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## LEEDS LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

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Meeting to be held in The Civic Hall, Leeds on  
Tuesday, 17th July, 2007 at 6.00 pm

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### MEMBERSHIP

Philip Maude	-	User of local rights of way
Didy Metcalf	-	User of local rights of way
Mike Willison (Chair)	-	User of local rights of way
Steven Wood	-	User of local rights of way
Vacancy	-	User of local rights of way
Doreen Lawson	-	Owners and occupiers
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Councillor C Fox	-	LCC
Vacancy	-	LCC

# A G E N D A

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- 7      **RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN** 107 - 108  
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9 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

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10 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Leeds Local Access Forum will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

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## Leeds Local Access Forum

Tuesday, 15th May, 2007

**PRESENT:** Mike Willison in the Chair

Councillor C Fox, Phillip Maude and  
Doreen Lawson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Laura Pilgrim, Governance Services  
Joanne Smyth, Parks & Countryside  
Roger Brookes, Parks & Countryside  
Paul Bowers, Legal Services

### 29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr. Fred Hirst.

### 30 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Dr. M. Willison was elected as Chair of the Leeds Local Access Forum for the period covering May 2007 to May 2008.

Doreen Lawson was elected Vice-Chair of Leeds Local Access Forum for the period covering May 2007 to May 2008.

### 31 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting of the Leeds Local Access Forum held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007 were approved as a correct record.

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes be approved.

### 32 MATTERS ARISING

i) Parlington

Joanne Smyth advised the Forum that it had not been possible to withdraw the objections in relation to this matter. The local authority was not also able to use concurrent Extinguishment/Creation Orders as they were illegal. An option for the local authority was to look at the issue from scratch.

ii) Annual Report

The Annual Report was now available on line on the Leeds Local Access Forum Website.

iii) Open Access Natural England

The Chair advised that he had emailed Hilary Scott, Natural England's LAF co-ordinator for Yorkshire & Humber attaching a copy of the letter from the Forum sent and a revised bid to the Access Management Grant Scheme, asking her to enquire why the Forum had not had a reply. A response had yet to be received. An update would be made at the next meeting.

**RESOLVED** – That the updates be noted.

### **33 RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE FORUM WITH NEW REGULATIONS AND DEFRA GUIDANCE**

The Forum considered a report presented by the Secretary which advised Members of the details of terms of office and information relating to the re-appointment. The report also advised of the changes to the regulations which related to local access forums and new guidance published by the Department of the Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

The Local Access Forum (England) Regulations 2007 (Regulations 2007) and the Forum's Terms of reference state that before appointing a member the appointing authority must advertise the vacancy in a local or regional newspaper and their website. The appointing authority must also consult such persons as they consider appropriate. Every effort must be made to ensure a reasonable balance was maintained between all those who were eligible to be a member of the Forum. Members of the Forum who wished to continue their membership were requested to notify the Secretary. The Secretary had received notification that Fred Hirst had recently resigned from the Forum.

The Secretary advised that previous attempts to attract new members over the last year were unsuccessful and that it was a requirement of the Regulations 2007 that new members were appointed to fill vacancies.

Members of the Forum suggested the following organisations should be contacted to nominated members:

- Country Land Owners Association
- British Horse Riding Association
- Leeds Cycling Forum

It was also agreed that Parish Councils and Councillors should be contacted in order highlight the work of local access forums and to seek nominations for members. The Secretary agreed to work with officers to recruit new members and expand the interest areas involved in the Forum.

A nomination had been received from Mr. Steven Wood who was interested in becoming a Member of the Forum. Mr. Wood was a user of public rights of way and also had connections with parish/town councils. Joanne Smyth had met with Mr. Wood to discuss the role of the Local Access Forum and the work of Members

The Chair drew attention to the Regulations 2007 which were included for Members' information. Officers had made the necessary amendments to the

Forums Terms of Reference to reflect the new powers and role of local access forums. The 'Guidance on Local Access Forum in England' issued by DEFRA had previously been circulated to Members for their information and assistance. The Chair particularly drew attention to Annex A which contained guidance on matters which forums could give advice.

