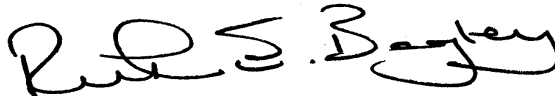


Date of issue: Tuesday, 8 December 2015

MEETING	LOCAL ACCESS FORUM
DATE AND TIME:	WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 2015 AT 6.30 PM
VENUE:	BRUNEL WAY, SLOUGH
LOCAL ACCESS FORUM SECRETARY (for all enquiries)	JACQUI WHEELER, RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER 01753 477479

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are requested to attend the above Meeting at the time and date indicated to deal with the business set out in the following agenda.



RUTH BAGLEY
Chief Executive

AGENDA

PART 1

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5.	Horizon Scanning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joint LAF Chairs Meeting 2nd September - outcomes - M4 Smart Motorway project - Big Pathwatch 	13 - 24	
6.	Canal Basin and Parks Integration <p>SRP and long term plan Interim proposal update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CRT - Housing - Community fund <p>Parks Integration</p>		(10 mins)
7.	LAF Members Training Requirements	25 - 26	(5 mins)
8.	Definitive Map Modification Order - BRN		(10 mins)
9.	Actions List - Summer Site Visits		
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	TBA		

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Local Access Forum – Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th September, 2015 at the Meeting Room 1, Chalvey Community Centre, The Green, Chalvey, Slough, SL1 2SP

Present:-

LAF Members

David Munkley (Chair)
Trevor Allen
Andy Packer
Tony Haines
Ken Wright

Observers

Arnold Richardson (Colnbrook Parish Council)
Wayne Strutton

Officers, Slough Borough Council

Jacqui Wheeler
Rights of Way Officer
Sing-Wai Yu
Team Leader Highways Maintenance & Asset Management

186. Apologies

Cllr Satpal Parmar, Cllr Roger Davis, John Keegan

187. Welcome and Declarations of Interest

None

188. Minutes of the last meeting held on 21st May 2015

Minutes of the last meeting held on 21st May were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

189. House keeping

Re-election of Chair and Vice-Chair –

Five members have confirmed their approval of the re-election of David Munkley as LAF Chair and so he is duly re-elected for another year. However with the resignation of IH from the LAF the Vice Chairship is open. KW nominated Trevor Allen for this position and all voted in favour, so he is duly

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elected as LAF Vice-Chair for the year ahead. TH expressed his interest in standing for this position in the future.

All agreed to a farewell get together for IH who is moving to the Leatherhead area. JW suggested The Red Lion in Langley as the venue and members asked for an early evening time. JW would send an invite around with the idea of appropriating some SBC memorabilia to give.

It would please the Chair and all members would like to thank Ian for his valuable contribution to the LAF over the years and wish him well for his future volunteering exploits.

190. Matters Arising (other than those on the agenda)

FP35a High Street to Herschel Street-

JW confirmed the application for the stopping up of this alleyway has now been received and is due to be processed. The site adjacent to the narrow section is still hoarded off with no development forthcoming. WS stated that there are various sites in central Slough where development is not progressing which are being chased with a view to possible CPO.

FP35b Herschel Street to Alpha and Hencroft Streets North-

JW tabled usage survey results and photos. All agreed the path is not used very much. A permanent stopping up of this section of path would mean a problem with the lighting columns which are maintained by Highways. The columns would probably have to be removed with a permanent closure. Alternatively, if a PSPO was made the path would remain Highway responsibility.

JW suggested a door knocking exercise to gauge local reaction to a potential closure. Members were concerned about the lack of enforcement in general being undertaken by the Council.

Ditton Park Cycle Path –

Members approved the draft joint LAF letter to try to get a response from CA Technologies in view of the inability to contact Fiona Kincaid, the Facilities Manager over the last few months.

DM has visited the route recently both on the Ditton Park side and on the Linear Park in Slough noting that the condition of the surface has deteriorated and encroaching vegetation is has obstructed the useable width. He specifically mentioned the Southfield path surface has worsened.

