in Devon."
2	Member of public 27.04.21	Disability access on Dartmoor.	Advised person to contact Dartmoor National Park Authority and the Dartmoor Access Forum.
3	East Devon District Council 27.04.21	Colyton Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to East Devon District Council. (Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.	The Neighbourhood Plan position statement had been sent previously. No action required.
4	Member of public 05.05.21	Query regarding permissive path in Jacobstowe.	Email passed to Senior Officer, Public Rights of Way, to respond.
5	East Devon District Council 6.05.21	Dalwood Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to East Devon District Council, in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.	Reiterated comments made to the Pre-Submission consultation on the Public Rights of Way map design (figure 11). (Some of the rights of way are obscured by the parish boundary). The policy on footpaths and bridleways was supported, which included disabled mobility vehicles.
6	Land Charges DCC 10.05.21	Commons Act 2006 – Section 15. Registration of Greens. Application has been made to the Registration Authority, Devon County Council, by Dartmouth Town Council under Section 15(8) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2014.	For information. No action required.

		The Applicant seeks to register the land in their ownership known as Dartmouth Community Orchard, College Way, Dartmouth as a town or village green.	
7	Cullompton Town Council 12.05.21	Cullompton Neighbourhood Plan Referendum held on 6 May was 87.3% in favour of the plan. The Cullompton Neighbourhood Plan (referendum version) now forms part of the statutory development plan for the Cullompton area, alongside the Mid Devon Local Plan and the Devon Waste and Minerals Plans, and carries full weight for guiding planning applications submitted to the Council for determination and the decisions made on these. Mid Devon District Council formally made (adopted) the Cullompton Neighbourhood Plan (referendum version) at its meeting on 30 June.	For information. No action required.
8	Member of public 17.05.21	Query concerning legal access rights, permissive access and signage near Loddiswell.	Referred to Senior Officer, Public Rights of Way, to respond.
9	Member of public 17.05.21	Query about the definitive line, status and maintenance responsibilities for certain paths in Exbourne and Jacobstowe parishes in connection with report to the Parish Council.	Referred to Senior Officer, Public Rights of Way to respond.
10	Land Charges Devon County Council 26.05.21	Application has been made to the Registration Authority, Devon County Council, by the applicant Widecombe-in-the-Moor Church House and Lands Charity under Schedule 2 (7) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2014. The Applicant seeks to de-register land that had been wrongly registered as common land under the Commons Registration Act 1965, being part	For information. No action required.

		of CL69, land in the Manor of Dunstone comprising Blackslade Down & part Dunstone Down.	
11	Land Charges Devon County Council 26.05.21	<p>Application has been made to the Registration Authority, Devon County Council, by the applicant Mr Short under 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, The Causeway, Upton Pyne, which is claimed to have qualified for registration as a Town or Village Green. 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>	For information. No action required.
12	Kingsbridge Town Council May 2021	Kingsbridge, West Alvington and Churchstow Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission regulation 14 consultation.	Consulted with Chair. Sent DCAF position statements on Neighbour Plans and Disability Access. Suggested a key to the public rights of way maps would be useful and alerted the Council to some statements which required greater clarity from the legal perspective e.g. upgrading footpaths to multi-use. Advised that accessible gates would be preferable to stiles, with landowner consent.
13	Mid Devon District Council 21.05.21	Public Spaces Protection Order to tackle dog behaviour.	Consulted with Chair. Sent response based on previous agreed responses to dog PSPOs. No response was

			made to the question about a proposal to have a seasonal or time restriction on dogs on leads in parks as DCAF members had not previously considered this issue.
14	Ringmore Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 8.06.21	To confirm careful consideration had been made to points raised in response to the Ringmore Parish Neighbourhood Plan, Regulation 14 consultation. South Hams District Council will be carrying out a Regulation 16 consultation.	Following submission of the DCAF Neighbourhood Plan position statement an additional statement has been added to the Ringmore Parish Neighbourhood Plan – “The South West Coastal Path transverses the parish next to the sea and several other public and permissive paths give interesting walks in and around the area. A detailed map of these can be found on OS Map OL 20 or on DCC Map ED/PROW/02/54.” A brief response was sent giving the public rights of way interactive map weblink.
15	North Devon Council 07.06.21	Georgeham Neighbourhood Plan	Consulted with Chair and Vice Chair. Sent Neighbourhood Plan position statement. Georgeham NP includes a useful map of public rights of way and aspirations for improvement. There was no reference to landowners so a comment was made about whether landowners had been approached about these. Also suggested that the text stating that ‘routes for walking and cycling’ are part of the multi-functions of green infrastructure should include horse-riding
16	Teignbridge District Council 15.06.21	Public consultation on Part 2 of the draft Local Plan – 2020-2040: Creating Quality Places-Site Options.	No response. Not central to remit.