**RESOLVED -**

- a) That Members of the Forum who wish to be re-appointed contact the Secretary.
- b) That the Secretary work with officers to recruit new members.
- c) That Mr. S. Wood be appointed as a Member of Leeds Local Access Forum.
- d) That the Local Access Forum (England) Regulations 2007 and 'Guidance on Local Access Forum in England' be noted.

**34 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Rights Of Way Improvement Manager presented the proposed changes of the Leeds Local Access Forum's Terms of Reference for approval. The changes to the Terms of Reference incorporated the Regulation 2007 and incorporated the guidance issued by DEFRA on local access forums. Changes had been made to the recruitment of new members to the Forum as it was felt that the previous method was too rigorous. New Members would now be selected by the Chair, the Secretary and the Countryside and Access Manager.

The Forum welcomed the changes to the Terms of Reference and recommended that in relation to section 9 the word 'represent' should be replaced with 'representative', as per the Regulations 2007. This would enable the Forum to recruit members from a wider base. The Secretary advised that it would be appropriate to add a quorum to the terms of reference and suggested that the quorum should be a third of the membership excluding vacancies.

**RESOLVED -** That the Terms of Reference be approved with the following amendments:

- a) That the quorum of the Forum will be one third of the membership excluding vacancies.
- b) That paragraph 9 be amended to replace the word 'represent' to 'representative'.

## **35 GATING ORDERS**

The Forum received three separate reports from the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing concerning requests to implement Gating Orders at the following locations:

- Back Nowell Terrace / Back Nowell Crescent Burmantofts, Leeds
- Back Ashville Avenue / Back Ashville Grove / Back Ashville Terrace / Back Ashville Road, Burley, Leeds
- Back Sanduhurst Grove / Back Chatsworth Road, Harehills, Leeds

Members hear that the Orders would have the effect of temporarily closing the public highway at the three sites by installing gates across footpaths / carriageways due to high levels of crime and anti-social behaviour in the locality. As a prescribed consultee in relation to the making of Gating Orders, the views of the Forum were sought.

Discussion then ensued around the following points:

- There was little objection to the planned gating orders and widespread support from the residents.
- The crime statistics were not robust and required further information in line with section 129A (3) (b) of the Highways Act 1980.
- The reports referred to an 'affected area' but did not specify what this meant or what the affected area was.
- As Gating Orders were temporary the Forum requested further information on the procedure to review such Orders.

The Forum noted the information contained in the reports and raised no objections to any of the Orders. The Forum requested that the Secretary should write to the appropriate officer to address the issues raised.

### **RESOLVED –**

- a) That the Gating Orders be approved.
- b) That the Secretary write to the appropriate Officer to address the concerns raised.

## **36 ANNUAL REPORT 2006/07**

The Forum received the Leeds Local Access Forum the Annual Report of the Leeds Local Access Forum for 2006-2007 for comment and consideration. The Annual Report was a requirement of DEFRA Guidance and conformed to the recommended structure. Its purpose was to outline the work of the Forum over the last year. Members' comments were requested for inclusion in the report. In the discussion of the items the following comments were made:

- The period which the report covered should be April 2006 to March 2007 and not March 2006 to March 2007.
- In paragraph 10. no information with regard to Gating Orders had been included. Members requested that further information was added such as Gating Orders were temporary.
- Paragraph 6. on Vacancies highlighted that the recruitment procedure was too bureaucratic.
- With regard to attendance, information should be provided on when attendees were called to the meeting and not just when they attended.

Officers agreed to take these comments on board and make the necessary changes to the document.

**RESOLVED** – That the comments of the Forum be noted and the Annual Report 2006-2007 be noted.

### **37 PRESENTATION FROM THE BRITISH CANOE UNION ON THE RIVER ACCESS CAMPAIGN**

The Secretary advised the Forum that a representative was unable to attend. Arrangements would be made to ensure the presentation would be made at a future meeting.

### **38 WEST LEEDS COUNTRY PARK AND GREEN GATEWAYS DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Forum received, for consideration and comment, the first draft of the West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways Management Plan. The long term visions of the West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways Initiative was to preserve greenspace within the West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways area, and to make the area accessible for public recreation. The Management Plan aimed to support this vision by identifying the key sites which were currently owned or managed by Parks and Countryside together with the Public Rights of Way within the project area. The aim was to explore what made them special and identify existing and potential threats. Action plans would be proposed based on consultation and site assessment.