Resolved - JW to send the letter to CA Technologies.

Linear Park cycle path in Slough

The Council's legal team responded to the LAF's email saying that the Council is equitable landowner regardless of whether it is under Parks or Transport and is therefore responsible to repair and maintain. There is an impasse as Parks aren't willing to take on the path for programmed maintenance unless Transport has a budget available to transfer it over with; meanwhile the path continues to deteriorate with only ad hoc maintenance. JW suggested a possible solution could be that Highways take on the path and that it is dedicated as a PRoW. However, the problem remains there being no budget, with the length and width of the route requiring substantial investment to sort out and maintain.

JW has asked RBWM for the Ditton Park S106 agreement to check that the permissive path through the CA Technologies site has to be open to the public in perpetuity. The section in Slough cannot be dedicated as a PRoW unless it links to a public highway at both ends.

DM asked if this path could just be absorbed into the general PRoW budget. JW felt unsure that expectations for the paths condition could be met within available budget. Members felt the path does not get the recognition it deserves as a major leisure off road route and that the Council should give it priority when considering improvements to cycling routes for 15/16 financial year. DM reiterated that the condition of the path is plainly deteriorating.

WS stated that it's likely that the field next to the current Castleview housing development may be developed as well which would undoubtedly result in increased use of this route. He wondered if some funding could be gained through the planning process should this go ahead. There is potential for a LAF recommendation that the Council place a planning condition on any new development at this location for a contribution towards the up keep of the Linear Park.

The consensus was that a letter be drafted to the Chief Executive of the Council and copied to Ward councillors strongly recommending this case for funding, highlighting the importance of the route, its inclusion in Slough's Local Plan and particularly the Council's investment in buying the land specifically to provide it and now allowing it to de-grade.

SWY explained the Community Investment Fund which is divided up between the wards each year, could provide the avenue for a one-off investment if requested by the appropriate councillors. Though not an annual budget, a one-off amount would mean sufficient repairs could be made which would last several years while the issue of a regular maintenance budget is sorted out.

Resolved – That the LAF strongly advises the Council takes responsibility for the Linear Park wholly in Council ownership and that the Council provides funds for proper programmed maintenance of this strategically important local walking and cycling route. The Council must be seen to be upholding their obligation to this route particularly

from the perspective of gaining continued investment from CA Technologies. JW to draft letter as detailed above and circulate for members' approval.

Audible Beepers at Pedestrian Crossings

JW reported back that the Council uses the audible beep at pedestrian crossings on single crossings, however if there's another unsynchronised crossing close by then the audible beeps will not be used to avoid confusion for users. This is the position at the Salt Hill crossing.

Bloom Park Integration with the Canal

JW to chase up the Parks department to find out how the S106 money will be spent and push the LAF's view that integration with the canal needs to be prioritised.

Canal Basin

TH summarised the meetings that have happened with CRT and the Council and asked if the LAF's recommendations are still under consideration. JW explained that the planning application for the Basin development has still not been submitted to the Council, though she has had sight of some concept drawings from the Slough Regeneration Partnership who are working on the planning application with CRT and the development company.

JW confirmed that she has been liaising with Housing about removing the concrete fencing on the north side of the basin with a view to continuing with trying to get interim improvements prior to any major development. The preliminary quote from the Council's contractors is approx. £6K for removing the concrete fence and erecting a weld mesh fence along the alternative alignment which would open up a wide corridor. This does not include the clearance of trees/vegetation on the northern bank of the canal which belongs to CRT or construction of a new path on the bank.

JW agreed to the following; contact SRP to confirm that the realignment of this fence line does not compromise the long terms plans; ask CRT for approval and part funding of clearance of northern bank and ask Housing to agree new fence line on their land and removal of concrete fencing. Housing may also have money available to help with this work. In the LAF's view moving the path onto the bank at this location will not compromise, but will enhance any future development plans.

