

**Devon Countryside Access Forum**  
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	<b>Sender</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	<p>Teignbridge District Council 19.03.24</p> <p>Teignbridge District Council 13.05.24</p>	<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 Teignbridge Local Plan has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination.</p> <p>The Secretary of State has appointed Mr M Rivett BA(Hons) MSc MRTPI and Mrs C Jack BSc (Hons) MA MA(TP) MRTPI to conduct the examination into the legal compliance and soundness of the Local Plan and to report to the Council in due course.</p>	No action required.
2	<p>Open Access Centre 9.04.24</p>	<p><u>Case number 2023100015</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 Gittisham Hill for the following dates in 2024: 18 to 27 November inclusive.</p> <p>13 of the 28 days allocated to this case have now been used. The details of this restriction appear on the Open Access website.</p>	For information. No action required.
3	<p>Member of public 06.05.24</p>	<p>Following up on telephone call to ascertain Forum's deliberations on Sandy Lane, Rewe.</p>	Link to Devon Countryside Access Forum minutes for 22.04.24 sent.
4	<p>Members of public May 2024</p>	<p>Three emails concerning maintenance and management of the Wray Valley and highlighting issues around biodiversity.</p>	Within Dartmoor National Park so outside the remit of the Devon Countryside Access Forum. Referred to Richard Walton, Public Rights of Way

			and Country Parks Manager and suggested contact is made with the Dartmoor Access Forum. Richard Walton sent response citing process and policy around maintenance of multi-use trails in the County, undertaken by the PRow team.
5	Member of public 28.05.24	Requesting removal of stile on footpath on own private land.	Discussed with warden and referred person to Dartmoor National Park as the stile is within the Park.
6	Transport Planning DCC 30.05.24	Bus-rail integration at Barnstaple Railway Station.	Forum Officer attended webinar and discussed with Chair. Decision made not to respond as primarily focused on layout improvements around the station and positioning of bus stops.
7	Woodbury Parish Council 8.06.24	Consultation on Neighbourhood Plan. Regulation 14 statutory consultation.	Discussed with Chair and Vice Chair and sent a brief response noting there is no reference to the importance of recreational access or amenities within the Plan policies. Woodbury parish benefits from both footpaths and bridleways and has parts of the Exe Estuary Trail and Pebblebed Heaths within the parish. The proposed Clyst Valley Regional Park includes a potential trail and other recreational access opportunities.  Position statement on Neighbourhood Plans plus ones on Planning and Disability Access sent to inform the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.
8	Green Lane Association 28.06.24	Advising of landslip on green lane in East Devon.	Referred to warden to ensure this had been notified.

9	Bishop Clyst Parish Council 25.06.24	Neighbourhood Plan for Clyst St Mary and Sowton. Regulation 14 consultation.	Discussed with Chair and Vice Chair. A brief response was sent highlighting multi-use and access for all users, on new trails in particular. The Plan referred solely to walking and cycling in respect of the proposed Clyst Valley Trail. Devon County Council's aspiration for the proposed trail is that it would be a "multi-use trail suitable for people walking, cycling, using wheelchairs or mobility scooters and, where feasible, horse riders." Reference to policy C14 on multi-use in the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (DCC 2023) was made.
10	Teignbridge District Council 11.07.24	Teignbridge District Council Local Plan Examination.  Attaching three documents from the Examination Inspectors – ID-01 Examination Guidance Note ID-02 Examination Matters, Issues and Questions ID-03 Preliminary Hearing Programme	For information.
11	East Devon District Council 5.08.24	Survey to inform East Devon District Council's first Tree, Hedge and Woodland Strategy.	Discussed with Chair and circulated to East Devon based DCAF members. Specific questions and aimed at local residents. Agreed that not appropriate for a wider DCAF response.

*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](http://www.devon.gov.uk/dcaf) or forwarded direct.*