Discussion ensued around the following points:

- Didy Metcalf attended Focus Group meetings on behalf of the Forum.
- Elaine Hill, the Project Officer, was in the process of producing six leaflets on the six compartments the Management Plan covered and was working in conjunction with Officers involved in the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP).
- The Local Development Framework was not included in the Plan.
- The Plan highlighted areas for further joint work with ROWIP and that both plans should link up.
- The minutes, leaflets, draft plans etc should be included in the Council's website.

- There should also be greater interface with other plans such as the Local Development Framework, West Leeds Green Gateway Plan. The inclusion of transport and access to the areas covered would also be beneficial.
- The Plan gave the potential to focus on areas with a view to work closer with local communities. For example the Ranger Service had 6 Rangers which worked with over 107 groups which had the potential for a significant number of voluntary hours available. The Rangers had also worked with the police in a number of areas, such as off road motorbike riders. One Sunday there had been 35 Fixed Penalty Notices issued in relation to this matter.

The Forum welcomed the Plan, in general, as a positive step forward in improving access and quality of green spaces in Leeds. A formal response would be agreed with the Chair and sent to the appropriate Officer. An invitation to attend a future meeting of the Forum would be extended to Elaine Hill to provide a presentation on the development of the Plan.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- a) That the Plan be noted and supported.
- b) That a formal response be sent to the appropriate officer.
- c) That Elaine Hill be invited to a future meeting of the Forum.

### **39 RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Joanne Smyth tabled the Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan for consideration. The Forum was advised that the ROWIP was more than a transport plan and could not be funded through the Local Transport Plan. The document would be nearing completion to go out to consultation. Local authorities would have to be robust and creative in attracting funds to projects. There were some instances where local communities could tap into funds that were not available to the local authority. It was hoped that the Council could work with community groups to access funds. Members were requested to submit their comments to Joanne Smyth for inclusion in the consultation as soon as possible.

In the discussion of the item the following issues were raised:

- There were alterations and typos to be correct before consultation.
- Appendix 10 outlined the number of Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) issues. Not all authorities were in the position to reach their target as there were an average of five DMMOs dealt with a year at a cost of c.£3,500 each with a level of high input from officers.
- The main problem of the backlog of DDMOs was that it could prevent development. It would be advisable to lobby the Government to look at this issue.

Joanne Smyth advised the Forum that the final draft of the consultation document would be distributed to Members. The Document would be submitted to Director and Lead Members before a 12 week consultation period . Copies would be available online, on request and in libraries etc.

**RESOLVED** – That any amendments and comments on the Draft Rights Of Way Improvement Plan be submitted to Joanne Smyth as soon as possible for inclusion in he consultation document.

#### **40 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The following items were proposed for the next meeting of the Local Access Forum:

- Local Development Framework
- British Canoe Union and River Access Campaign
- Forward Work Programme
- Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways Management Plan

#### **41 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Leeds Local Access Forum will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at 6.30 p.m.

(Note: The meeting opened at 18:35 and closed at 20:25)

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10 July 2007

Dear Mr. Brady

**RE: Leeds Local Access Forum – Meeting Held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

**This letter constitutes formal advice from the Leeds Local Access Forum. Leeds City 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.**

At the last meeting of the Leeds Local Access Forum a report was submitted by yourself seeking approval of proposed Gating Orders for Back Nowell Terrace, Back Ashville Grove and Back Sandhurst Grove. I write to inform you that the Forum were happy to support the proposed Gating Orders. In order to consider future Gating Orders the Forum have requested some further information:

- 1) How are areas selected for Gating Orders?
- 2) What is the process for reviewing the Gating Orders?
- 3) The reports make reference to an 'affected area', what does this mean?
- 4) There should be a more robust presentation of the crime statistics, in line with Section 129A (3)(b) of the Highways Act 1980, including a comparison of the crime data for other properties in the neighbourhood.

The next meeting of the Forum will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007 and hope that we will receive a written response for consideration at that meeting.

