

Devon Countryside Access Forum
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1	Tavistock Town Council Chair of the Tavistock Neighbourhood Development Plan 30.12.23	Tavistock Neighbourhood Development Plan. Question about wording of policy ENV2: Extending Access into the Countryside	Discussed with Chair and Vice Chair. Amended wording proposed. “Bridleways are public rights of way so it would be best not to identify them separately. Trails, such as the Drake’s Trail, are either shared use paths (for cycling/walking) or multi-use (permitting horse riding too). These trails are not public rights of way although some sections may be.” ENV2: Extending Access into the Countryside “Proposals which support, contribute to or provide improved access into the countryside on public rights of way, permissive paths and cycling/walking or multi-use trails will be supported.” The Chair of the Tavistock Neighbourhood Development Plan has confirmed this advice has been forwarded to the topic leads.
2	Mid Devon District Council 9.01.24	Crediton Town Centre Masterplan	Did not respond.
3	East Devon District Council December 2024	East Devon Council Plan	Consulted with Chair and Vice Chair. Planning, green space and disability position statements submitted. A brief comment was made that the Plan should include sustainable transport as a key area. Submitted 12.01.24.
4	Open Access Contact Centre 15.01.24	<u>Case number 2023080001</u> Notification of a discretionary restriction under Section 22 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.	For information.

		<p>The restriction applies to land at Hartridge Hense Moor and Luppitt Common for an additional date of the 6 February 2024.</p> <p>7 of the 28 days allocated to this case have now been used. The details of this restriction appear on the Open Access website.</p>	
5	Open Access Centre 15.01.24	<p><u>Case number 2024010089</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 Hemyock Common for the following dates in 2024:</p> <p>16 and 30 March 13 and 27 April</p> <p>4 of the 28 days allocated to this case have now been used.</p>	For information.
6	Open Access Contact Centre 1.02.24	<p><u>Case number 2023080001</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 additional date of 20 February 2024.</p>	For information.
7	RSPB 6.02.24	Fire Beacon Hill. Revised plans and routes for the undergrounding of the 33Kv powerlines that traverse Fire Beacon Hill Local Nature Reserve. Consultation prior	Consulted with Chair and Vice Chair and submitted previous comments from 26 October 2022 as these are still pertinent. An additional comment was made: As the new route follows the path down a steep hill it will be very

		to submission to the Planning Inspectorate.	important that the reinstatement is carried out with great care to avoid it washing out in storm events. Comments have been acknowledged by the RSPB.
8	Town Clerk 9.02.24	Information requested on coastal access.	Sent information and weblinks to the England Coast Path and South West Coast Path Association.
9	Devon County Council 26.02.24	Cullompton and Tiverton Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.	Submitted DCAF Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Position Statement on 4 April 2024. Position statement to be formally approved at meeting on 22 April 2024.
10	Devon County Council 26.02.24	Clyst Valley and New Communities Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.	Submitted DCAF Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Position Statement on 4 April 2024. Position statement to be formally approved at meeting on 22 April 2024.
11	East Devon District Council 29.02.24	Clyst Honiton Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The plan has been assessed as compliant with the Regulations. A formal consultation has been launched.	Discussed with members. Online survey forms submitted re-emphasising comments made previously. “If a route or trail is defined as multi-use then this should include not only mobility scooters but horse riders too. If the term Active Travel is used, with an emphasis on cycling and footpaths, this excludes options for multi-use and in particular for horse riders to make use of safer off-road routes. The Devon Countryside Access Forum advises that routes should be multi-use, wherever possible and appropriate, as these provide the most inclusive and accessible opportunities for everyone. Such routes should be designed to allow safe use by all users. Legally defined bridleways are multi-use. This would not apply to cycle lanes where there is insufficient distance or no barrier to protect users from vehicular traffic. Given the wider area around the parish of Clyst

			<p>Honiton, multi-use routes could potentially link in time to the proposed Clyst Valley Trail and to the Killerton Estate.”</p> <p>Reference was made to Devon County Council’s statutory Rights of Way Improvement Plan (draft revised RoWIP Version 3, draft 4) policy C14 in Chapter C. Accessibility, Social Inclusion, Health, and Wellbeing. This refers to multi-use and inclusion of horse riding in planning and developing routes.</p> <p>Rights of Way Improvement Plan and policy - Public Rights of Way (devon.gov.uk)</p> <p>Amendments to the policy wording to reflect these comments were suggested.</p>
12	Mid Devon District Council 4.03.24	<p>The referendum on the Silverton Neighbourhood Plan took place on Thursday 29 February 2023. The referendum results recorded 90.53% of votes in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan. All the documentation associated with the Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on Silverton Neighbourhood Plan website here.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan will now go on to be ‘made’ by Mid Devon District Council and will form part of the statutory development plan for the Silverton area. It will carry full weight for guiding planning applications submitted to the Council for determination and the decisions made on these.</p>	For information.

13	Teignbridge District Council 14.03.24	<p>Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 – Regulation 22. Teignbridge Local Plan</p> <p>The Council has submitted the Teignbridge Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for examination. The Council submitted the Local Plan, along with an extensive library of evidence and other documents. Local Plan Examination - Introduction - Teignbridge District Council</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate will appoint an independent Inspector in due course to carry out the examination of the Plan. Mr Robert Young will be the Programme Officer who will help the Inspector run the examination.</p>	For information.
14	Mid Devon District Council 13.03.24	Publication of the submission Willand Neighbourhood Plan Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulations 15 &16)	Consulted with Chair on content and submitted Neighbourhood Plan position statement.

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, available on the website www.devon.gov.uk/dcaf or forwarded direct.