

Local Access Forum Annual Review Form

April 2014 to March 2015

Name of LAF	PLYMOUTH.
Name of LAF Chair	R. G. FAIRCHILD.
Name of LAF Secretary	LYNN YOUNG

Total number of LAF members	13
Number of members representing users of public rights of way or access land	10
Number of members representing owners and occupiers of access land or land over which PROW subsist	2
Number of members representing other interests	1

1. LAF achievements? (Please give examples to illustrate how your LAF has improved public access to land for the purpose of open air recreation and the enjoyment of the area)

MEMBERS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN GIVING THEIR VIEWS ON THE DRAFT PLYMOUTH PLAN. WHICH WILL BE A SINGLE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CITY, LOOKING AHEAD TO 2031. THE PLAN INCORPORATES LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN, LOCAL ECONOMIC STRATEGY, HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY.
AWARDED £50 FOR OUR CONTRIBUTION/VIEWS.
GAVE VIEWS/ADVICE ON P.ROW IN PLYMOUTH AREA

2. What are the main challenges affecting your LAF's ability to deliver improvements to public access in the coming year?

BEING INVOLVED/INFORMED EARLY ON PROJECTS TO DELIVER IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC ACCESS.

3. What are your top three priorities for the year ahead?

1. LOCAL NATURE PARTNERSHIP INVOLVEMENT IN/WITH VARIOUS NATURE PROJECTS
2. INVOLVEMENT IN TRYING TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS TO LAF.
3. WORK WITH NATURAL ENGLAND ON SPECIFIC ISSUES RELATING TO PLYMOUTH AREA.

4. Is there any particular support or training that you need to deliver your priorities?

UPDATED TRAINING ON RIGHTS OF WAY LATEST LEGISLATION

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LAF activity in 2014/15

Number of full LAF meetings held	4	Number of sub-group meetings held	2
Number of working groups led by others	2	Number of training days provided by the Appointing Authority	

Partners the LAF worked with during 2014/15 (click on a box or type 'x')

Local Nature Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Enterprise Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health and Wellbeing Boards	<input type="checkbox"/>	LEADER funding Local Action Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please add numbers to the following differentiating between formal consultations and general advice given by the LAF on particular subjects. If a consultation covered more than one subject area, please count separately.

	Consultations	Advice
Green Infrastructure strategies		
Public Space Protection Orders (including gating orders)		
Transport (LTP, traffic management, rail, DfT, Highways Agency)		2.
Water / Coast (slipways, flood defence, EA, shoreline)		1. ✓
Public open space (protection orders, commons, village greens)		
Dog exclusion/on leads/fouling orders		
Planning applications		
Housing development schemes		
Local development frameworks and planning strategies		1
PROW creation, diversion or closure - number of each		
Right of Way Improvement Plan review		1
Route improvements (to PROW and other multi-user/cycling/horse-riding/walking routes)		
Promotion of access, open air recreation and the enjoyment of the area		
Definitive map and recording PROW		2
Parish Council or other grant schemes		
Disabled access / access for people with mobility issues?		
Vehicular access and issues relating to motorised use of PROW		
Nature conservation (including SSSIs)		
Land use and planning matters (e.g. informal advice on land development)		
Greenspace including Country Parks and Local Nature Reserves		
Open Access land restrictions		
Coastal Access/National Trails		1
NNR dedication		
Agri-environment scheme issues (HLS and new Countryside Stewardship) e.g. expiring permissive access agreements, effects of land management options on public access etc.		
Forestry and woodland		

Any other LAF activity (please specify)

2. CHAIRS MEETINGS AT TALINTON.

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5. Summarise any feedback received from section 94(4) bodies¹

FEEDBACK FROM STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE ON DERRIFORD TRANSPORT SCHEME CONSULTATION RESULTS.
MADE CONTACT WITH TAMAR VALLEY AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY CONSERVATION BOARD.

6. Please provide any comments from your Appointing Authority

No Comment

7. Comments from LAF Chair

8. Any important information to bring to the attention of Natural England

9. Any other comments

IT IS HOPED THAT WITH THE LOST OF REGIONAL COORDINATOR NATURAL ENGLAND WILL ENSURE THAT THE ROLE WILL BE TAKEN OVER IN HOUSE !!

¹ The Countryside and Rights of Way Act, 2000, Section 94(4) specifies that it is the function of a local access forum, as respects to the area for which it is established, to advise the appointing authority; the local highway authority; other bodies exercising functions under CROW Act Part 1 (Natural England, Forestry Commission and English Heritage) and such other bodies as may be prescribed. These other bodies are set out in the LAF Regulations 2007, paragraph 21, and include: any conservation board established by the Secretary of State, any parish or town council in the area covered by the LAF, and Sport England.