If you have any queries relating to this matter please contact me through Laura Pilgrim, Clerk to the Forum.

Yours sincerely

**Dr. M. Willison**  
**Chair of Leeds Local Access Forum**

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Dear Dr. Willison

**RE: LEEDS LOCAL ACCESS FORUM – MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007**

I refer to your letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 2007 with regards relevant advice from the Leeds Local Access Forum (LLAF) towards future Gating Orders. Firstly, as the promoter of these Gating Orders, we would like to apologise for not being present at the last LLAF meeting. As the process for these orders is still relatively new, we were unsure if we needed to attend every LLAF meeting, and thus we attended an alternative meeting instead. As the promoter of these orders, we recognise that there is a legal duty to attend these meetings to formally represent any proposed Gating Orders. In future we will ensure there is no further lack of attendance on our part.

In answer to your request for further info, we provide the following responses in the hope that these will address some of the questions asked by the Forum with regards future Gating Orders and we will of course attend the next meeting to respond to any questions.

**1) How are the areas selected for Gating Orders?**

Leeds Community Safety has agreed to only apply for Gating Orders for Back roads (carriageways) and not alleyways / ginnels / paths, etc. Roads are identified either proactively or reactively. Most sites identified fall into the latter category, and referrals for these come from agencies / departments and relevant individuals who have to deal with the problems in this road on a day to day basis.

Once a back road has been identified, the crime and Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) stats for that area are collated (for the last 2 years). We would be looking for a clear indication that crime and / or ASB is rising at this location and make enquiries to find out why. We would also need to know what has been done in the area to combat this rise and find out why alleygating is seen as necessary. A comparison should also be

carried out with neighbouring streets to find out if the referred back road is the main area for rising crime and / or ASB.

We would also identify if the site falls within a Police hotspot area for a particular crime. Each Police division identifies which beat is a hotspot for each crime (burglary / robbery / vehicle crime, etc). As alleygating is primarily about reducing domestic burglary, we would be looking to see if it falls within a hotspot area for burglary firstly.

Another deciding factor, although less so is if the site falls within a Lower Layer Super Output Area (LSOA) which has a crime domain that is within the worst 10% of the total LSOA's across the country (32,000 LSOA's in total).

We would also look to compare if crime at the identified site is rising in comparison with crime in the electoral ward.

A final factor in deciding if a site is eligible for gating orders is to ensure it is a back road which serves predominantly through-terraced properties. The highway should also be adopted for it to warrant a gating order and there should be alternative routes near to the proposed site.

## **2) What is the process for reviewing the Gating Orders?**

We have agreed to review each alleygating scheme on an annual basis. This will be to evaluate the impact of the gates and to find out if the site needs the gates any longer for the purposes of crime reduction. To decide this we would:

- Check the crime stats for the year that gates have been in place to see if they have brought about a reduction in crime and / or ASB.
- We would look at the crime stats for other, neighbouring streets to assess if the gates have caused a displacement of crime and ASB to neighbouring locations.
- Consult with all residents, tenants and property owners for their comments regarding the alleygates. We would also ask for their opinions on removing the gates, should crime have gone down at the gated site over the year.
- Liaise with Police to see if the site remained in a hotspot area, and also to see what other work had been undertaken in the area to bring down crime, or not as the case may be.

## **3)What is meant by an 'affected area'?**

Apologies for the confusion this term has caused. It is simply meant to mean the highway that has been proposed for alleygating.

## **4)More robust reporting of the crime statistics. How will we present this?**

Subject to approval of the forum members, we would look to provide the following information as a means of presenting the crime stats for the proposed alleygating site:

- Show the total crime figures for the site, over the last 2 years, to include stats for adjacent streets to the highway in question. Where possible, we would try to show all crimes that have been attributed to the problem highway in question.
- Show a comparison of stats for neighbouring highways over the same period of time.
- We would provide the crime figures for the Police division and the Police beat that the problem site falls into.

- We would provide crime figures for the electoral ward for the last 2 years to highlight trends in crime and / or ASB.

If necessary, we would look to provide information and possibly maps identifying police hotspot areas. We would also look to provide evidence that the problem site was or had been within a Police dispersal order area, and the conditions of the order.