WS intimated that the Council is looking at development opportunities at the green space land owned by Housing behind Kendal Close. SWY suggested things are happening with plans for this area which have not been released yet and that we can try to find out.

TH is not convinced that CRT will go ahead with any development at the Basin as this issue has been in the Local Plan for 30 years.

Resolved – Actions to be taken as detailed above and item to be on next agenda.

191. Transport / LSTF Schemes/Designs - Updates

JW directed members to the updates included in the report in the papers.

A4 Huntercombe Lane to Burnham Lane Cycle Scheme

JW will circulate the detailed design drawings for this scheme and asked for any comments to be sent. This scheme involves partnership working with Bucks CC.

Leigh Road Bridge

SWY confirmed the official opening of the new road bridge is around the 14th October 2015 with the bridge opening for actual use a couple of weeks prior to that date.

It has been decided that the adopted highway across the old listed Leigh Road Bridge will not be stopped up at all due to complications with Network Rail owning the actual structure. Instead the simplest option is to make a permanent Traffic Regulation Order which will restrict the use of the bridge and the approaches to pedestrians and cyclists. Physical barriers will be installed to prevent unauthorised vehicular access and landscaping will enhance the environment. SWY confirmed that landscape design plans are being drawn up now. The structure of the old bridge will remain in the ownership of Network Rail but further work needs to be done on the parapets as they don't meet European standards. This means either raising the height of the parapets or dropping the surface.

Pavement Parking Informal Consultations

JW directed members to the PPS consultation plans on the websites. WS pointed out that Haymill missing from the consultation shows the Council has ignored feedback from the LAF and evidence showing that Haymill is definitely a hotspot for the pavement parking problem. JW agreed to ask the Parking team why Haymill is not being consulted on as WS had been assured it was a prime candidate and the LAF had agreed.

TA confirmed that the pavement parking scheme implemented in the central ward is working and it is nice to see people being able to use the pavement again. Though, TH was keen to state that in some areas the PPS has not worked particularly in Goodman Park, Uxbridge Road. The debate continues with opinions differing but general consensus that an individual road by road approach must be used every time.

Slough Station Travel Plans Stakeholders Workshop

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JW asked for volunteers to attend this workshop due to take place on the 1st October 2015 at the Cycle Hub, Brunel Way. Members to inform JW.

192. Summer Site Visits - actions

JW directed members to the list of actions in the papers.

JW is arranging a site visit with Bucks CC row officers to discuss issues arising from the LAF's summer visit to the canal and the NCN route in Langley leading to the Langley Country Park.

Dis-used railway line path, Colnbrook

There is also the opportunity via an email from correspondence with Cllr Dexter Smith for gathering momentum towards a possible claim of the unrecorded path along the di-used railway line, Old Bath Road, Colnbrook. The Cllr confirmed the path is used by a lot of local people for work and leisure and he has raised it with the Colnbrook Parish Council who in general support the dedication of this route as a public path. The Cllr also said that someone has been systematically cutting back overhanging vegetation to keep the route useable.

DM felt this path has potential to be an urban nature reserve and was surprised by the hidden delight of the path while at the same time serving a functional purpose. JW will respond enthusiastically to the Cllr's email with the aim to get some action on this potential claim.

WS reported that the fence in Pippins Park is being broken down to be used as a short cut through to the Colnbrook Bypass. Anti-social behaviour is reported as happening and locals are worried children will be able to access the Bypass via this opening. JW will investigate.

Wexham Row

TA offered help in contacting the allotment users to gather evidence of use of this path. JW will liaise with him on this. JW confirmed the Ramblers central office have no record of the letter in the 1980's that was sent to the Wexham Court Parish Council concerning this path. Hopefully the local Ramblers or Wexham Court Parish Council will have kept a record.

