Local Access Forum Annual Review Form
April 2014 to March 2015

Name of LAF	**Nottingham Local Access Forum**
Name of LAF Chair	Hugh McClintock
Name of LAF Secretary	Adrian Kasas (Traffic Management, Nottingham City Council)

Total number of LAF members	14
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	2

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)

LAF projects undertaken and/or completed during this period include:-

1) City Centre Lost Ways: investigation and research for definitive map modification orders resulted in 2 routes being added to the definitive map

2) "Plugging the Gap": project commenced 2010 and completed in 2014, and resulted in a new timber footbridge across a minor watercourse, linking Colwick Country Park in Nottingham City to a neighbouring housing area in Gedling Borough

3) Self-Guided Walking Leaflets: during this period a 2nd walk has been added to the walks programme covering Sneinton and Colwick Woods (LNR) which helps raise the profile and valuable work of the LAF while getting people out and about in Nottingham to discover what's on their doorstep.

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

Availability of funding and officers time to devote to LAF training, development and future projects

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

1) Maintain current enthusiasm for sub groups and individual projects

2) Keep up with momentum for guest speakers

3) Keep all members updated on projects and try to meet individual member aspirations

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

Furthewr training sessions at the County Archives office (this is being progressed by the Lost Ways sub group)

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LAF activity in 2014/15

Number of full LAF meetings held	4	Number of sub-group meetings held	6
Number of working groups led by others	2	Number of training days provided by the Appointing Authority	1

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

Local Nature Partnerships	☐	Local Enterprise Partnerships	☐
Health and Wellbeing Boards	☐	LEADER funding Local Action Groups	☐

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)	2	
Transport (LTP, traffic management, rail, DfT, Highways Agency)	2	
Water / Coast (slipways, flood defence, EA, shoreline)		
Public open space (protection orders, commons, village greens)		
Dog exclusion/on leads/fouling orders		
Planning applications	6	
Housing development schemes	4	
Local development frameworks and planning strategies	1	
PROW creation, diversion or closure - number of each	5	
Right of Way Improvement Plan review	1	
Route improvements (to PROW and other multi-user/cycling/horse-riding/walking routes)	1	
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?	1	
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)	1	
Greenspace including Country Parks and Local Nature Reserves	1	
Open Access land restrictions		
Coastal Access/National Trails		
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)

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5. Summarise any feedback received from section 94(4) bodies[1]

Thanks and acknowledgement of comments received only.

6. Please provide any comments from your Appointing Authority

Overall, another successful year in an environment of reduced funding and officer time which clearly shows the commitment of individual LAF members and their sub groups. Going forward, I look forward to working with the LAF on a range of projects and ideas, helping to meet their aspirations.

7. Comments from LAF Chair

The work of the group has again benefitted from a lot of hard work and enthusiasm from LAF members, especially in the various subgroups. The strong support of the Appointing Authority has also once more been very important and much appreciated.

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

There has been no representation from Natural England at LAF meetings which is both unfortunate and disapointing given the proximity of the Appointing Authority office where meetings are held (a distance of around 700m).

9. Any other comments

[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.