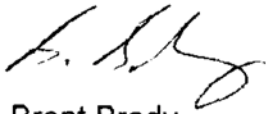
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Much is dependent on the depth of information required by the forum members and how they would want the information to be presented. I'm sure this can be addressed at the next meeting, and for now hope that the information provided is of use to you and the forum members for consideration before the next meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

If you require any further information before the next meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number above.

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Yours sincerely



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Dear Ms Phillips,

### **National Access Forum**

On behalf of a number of colleague LAF Chairs I have been engaged in discussion with David Gear for some considerable time now. I am concerned that with your Executive Committee about to discuss the topic David has been unable to assure us that we will be consulted and our views heard. We are much encouraged by the openness and transparency of our relationship with your regional and local staff and can only imagine that you will wish to replicate this at national level. We are aware of the esteem in which our work is currently held.

Without at this stage going into the history of the former body on which LAFs were singularly unrepresented, there is a strong feeling that all the effort and expertise which we deploy at local level should be reflected in a National Forum where Natural England and DEFRA can benefit from this and at the same time inform LAFs of views and developments. There are various ways in which this body could be constituted, some of which I have discussed with David. We are confident that your Executive would wish to discuss these with LAF Chairs before coming to any final decision.

There was a most successful meeting of 16 LAF Chairs with DEFRA and the then Countryside Agency some years ago in Bristol which led to a great deal of progress and led to agreement on the need for revised Regulations from DEFRA and informal guidance for LAF members from the then Countryside Agency. I do not believe the latter is yet available.

Whether by means of a similar exercise or in some less formal way can I suggest that you consider how best we can be involved and consulted?

On behalf of myself and fellow Chairs, I look forward to hearing from you,

Best wishes

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Duncan Graham  
**Chairman – Cumbria Local Access Forum**

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Dear Mr Graham

### **National Access Forum**

Thank you for your letter of 18 April. As you quite rightly say, my Executive Board will be discussing the future of the National Countryside Access Forum at our meeting at the end of June. Without pre-empting that discussion, I think it would be fair to say that our presumption has always been that we would want to support a continuation of NCAF in some form. Clearly, it's original purpose as a forum to debate issues arising from the implementation of the Right to Roam introduced by the CROW Act is no longer relevant. But I see a continuing need for a forum of this sort to take an overview of the whole range of access issues, not least our proposals for Coastal Access of which I'm sure you are aware.

I agree that such a forum needs to adequately represent the views of Local Access Forum's and we will want to consider how this can best be achieved. I have asked Andrew Wood, our Executive Director for Evidence and Policy, to get in touch with you to establish how we can secure the collective input of LAFs on this issue. Andrew will also discuss the issue of guidance with you. I will ensure that those views are considered at the time that we look at the whole issue of a successor for NCAF.

We will of course advise you of the outcome of our discussions, and we look forward to a long and fruitful relationship between Natural England and all Local Access Forums.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Helen Phillips  
Chief Executive

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# Agenda Item 6

## West Leeds country park & green gateways Progress report

Notes on the Meeting held Monday 11.06.07.

Didy Metcalf attended on behalf of Leeds Local Access forum

There seemed to be a general feeling of satisfaction with the project amongst everybody attending the meeting. The whole process has been designed to be as inclusive as possible, with very positive results.

- Consultations on Phase 3 of the scheme (Apperley Bridge to Woodhall Lake) are almost complete.
- Leaflets for phases 2 and 3 are expected to be printed very soon.
- The design of the information boards and way marking has been finalised.
- Plans are in place to roll out the project to the wider public during this summer.

In terms of improving access to the green space around West Leeds: phases 1, 2 & 3 of the project have succeeded in providing practical and enjoyable routes for everyone. A network of paths is now in place, designed to accommodate the needs of walkers, cyclists and horse riders. The routes have been planned taking into account the appropriateness of the locations and it is anticipated that they will be welcoming, well signed and easy to use.

However, there is still one serious outstanding problem: a dangerous road crossing on the Pudsey Bridleway Link. Before this route can be publicised and promoted, it must be safe. In order to resolve this, Leeds City Council need the co-operation of Bradford Council but despite repeated requests this has not been forthcoming. LCC will be sending out a follow up letter addressed to the Chief Executive of Bradford Council.

