NOTTINGHAM LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

DRAFT M I N U T E S

of meeting held on **13th July 2011** Loxley House from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

✓ - indicates present at meeting

Malcolm Bescoby	✓	Nick Hynes	✓
John Boland		Chris Thompson	
Don Cameron	✓	Diane Moore	✓
Roger Codling	✓	Trevor Muxlow	✓
Angela Cooke	✓	Councillor Jane Urquhart	✓
Councillor Brian Grocock	✓	Bill Wright	
Tom Huggon	✓		

Also in attendance

John Lee, Public Rights of Way (Nottingham City Council Advisor)
Matt Leek, Traffic Management (Nottingham City Council Secretary)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

1.1 Chris Thompson, John Boland, Bill Wright.

2 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

2.1 Item 2.3 of the previous minutes, Nick Hynes provided a summary of the recent Planning Workshop which prompted questions on another one

2.2 Diane Moore: funding has now gone, but a further session may be possible. Diane Moore to contact Planning Aid. **DM**

2.3 Cllr Urquhart: Following the elections, my title has changed to Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation.

2.4 John Lee: item 5.5 of the previous minutes, a response from the Chair has been sent to the Home Office regarding Gating Orders being replaced with Community Protection Orders.

2.5 Item 6.5 of the previous minutes, Diane Moore, John Lee and Tom Huggon went to Norfolk Place re the Gating Order.

2.6 John Lee: it has been agreed that the best option is to enclose the specific areas used by rough sleepers / drug users. Under the new PFI, the lighting at Norfolk Place is to be improved.

2.7 Cllr Grocock: supports enclosing these areas which will help reduce the problems and leave Norfolk Place open to the public.

2.8 In relation to item 6.21 of the previous minutes, Diane Moore asked John Lee for an update on the effectiveness of the Gating Order at Smedley Close / Haswell Road.

2.9 John Lee: the Gating Order has had a positive affect on Haswell Road although displacement cannot be ruled out. For Smedley Close the CDP have advised that there has been a 50% reduction in crime, although the Police have also increased their presence.

2.10 In relation to item 7.6 and 7.7 of the previous minutes, John Lee advised that the new Chair had sent a letter on behalf of the NLAF to DEFRA in response to their consultation on the future of LAF's.

3 INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME FROM THE NEW CHAIR: DIANE MOORE.

3.1 Diane Moore welcomed members of the forum to Loxley House and thanked them for the opportunity to be Chair.

4 LAF MEMBER ROLES AND INTERESTS: DEVELOPING MEMBERS INTERESTS AND LOOKING TO THE FUTURE): DIANE MOORE.

4.1 Diane Moore explained the reasons why she became a member of the forum; she expressed concerns that only certain members made a contribution at meetings and asked members to re-visit the reasons why they had joined the forum and what their aspirations are. Each member gave a brief account of their experience and how they saw the forum developing in the future.

5 RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ROWIP2) 2011 – 2014: JOHN LEE.

5.1 John Lee gave an overview of ROWIP2 and how some of the alleged deficiencies of ROWIP1 had been addressed e.g. acknowledging the work of the LAF. The next stage is Executive Board approval, along with the Barrier Policy.

5.2 Cllr Grocock: When ROWIP2 has gone to the Executive Board, will the forum take it to Area Committees? Tom Huggon agreed

5.3 Diane Moore: We are thinking about going to the Area Committee to raise the profile of the forum.

5.4 John Lee: When we receive an application to change the rights of way network, the ones that benefit Nottingham and its citizens should be given priority.

5.5 John Lee: Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 - pre 1949 rights based solely on documentary evidence should also be given priority.

6 UPDATE ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY / ACCESS: JOHN LEE.

6.1
- New section of the Big Track constructed along the River at Clifton Bridge.
- River Leen scheme has support of residents and will commence September 2011.
- NCC maintenance section has asked for a list of priority cycle routes for winter gritting (wish list to John Lee).
- Norfolk Place Gating Order has been abandoned.
- An inquiry will take place on the 8th November at Loxley House regarding the Stopping Up Order for Footpath 28.

6.2 Cllr Grocock: Will the forum be able to make comment?

6.3 John Lee: All statements of case must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by October 2011.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

7.1 Malcolm Bescoby proposed that the forum look at the possibility of reinstating the bridge at Colwick Park, and suggested that the County

Council could also be involved.

7.2 Angela Cooke: Richard Benyon MP has asked Local Authorities to encourage/accommodate equestrians on cycle routes wherever possible. Angela to provide a briefing note.

7.3 Trevor Muxlow: Wouldn't cycles scare the horses?

7.4 Angela Cooke: Research suggests that its more perception.

7.5 Diane Moore: Please can members remember to complete their Aspirations Forms to enable a programme to be planned.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 12th October, Loxley House (room LH 2.13) Station Street NG2 3NG.