

HUDDLE HOT TOPICS FEBRUARY 2015

Protecting our Public Rights of Way presentations from the event held in London in January are on Huddle and were previously circulated (2nd February 2015)

The Cyclists' Touring Club

The CTC has published a revised briefing note on Local Access Forums

<http://www.ctc.org.uk/campaigning/views-and-briefings/local-access-forums-england-wales>

Definitive Map Modification Orders

Derby and Derbyshire Local Access Forum has raised a discussion item about DMMO progress.

“Derby & Derbyshire Local Access Forum (DADLAF) has been concerned for several years about the procedures for processing DMMOs, and the length of time taken to resolve many cases. A paper outlining the issues was discussed at the East Midlands Regional Chairs' meeting in October 2014, when it was recommended that the paper be more widely circulated to find out whether different local authorities have different procedures, and to identify what the most effective processing procedure might be.

So - we are keen to know how these issues are dealt with in other LAF areas so that we can learn from any innovative ways used to prioritise and speed up the DMMO process. Our aim is to collect responses from other LAFs, and to discuss at regional and national level how we may collectively take this forward to address problems before the cut-off date in 2026.

A discussion paper for LAFs (DMMO discussion paper for LAFs) is available as a separate file -see file section of huddle. We hope that LAFs will be willing to discuss this document and let us know the outcome by the end of March 2015.

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Dog matters

Three dog related publications have been added to the website:

- Planning for Dog Ownership in New Developments
- Dogs on Your Land
- Environmental and Social Impacts of Domestic Dog Waste in the UK: investigating barriers to behavioural change in dog walkers

Rail Crossings

Letters sent from the Defra Minister, Dan Rogerson to Robin Gisby, Network Rail (previously circulated – 17th February 2015).

Outsourcing of Public Rights of Way

A discussion is continuing about outsourcing public rights of way work to the private sector. The latest posts ask for information about whether Definitive Map modification work is being outsourced and whether LAFs have contact with outsourced companies. The Chair of Nottinghamshire LAF asks for information. Contact: maryfooksmills@hotmail.com