Devon Countryside Access Forum CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND RESPONSE

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	Sender	Subject	Action and any feedback
1	Bishops Clyst Parish Council 15.09.21	Neighbourhood Plan, made in 2017, being reviewed with opportunity for comment.	Discussed with Chair. Sent the Neighbourhood Plan Position Statement and the Disability Access Position Statement. In the Cycling and Footpaths section there is reference to improving signage and accessibility. Requested that disability access should be made clearer.
			The Clyst Valley Regional Park Masterplan has been developed and it was suggested that additional detail should be incorporated. Following the Definitive Map Review of the parish, a couple of years ago, additional footpaths were confirmed. Comment was made that it is assumed these would be added to the
2	Exeter City Council	Consultation on the new Local Plan	useful footpath map. Consulted with Chair and submitted Planning, Disability Access and Greenspace position statements.
3	Open Access Centre 18.10.21	2020099277 - Hartridge Hense Moor and Luppitt Common - Notification of discretionary '28 day' restriction under Section 22 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. The restriction applies to land at Hartridge Hense Moor and Luppitt Common ST171067 for the following date:	For information.

		 Tuesday 2nd November 2021 	
		21 of the 28 days allocated to this case have now been used.	
4	East Devon District Council 21.10.21	The independent examination of the Dalwood Neighbourhood Plan has now concluded and the Examiner's Final Report has been received. This is available to view on: https://eastdevon.gov.uk/media/3723468/dalwood-np-examiner-report-111021.pdf (East Devon District Council's Cabinet considered the report at on 1 December. Senior Officers approved the Examiner's recommendations. The Neighbourhood Plan has been recommended to proceed to referendum, subject to modifications which are accepted by the Parish Council).	For information.
5	Defra	Local Nature Recovery Strategy consultation.	Insufficient time to consult members before the deadline. Brief comment as below submitted. 6. Are there any organisations not listed above whose involvement you consider essential? If yes, which ones and why? Local Access Forums. The Overview, Executive summary for this consultation makes the following statement "The global coronavirus pandemic has also underlined the important benefits to public health and wellbeing from access to nature and green spaces.

The government expects that public authorities will wish to use the process of creating their local Nature Recovery Strategy to also identify opportunities to increase access to nature whilst supporting its recovery. This could help build local support for action for nature recovery and appreciation of its value in the longer-term. The government's guidance on Local Nature Recovery Strategies may provide guidance on including access considerations and address the relationship between the Strategies and action to improve access to existing greenspace."

Local Access Forums have a statutory duty, under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to "advise on the public improvement of public access to land in the area for the purposes of open-air recreation and the enjoyment of the area, and as to such other matters as may be prescribed." Forums are required to take into account the needs of land management and the desirability of conserving natural beauty, including flora and fauna.

LAFs are uniquely placed to comment on access as representation on each LAF includes those with interests in land management, access and other specialisms such as conservation.

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7	Mid Devon District Council 22.11.21	Publication of the submission Crediton Neighbourhood Plan Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulations 15 &16)	Discussed with Chair and sent Neighbourhood Plan and Disability Access Position Statements.
8	Marine Management Organisation 5.01.22	The Marine Planning team monitoring survey to support understanding of how marine plans are used in decision making processes.	No response. The DCAF previously responded to a consultation on the Marine Plan for the SW but does not use the Plan for decision making. Only fully completed surveys would be accepted.

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.