17	Marine Management Organisation 23.06.21	<p>On 23 June, the government formally adopted the North East, North West, South East and South West Marine Plans.</p> <p>Plan link <u>South West</u></p> <p>Adoption of these marine plans is the culmination of four years of engagement and policy development with stakeholders representing relevant interests and sectors.</p> <p>The entire English marine area now has an adopted marine plan in place to guide decision-making.</p>	For information. No action required.
18	South Hams District Council 29.06.21	Totnes Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 16 consultation in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).	Consulted with Chair. Sent Neighbourhood Plan Position Statement and suggested inclusion of a Public Rights of Way map to complement the Local Green Spaces map.
19	East Devon District Council 2.07.21	<p>East Devon District Council has formally ‘made’ (adopted) the Neighbourhood Plans for Farringdon, Newton Poppleford & Harpford, and Otterton. This decision is effective from 18 June 2021.</p> <p>Accordingly, these Neighbourhood Plans now form part of the Local Development Plan and will carry their full weight in the determination of planning applications in their respective parishes.</p> <p>This brings the total number of ‘made’ neighbourhood plans in the district to twenty-one.</p>	For information.
20	Land Charges DCC 8.07.21	Application has been made to the registration authority, Devon County Council, by the applicant, Shaugh Prior Commoners Association under Section 19(2) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons	No action required.

		<p>Registration (England) Regulations 2014.</p> <p>The Applicant seeks to correct a mistake in common registers made by the registration authority. The mistake has been made in entry number 27a of the commons register known as Hentor Warren, Willingswell Warren, Trowlesworthy Warren, Shaugh Moor, Wotter Common, The Ruts and part Crownhill Down (CL190). The applicant claims the word OR has not been included within the entry to describe the number of rights that can be grazed from this entry onto CL190.</p>	
21	<p>East Devon District Council 8.07.21</p>	<p>Acknowledgement of receipt of response to the Regulation 16 consultation on the Dalwood Neighbourhood Development Plan, and to advise that the independent examination of the Plan has now commenced.</p>	<p>No action required.</p>
22	<p>Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan Committee member 12.07.21</p>	<p>Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council has agreed to include a map of public rights of way as suggested by the DCAF.</p>	<p>To note.</p>
23	<p>South Hams District Council 13.07.21</p>	<p>Rewilding survey.</p>	<p>Passed to DCAF members resident in the district to respond individually.</p>
24	<p>Marine Management Organisation 15.07.21</p>	<p>The first Three-Year Report on the South Marine Plan was published by Defra on 14 July 2021. This covers inshore and offshore from Folkestone, Kent to the River Dart in Devon.</p>	<p>For information.</p>
25	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Officer Broadclyst Parish Council 17.07.21</p>	<p>Thanked for response to the Broadclyst Neighbourhood Plan Reg 14 document.</p> <p>All responses have been processed by the Overview Steering Group with all the sites</p>	<p>For information and to note reference to quiet lanes.</p>

		<p>being allocated being finally processed on 2 July 2021.</p> <p>Feedback from the Neighbourhood Plan Overview Steering Group.</p> <p>“We will be working with the Clyst Valley Regional Park to make Elbury Lane a quiet lane, and money from housing (CIL) has been designated in a Community Project: Policy Project 4: Community Infrastructure money from EM2 to go towards the provision of infrastructure near the site to enable Elbury Lane between the Elbury Farm site and Heath crossroads to be downgraded as a quiet lane for pedestrian and cycle and access use only. Potential for joint project work with Clyst Valley Regional Park.”</p> <p>“Thank you for details on permissive paths and we agree that the Killerton Estate Masterplan providing further NT centres within the Parish will enable further paths to be developed.”</p> <p>“We have mapped out future active routes in T4 which are hugely supported and driven by the local communities within the Parish.”</p>	
26	Soil Association 20.07.21	<p>Forest Management carried out by Forestry England (SA-FM/COC-006972, SA-PEFC-FM/COC-006972)</p> <p>In October 2021 a Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) will be carried out. The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC™) of forest management by Forestry</p>	<p>Discussed with Chair as access elements included in the survey.</p> <p>On-line survey completed after consultation with DCAF members. Initiatives at Haldon to encourage use through dedicated trails for different user groups and educational and fun trails for</p>

		<p>England in the United Kingdom. They will be assessed against the requirements of the UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) - V 4.0.</p> <p>Notification of survey to inform this process.</p>	<p>families and children were welcomed. Use of other forests for recreational use were noted.</p> <p>Removal of any remaining barriers to disability use was raised, as in the DCAF's Disability Access position statement.</p> <p>The DCAF noted that Forestry England is exploring the possibility of introducing event zones in its woods to manage pressures during the summer on sensitive and protected wildlife sites. Comment was made that this seemed a balanced response. Further information on the progress of these proposals would be welcome and the DCAF trusts that consultation with affected groups and other interested bodies will take place.</p>
27	<p>South Hams District Council 22.07.21</p>	<p>Better Lives for All – A vision for South Hams.</p>	<p>Consulted with Chair. Submission of position statements not appropriate so forwarded to individual members resident in South Hams to complete in a personal capacity.</p>
28	<p>Member of public 23.07.21</p>	<p>Query over development plans in Okehampton and identified 'lost way' on the Ramblers' website.</p>	<p>Passed to Public Rights of Way team to respond.</p>
29	<p>West Devon Borough Council 27.07.21</p>	<p>A Plan for West Devon.</p>	<p>Consulted with Chair. Submission of position statements not appropriate.</p>
30	<p>Open Access Centre 8.09.21</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</p>	<p>For information. No action required.</p>

		<p>Luppitt Common for the following dates: 21 September 2021 7, 14, 21, 28 October 2021 4, 11, 18, 25 November 2021 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 December 2021</p> <p>20 of the 28 days allocated to this case have now been used.</p>	
31	<p>Open Access Centre 8.09.21</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 dates: 6, 13, 20, 27 January 2022 1 February 2022</p> <p>5 of the 28 days allocated to this case have now been used.</p>	<p>For information. No action required.</p>

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.