KW queried whether the Council could get the mound cleared, however it is highly unlikely this would be possible particularly as the landowner has had the obstruction placed there along with barbed wire and signs specifically to exclude people from using the path. Despite this during the summer site visit, members witnessed someone using the route and were able to access the whole route though it was very difficult. Members agreed a mailshot should be sent to local residents to gather evidence of use and follow the actions listed. WS suggested asking for anecdotal evidence of peoples experience of this path on Streetlife Slough and FB Slough60's and Slough 70's websites.

193. Cycling in Slough

No Transport Officer was available to come along to the meeting.

194. Horizon Scanning

Due to lack of time at the meeting, this item will be postponed to be discussed at the next meeting on 16th December 2015.

195. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday 16th December 2015 at the Slough Cycle Hub, Brunel Way. JW will look into the parking available close to the Cycle Hub for the next meeting and forward details to everyone.

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.30pm and closed at 8.40pm)

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ACTION LIST FOR LAF Date: 22.10.15

Reference from Minutes	Action Detail	How achieved	Outcome
LAF Mins 16.09.15 - 190	Do informal consultation for possible closure of FP35b		
LAF Mins 16.09.15 - 190	Door knocking for possible closure of FP35b – ask Nahid		
LAF Mins 16.09.15 - 190	JW to send the letter to CA Technologies	Copy of letter in LAF papers	Done
LAF Mins 16.09.15 - 190	Draft letter to Ruth and copy to Ward Cllrs and Joe Carter re; maintenance of Linear Park	Circulate for LAF approval and then send. Copy of letter in LAF papers.	Sent on 01.12.15
Canal Basin LAF Mins 16.09.15 - 190	JW to chase up the Parks department to find out how the S106 money will be spent and push the LAF's view that integration with the canal needs to be prioritised	Emailed Parks Team on 04.12.15	
Canal Basin LAF Mins 16.09.15 - 190	Email Jonathan Edwards at SRP to confirm that the realignment of this fence line does not compromise the long terms plans	Emailed and meeting early Nov.	Done 03.11.15 SRP approve so long as no abortive work
Canal Basin LAF Mins 16.09.15 - 190	ask CRT for approval and part funding of clearance of northern bank	Email sent	CRT approve
Canal Basin LAF Mins 16.09.15 - 190	ask Housing to agree new fence line on their land and removal of concrete fencing	Email sent	Housing approve
Canal Basin LAF Mins 16.09.15 - 190	Email Joe Carter to find out what plans there are for the Basin development	Email sent 03.11.15	
LAF Mins 16.09.15 - 191	JW will circulate the detailed design drawings for A4 Huntercombe Lane to Burnham Lane Cycle Scheme and asked for any comments to be sent	Emailed members	No comments received

LOCAL ACCESS FORUM REPORT – 16th DECEMBER 2015 – AGENDA ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING

LAF Mins 16.09.15 - 191	JW agreed to ask the Parking team why Haymill is not being consulted on as WS had been assured it was a prime candidate and the LAF had agreed	To do	
LAF Mins 16.09.15 - 191	JW asked for volunteers to attend this workshop due to take place on the 1 st October 2015 at the Cycle Hub, Brunel Way	-	JW, WS attended
LAF Mins 16.09.15 - 192	JW will respond enthusiastically to the Cllr Dexter Smith's email with the aim to get some action on this potential claim	Emailed Cllr Dexter Smith on 17.09.15	Done
LAF Mins 16.09.15 - 192	Draft Mailshot letter for wexham row and get on Facebook and Streetlife Slough to ask for peoples experiences		
LAF Mins 16.09.15 - 192	WS reported that the fence in Pippins Park is being broken down to be used as a short cut through to the Colnbrook Bypass. Anti-social behaviour is reported as happening and locals are worried children will be able to access the Bypass via this opening. JW will investigate	Emailed Parks team 04.12.15	No response yet

30 November 2015

Slough Local Access Forum

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Ref: LAF Linear Park/Ditton Park Cycle Path

Dear Ruth,

I am writing as Chairman of the Slough Local Access Forum, a statutory advisory body whose members are volunteers living in the local area, set up under the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000. Part of our remit is to advise the Local Authority and other relevant organisations concerning walking and cycling access to green open spaces in the area.