Leaflets: as well as providing guidance to the paths, the leaflets provide a host of other information; access points, car parks, refreshments and interesting historical notes which explain Leeds' heritage.

The paths will be way marked and five large notice boards are to be installed in strategic places. These have already been ordered and they will be enclosed in a robust plastic protective coating to minimise the effects of vandalism.

Elaine Hill (the council's officer in charge of the project) is promoting a photographic competition, which will involve local school children with a view

to publishing a calendar. It is hoped that the competition will raise awareness of the existence of the scheme and encourage children and their families to explore the Country Park. A poster campaign has also been proposed.

The modern thinking behind this scheme is also bringing benefits to the environment and an improving the quality of life for residents of West Leeds. Local voluntary groups have been tidying up and monitoring previously neglected areas of woodland and open space. The extent of the existing wildlife across Leeds is also being surveyed with the help of volunteers. This will assist the council in better understanding and managing the local wild spaces.

Everyone who has been involved in planning the Leeds West Country Park and Green Gateways is justly proud of their achievements. It has needed a lot of careful planning behind the scenes and now they want to show everyone what they've been up to. Music and Art events will be happening in the green spaces during the summer and the council are actively exploring the possibility of media coverage to publicise the launch.

Elaine Hill went through the short term and long term objectives for the West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways and has asked for comments on this by 17 July. The first draft of the management plan is also out for consultation.



### In Attendance:

Councillor Andrew Carter (Chair)  
Councillor David Blackburn  
Councillor John Illingworth  
Councillor Frank Robinson  
Voluntary Organisations  
Phil Staniforth – Leisure Services  
Elaine Hill – WLCP&GG coordinator, Leisure Services  
Kasia Speakman – Sustainable Transport  
Sarah Charlton – North West Area Management  
Steve Crocker – West Leeds Area Management  
Claire Wiggins – West Leeds Area Management  
Joanne Smyth - Leisure Services

### Apologies

Daniel Reed  
Brook Nelson  
Farnley Vision Group  
Cllr Townsley  
Bradford City Council  
Calverley Millennium Way

### 1) Opening Remarks

Cllr Carter welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised everyone of the Leeds Wildlife Volunteers project information for June to September 2007. (Appendix A)

### 2) Progress with objectives

#### **a) Management Plan**

Elaine reported that feedback has already been received from some sectors which have now been incorporated into the management plan. As some of the short term objectives have already been met these have now been updated.

There are new additional sections to the management plan, parts 5 and 6 on which feedback is required by the 17<sup>th</sup> of July. Any feedback on parts 1 – 4 is also welcomed.

#### **b) Interpretation**

An actual size interpretation board was displayed to the group. Cllr Blackburn commented that graffiti is already appearing and solvent to remove it is also removing the print. Elaine advised that boards will be covered in re-enforced plastic so print will not rub off.

New route markers shown to group. Yellow arrows for paths and blue for bridal paths.

Phase 3 leaflet - Apperley Bridge to Woodhall Lake circulated to group. (Appendix B).  
Feedback required to Elaine Hill by 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2007.

### **c) Promoting the initiative**

Group discussed ideas for raising the profile of the WLCP initiative to the wider public. Elaine advised the group of a photography competition based around places in the WLCP, with the best 12 being used as images for a calendar. The closing date for the competition would be October 2007. It was also suggested that Schools were involved.

Cllr Blackburn suggested that this initiative needs promoting out of the Leeds area to attract people in. Suggested Calendar (TV) be contacted.

David Badger suggested that the Pudsey loop leaflet go out under the guise of the WLCP as the walks avoid the crossing. An element of the WLCP which has still to be resolved with Bradford Council. Cllr Andrew Carter is now to write to the Chief Executive of Bradford Council to try and resolve the matter.

### 3) Any Other Business

A suggestion was made that S106 monies be utilised to invest in the WLGP. Steve Speak to be invited to next meeting and topic put on next agenda.