Over recent years the Forum has taken a keen interest in the Linear Park as an important local route providing a very pleasant off-road walking and cycling provision across the borough east – west. As part of the National Cycle Network, this route is widely publicised and used, a real asset to the local communities of Slough and Windsor & Maidenhead.

The route runs across land owned and in fact specifically purchased by the borough to allow its construction; through Upton Court Park and circuiting the Slough Cricket ground then running eastwards to wind across land which is part of the Ditton Park Estate owned by CA Technologies. This portion of the path was secured as a planning gain in RBWM.

After building up communication links with CA Technologies through joint letters from Slough Local Access Forum and Windsor & Maidenhead Local Access Forum, a dialogue opened with officers at both LA's and CA Technologies which has resulted in long overdue repairs being made to the path surface through the Estate. This accomplishment is benefiting users immensely and the Forum would like to see this replicated on the Slough Council owned part of the route.

Unfortunately, I would like to express our dismay at the lack of a regular maintenance regime on the section of the Linear Park in Slough, particularly in light of the recent investment made by the private landowner in improving the path. It is disappointing to discover that this wonderful route which is included in Slough's Local Plan is now

relegated to ad hoc maintenance; being stuck in a no-man's land between departments with no designated maintenance budget and that core pathway is being lost to vegetation with a consequential reduction in width.

Members feel that this route does not get the recognition it deserves as a major off-road leisure and commuter route and that the Council should give it priority when considering improvements to cycling routes in the coming financial year. Essentially, the Forum strongly recommends that the Council takes greater responsibility for the Linear Park wholly within Council ownership and provides ongoing funds for proper programmed maintenance to ensure the continued accessibility of the route for local people.

The Council must be seen to be upholding their obligation to this route particularly if we are to continue pushing for investment from CA Technologies.

I look forward to your response on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



David Munkley
Chair 2015, Slough Local Access Forum

cc. Councillor Rajinder S Sandhu, Upton Ward, Slough
Councillor Rayman Bains, Upton Ward, Slough
Councillor Wal Chahal, Upton Ward, Slough
Anthony Hurst, Principal Rights of Way Officer, Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead
Peter Challis, Sustrans Area Manager

This letter constitutes formal advice from the Slough Local Access Forum. Slough Borough Council is required, in accordance with section 94(5) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to have regard to relevant advice from this forum in carrying out its functions.

LAF CHAIR MEETING – 2nd September 2015

ATTENDANCE

Local Access Forum	Name
Bracknell Forest LCAF	Graham Pockett <i>[GP]</i>
Bucks LAF	Jonathan Clark (Secretary) <i>[JC]</i> Peter Radband
Mid & West Berks LCAF	Janice Bridger (Chair) <i>[JB]</i> Colin Patient <i>[CP]</i>
RBWM LAF	Peter Thorn (Chair) <i>[PT]</i> Andrew Fletcher (Secretary) <i>[AF]</i>
Slough LAF	David Munkley (Chair) <i>[DM]</i> Jacqui Wheeler (Secretary) <i>[JW]</i>
Surrey LAF	Graham Butler (Chair) <i>[GB]</i>

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Item	Action / Issue	Action Owner	Outcome
1	Circulate regulations regarding design of signs. Is this still an issue the LAFs need to discuss?	AF	
2	Attend M4 Smart motorway preliminary meeting	AF	The meeting dealt with preliminary issues regarding the timing of discussions, however an outcome of the meeting was that Highways England agreed that the bridge design requests from the LAF can be incorporated into the “Common Ground” document currently being prepared for the public inquiry.
3	Provide details of the HLS permissive path schemes that have been withdrawn within RBWM	AF	
4	Find information regarding the Section 106 agreement for Ditton Park	AF	
5	Circulate details of PROW Training course – Is there interest for this from LAF members and perhaps also from Parish Councils?	JW/AF	

UPCOMING POTENTIAL ISSUES

Item	Action / Issue	Comments
1	Virtual English Access Forum	Incoming consultation to Local Access Forums

KNOWN JOINT ISSUES / BOUNDARY ISSUES

1. Upgrade of footpath to bridleway across the boundary of Wokingham and Bracknell Forest – Bracknell Forest/Wokingham
2. Slough arm of Canal at Langley Park – Bucks/Slough
3. Ditton Park (in hand at present) – RBWM/Slough
4. Multi-user route extension at Bucks – Bucks/RBWM/Slough
5. Slough Intermodal Freight Exchange at Colnbrook – RBWM/Slough

JOINT SITE VISIT SUGGESTIONS

1. Proposed upgrade of cross boundary Footpath to Bridleway (*Bracknell Forest/Mid & West Berks*)
2. Eton-Dorney-Taplow proposed multi-use route extension (*Bucks / RBWM / Slough*)
3. Slough Intermodal Freight Exchange site at Colnbrook (*RBWM / Slough / Surrey*)

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide update on the SMART M4 scheme and consider further mitigation requests on the PRow network in Slough.

2. CURRENT SITUATION

The scheme is currently in development phase, Development Consent Order process at examination stage until March 2nd 2016. The Examiner has then 3 months to make her recommendation and the SoS then has 3 months to approve or reject the application. So the Development Consent Order approval could be in late 2016.

It is proposed that construction of bridges will begin in Sept 2017 – July 2020 with the M4 Jct 3-8 proposed mid-2019, open to traffic late 2021.

Bridges in Slough

Oldway Lane Overbridge

(Mercian Recreation Ground to BR9 to Jubilee River)

On-line option so no permanent diversion is required. This is the only vehicular access to this bridleway for maintenance purposes, may need compensation if route is obstructed due to long closure and no maintenance has been possible. Proposed replacement bridge to be lightweight truss bridleway structure vehicle load limit 18 tonnes. There will be lockable bollards at either end of bridge. Consultants will supply details of where the same design has been used in Surrey.

Wood Lane Overbridge

Off-line option, so a permanent diversion of the public bridleway is required. This will be the diversion route for the closure of Oldway Lane

Datchet Road

(affecting FP78 The Myrke)

Offline option – FP78 will be extended to link to the new bridge.

Recreation Ground Overbridge

(FP leading to Upton Court Park – Slough Linear Park)

On-line works, so there will be a closure

Junction 5 subway (FP9)

No change to width of the subway only that the structure will be extended at both ends. Request made for new lighting in the existing tunnel.

Old Slade Lane Overbridge

(Iver to Colnbrook, part of Colne Valley Trail).

New bridge to be constructed online, 12 month closure – no realistic diversion possible, though Bucks CC row Officer is going to ask for an off road cycle path along North Park between Sutton Lane and Old Slade Lane.

3. Further Mitigation?

Bucks CC Row Officer and Colne Valley Park have become aware from the Inspector's comments at the public inquiry that HE have not done enough in terms of mitigation for Rights of Way due to the long closures and disruption to the PRow network and negative impacts on the environment.

Bucks CC asked the Chairman of the Iver & District Countryside Association, to report on ideas about potential improvements to Iver ROWs if the Old Slade Lane bridge is inaccessible because of the M4 widening. This report is detailed in the LAF papers and relates to the numbered photos and map printed below.

In terms of Slough ROW on the south side of the Old Slade Lane Bridge, JW will explore further mitigation and the potential for a new ROW between C-D and will forward details to the PINS Case Officer.











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Paul Graham
Chairman, Iver & District Countryside Association
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28 November 2015

To: Jonathan Clark, Bucks County Council

Jon

You asked me to set out some ideas about potential improvements to Iver ROWs if the Old Slade Lane bridge is ever inaccessible because of the M4 widening.

I attach eight photos I took on 27 November 2015 and a map of the area.