A complaint has been received regarding vandalism in Hawksworth Wood. It is perceived that nothing is happening. Phil Staniforth advised that a cleaning up exercise has been done before to try and improve the situation. Cllr Blackburn reiterated that patrols are being funded by Inner and Outer West and Outer North West Area Committees and maybe Inner North West again should consider the same as complaints are reducing.

Steve Crocker promoted the 'I love West Leeds' agenda however group said that they have not seen any advertising for this. He reassured the group that this would happen.

Gotts Park – It would seem that high voltage cables are running under Gotts Park without agreement. It is thought that the company are now prepared to pay £5k for an agreement which should be ring fenced to pay for the repair of the footpaths.

Armley Park – Spikes are sticking out of the footpaths. Elaine confirmed that this is on the action plan to resolve.

Cllr Carter announced that the official opening of Pudsey Park bandstand is on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2007.

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2007 16:00 at the Civic Hall.**

# Leeds Wildlife Volunteers

## June – September 2007

Leeds City Council  
 Countryside & Access  
 Kerry Fieldhouse  
 Tel: 0113 2375326



Across Leeds wildlife surveys are being planned to help us better understand and manage our local wild spaces. Whether you are an experienced ecologist or an enthusiastic beginner there are a number of surveys where we would appreciate volunteer assistance. If you would like to join any of the projects below please call us for more information or to book a place. Hope to see you soon!

Task	Date	Time	Place	Information	Experience required	Please contact...
Bats	To be arranged	evenings	To be arranged	Various bat surveys for Forestry works.	Some bat knowledge or survey experience desirable.	Kerry Fieldhouse Tel: 0113 237 5326 Kerry.fieldhouse@leeds.gov.uk
Bats	To be arranged	evenings	Various from Roundhay Park to Fairburn lngs	A project involving volunteer surveys to assess how bats use existing 'green corridors' in Leeds.	Some bat knowledge or survey experience desirable.	Kerry Fieldhouse Tel: 0113 237 5326 Kerry.fieldhouse@leeds.gov.uk
Bats	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00pm – 10.30pm	Oulton Church	Surveys to count the numbers of bats and the species roosting in the church – part of a BCT survey.	No experience required.	Kerry Fieldhouse Tel: 0113 237 5326 Kerry.fieldhouse@leeds.gov.uk
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	9.00pm – 10.30pm				
Bats	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00pm – 10.30pm	Kirkstall Abbey	Morning dropping count and sweep of Abbey followed by evening roost watch.	No experience required.	Kerry Fieldhouse Tel: 0113 237 5326 Kerry.fieldhouse@leeds.gov.uk
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am – 10.30am				
	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	7.45pm – 9.30pm				
	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am – 10.30am				



<b>Botanical survey</b>	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	10am – 4pm	Townclose Hillis	Botanical surveys of the SSSI Townclose Hills magnesian limestone grassland.	Reasonable flora ID skills required	Graeme Ashton Tel: 0113 237 5324 Graeme.ashton@leeds.gov.uk
	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	10am – 4pm				
	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	10am – 4pm				
<b>Evening survey</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	9pm-11pm	Breary Marsh	Evening torch light survey of native crayfish. Please bring wellies and a torch.	Experience of crayfish surveying desirable but not essential.	Kerry Fieldhouse Tel: 0113 237 5326 Kerry.fieldhouse@leeds.gov.uk
	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	9pm-11pm				
<b>Crayfish survey</b>	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	9pm-11pm	Meanwood Beck	Evening torch light survey of native crayfish. Please bring wellies and a torch.	Experience of crayfish surveying desirable but not essential.	Kerry Fieldhouse Tel: 0113 237 5326 Kerry.fieldhouse@leeds.gov.uk
	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	9pm-11pm				
<b>Crayfish survey</b>	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	9pm-11pm	Barwick in Elmet (Bob)	Evening torch light survey of native crayfish. Please bring wellies and a torch.	Experience of crayfish surveying desirable but not essential.	Kerry Fieldhouse Tel: 0113 237 5326 Kerry.fieldhouse@leeds.gov.uk
	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	9pm-11pm				
<b>Dragonfly Survey</b>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	11am – 3pm	Letchmire Pastures, Allerton Bywater	Dragonfly survey around the ponds of this new Local Nature Reserve.	No experience required.	Kerry Fieldhouse Tel: 0113 237 5326 Kerry.fieldhouse@leeds.gov.uk
	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	9 – 11am	Adel Moor, Alwoodley	A walk over survey to try and determine the presence of reptiles on site – especially common lizard.	No experience required. Ask for details prior to survey. Please wear stocky boots / wellies.	Kerry Fieldhouse Tel: 0113 237 5326 Kerry.fieldhouse@leeds.gov.uk
<b>Reptile Survey</b>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	4 – 6pm				
	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	4 – 6 pm	Chevin Forest Park	A walk over survey to try and determine the presence of reptiles	No experience required. Ask for details prior	Kerry Fieldhouse Tel: 0113 237 5326