My suggestions are:

1. Better surfacing on BW31 section A-B-C, BW31 section E-J-O, FP34 section I-J-K-M. Photographs 3 (south of point I) and 5 (west of point J) show what it is like. The surface on BW31 section C-E is good.
2. Improved signing or waymarking at points A, B, E, I, L, M, N. Photo 4 shows point I looking west where there is no sign at all. Photo 6 shows point L where the sign is hidden in the trees when approaching from the east. Photo 7 shows point M. At points A, B, I and N the signs should include info about where the path leads to, the distance(s) involved and the number of the ROW.
3. At point B there should be steps down the bank from the roadway. At present, walkers coming from the south intending to use BW31 have to walk 200m north to point A and then 200m south to point B.
4. The route of the Colne Valley Way or Trail goes under the M25 (with over 2m high clearance) on a good path from point E (see photo 1) to point F in Thorney Park. It is not a definitive path, but it and the other paths in Thorney Park are used by walkers and seem well maintained. Because the land is owned by Bucks County Council they are presumably permissive. Photo 2 shows an old waymark at point F.
5. There should be better signing at points G and H off Thorney Mill Road indicating where the paths leads to and the distance(s) involved. Photo 8 is taken at point G – note the blue cycle route sign on the right.
6. There should be marked parking places in the old stub of Thorney Mill Road at point G for the use of walkers.
7. Paths Iver 20 and Iver 24 are at present underused. In order to provide a full circular route in connection with the above, they should be cleared, the path definition should be improved and they should be better signed. At present there are virtually no waymarkers at path junctions or at points where the paths turn through 90 degrees.
8. Lastly, there is potential for a temporary or permanent ROW south from point C to point D under the M4 to a private fisherman's track around Old Slade Lake that could then lead onwards to a Slough Borough public ROW that runs along the west bank of the Colne Brook to the A4 and to Colnbrook Village. The route C-D is not well used, but has no physical access problems. There are wide concrete pathways under the motorway, with a minimum head clearance of about 1.8m. It is of course all in Slough Borough, and agreement would have to be reached with the owners of the lake.

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Half day LAF Training Course provided by IPROW – 10am -1pm covering:

1. Rights and responsibilities
 - What are public rights of way
 - What are the rights and responsibilities of the public
 - What are the rights and responsibilities of the owners/occupiers/land managers
 - Where does the Council fit in

2. Duties and powers
 - Recording rights of way
 - Maintaining rights of way
 - Protecting and asserting rights of way
 - Changes to the network
 - Promotion
 - Rights of way improvement plan

3. The role of the LAF

Could be expanded to a day by including more detail on any or add other topics as required. We have also been able to give particular emphasis to any topic identified by an officer as being 'problematic' for its LAF.

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CYCLING ABOUT SLOUGH

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Updates on ongoing specific issues and summary of feedback and decisions required on how to proceed.

Location	Description/ Issue	LAF consensus/action	Feedback rec'd	Outcomes/Updates
A4 Huntercombe Lane to Burnham Lane Cycle Scheme	Significant in terms of link to Brook Path right of way at Bath Road	To make comments. JW circulated drawings to members.	No comments received from LAF members	
Yarmouth Road location near the Junction with Buckingham Ave	New mini-docking station for cycle hire is being installed by SBC. The land is being rented under S106 agreement for £1 per year	For Info.		
A355 Copthorne Roundabout Route enhancement	A series of enhancements to reduce congestion, improve traffic flow Works include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remodelling copthorne roundabout • Signal and junction upgrades • Selected road widening • Bus priority measures 	Does LAF want to respond to this consultation? Is it within LAF remit? The consultation is online and members can complete as individuals if they want. LAF response sent 28 th Nov 2014. Concerns raised about the nature of the questions in the online consultation, lack of designing cycling/pedestrian provision into the schemes and lack of information about what modelling was done prior to this stage.	Letter received from Transport Planner on 7 th Jan 2014	Internal consultation currently on-going until 9 th Feb 2015 and designs available. Does LAF want to make a further response to Transport letter and designs. NB: Cycling Delivery Plan – see Cycling report item 8. LAF second response letter sent to Transport on 13.05.15. Chased Transport for response to 2nd letter and update on implementation.
A332 Windsor Road Corridor	Works include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widening the A332 			Chased Transport for response to 2nd letter and update on implementation.

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<p>Improvements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing pinch points • Improving pedestrian access • New infrastructure for buses and cyclists 			
<p>Slough Mass Rapid Transit</p>	<p>Aim to achieve bus service that is;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More frequent • Quicker • More reliable • Improve traffic flow for other users 			<p>Chased Transport for response to 2nd letter and update on implementation.</p>
<p>East West Walking and Cycling Route – Salt Hill Park section LSTF funded scheme</p>	<p>Three new paths and removal of two paths – scheme to be implemented in two phases. New lighting will be implemented on new and existing paths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 – link between Salt Hill Way and subway and from subway along northern boundary of park towards Stoke Poges Lane / Lansdowne Avenue • Phase 2 – link between Salt Hill Way leading to Barn Cafe (in the Centre of the Park) 	<p>LAF comments minuted emailed to Transport officers. Planning consent received. Informal consultation for diversion of Footpath 21 done and no objections received. SD signed and in process of instructing legal. Plan and letter in papers. Need LAF view on the diversion.</p>	<p>Email rec'd from VV – info about trees and implementation date will be available in due course. The scheme needs planning approval first.</p>	<p>Members had no objections to the diversion. Draft Order made on 13th Jan and published on 16th Jan 2015. Works in the park are complete.</p>
<p>Leigh Road New Bridge</p>	<p>Construction of a new bridge and road works between Ajax Avenue and Buckingham Avenue</p>	<p>Comments so far minuted. LAF requested more detail</p>	<p>Existing public vehicular rights over the old bridge will be restricted using a TRO and the bridge will be landscaped to prevent unauthorised vehicular</p>	<p>Update: The new road bridge is open. Plans showing layout at Old Bridge</p>

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Borough wide	Pavement parking	<p>Letter to police Minutes recommended SBC use new powers TA met with GR Keep on agenda for updates LAF recommendations for roll out of the scheme were sent to KH, MM and SDC.</p>	<p>access. Emails with Parking Development Officers– safety audits done, scheme being implemented as an experimental TRO and details/final scheme drawings available on consultation website http://tinyurl.com/a43t98k. Formal representations being accepted over the 6 month experimental period.</p>	<p>Updates – Feedback from Parking Officers requested. Consultation ends on 23rd January 2014. LAF members agreed to take a look at the changes on the ground with a view to making a formal representation. Verbal update from KH – TRO’s have been made, enforcement can now start. Delayed as some small changes had to be made as a result of residents’ comments. There is 18 month window under the experimental legislation in which to make a decision on permanency. Wexham to be the next area and include hospital problem parking – hoping to work with Bucks.</p> <p>There are proposals waiting to be sealed to upgrade the whole of Herschel Street to Double Yellow Lines with a loading ban so this will prohibit all parking all together on both the pavements and carriageway.</p> <p>Update: detailed designs for Elliman and Central Ward being undertaken with officers going on site to measure each road capability for fine detail. Then a letter with these detailed proposals will be sent to each resident with a view to implement the scheme by the end of March 2016. Thereafter the same process will be followed for the other three wards, Chalvey, Baylis & Stoke and Wexham. There was a high</p>
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<p>Farnham Road Better Bus Scheme</p>	<p>Various issues including concerns about increased congestion, off c/w cycle lanes.</p>	<p>LAF comments forwarded</p>	<p>Savio DeCruz dealing. See Transport comments below</p>	<p>response to the online consultation. Scheme implemented. LAF comments forwarded. Waiting to hear if Transport will take action on the drop kerb issue at Buckingham Ave East jct with Farnham Rd. Transport will not take any action.</p>
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