	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	9 – 11 am		on site – especially common lizard.	to survey. Please wear stocky boots / wellies.	Kerry.fieldhouse@leeds.gov.uk
Watervole Surveys	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm – 5pm	Breary Marsh	Please bring wellies or waders for this walking survey along the beck edge.	Some experience / training required in field signs of water vole.	Kerry Fieldhouse Tel: 0113 237 5326 Kerry.fieldhouse@leeds.gov.uk
Watervole Survey	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	10am – 4pm	Barwick in Elmet	Please bring wellies or waders for this walking survey along the beck edge.	Some experience / training required in field signs of water vole.	Kerry Fieldhouse Tel: 0113 237 5326 Kerry.fieldhouse@leeds.gov.uk
Watervole Survey	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> July	10am – 4pm	Rothwell Pastures	Please bring wellies or waders for this walking survey along the beck edge.	Some experience / training required in field signs of water vole.	Kerry Fieldhouse Tel: 0113 237 5326 Kerry.fieldhouse@leeds.gov.uk
	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	10am – 4pm				

Volunteers are required to mind the Health & Safety of both themselves and those around them. Please bring: sensible footwear; clothes suitable for the weather; sun protection and / or hat; mosquito repellent; something to drink and lunch.  
...and bags of enthusiasm!

NB: Please book onto surveys so that we can contact you if they need to be cancelled / altered. Weather conditions or shortages in surveyors means that sometimes we may need to change a survey date. *Thank you.*



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**West Leeds Country Park and green Gateways leaflet  
Phase 3.  
Apperley Bridge to Woodhall Lake.**

**Ancient Woodland.**

**Points**

- 1 - Lorge Wood
- 3 - Calverley Wood
- 6 - West Wood
- 6 - Bill Wood
- 10 - Round Wood
- 11 - Ravenscliffe Wood

The name Calverley is of Anglo Saxon origin. A ley was a clearing in a woodland, and is widespread in this part of West Yorkshire (e.g. Farnley, Bramley and Armley). In this case it translates to "a clearing in a woodland grazed by calves." This would suggest woodland has existed here since at least the 7<sup>th</sup> Century, but there is also documentary evidence to prove that within these woodlands trees were being felled for timber as early as 1336.

**Calverley Old Hall and The Calverley's Point**

The Calverley family arrived from Scotland in about 1100, and remained at Calverley for some 600 years, until the last in line, Walter, changed his name to Blackett and sold the estate to Thomas Thornhill in 1754, before moving to Esholt.

During the reign of Elizabeth I, William Calverley was persecuted for the family's Catholic beliefs, and suffered a series of heavy fines and imprisonment, until he died in 1596, aged just 39.

The most notorious family member however was his son, Walter Calverley, who was just 17 when his father died. In 1699 Walter married Phillipa Brooke, but by the following year was in debtors prison. Over the next few years continuing debt and persecution dogged the Catholic family. Finally, in August 1605, Walter snapped and stabbed to death his two eldest sons at their home, **Calverley Hall**.

Following his arrest, Walter Calverley was eventually taken to York and tried at the County Assizes. He refused to enter a plea and was pressed to death on the 5<sup>th</sup>. After his death it was said that Walter Calverley's regretful spirit rode the Calverley countryside on a headless horse, until they were laid to rest by a local vicar. However, should holly ever disappear from the woods, it is said that the ghost will return!

## **The Drives.**

### **Point**

#### 5 – The Drives

In addition to the lodges, several drives were also laid out, including **Thornhill Drive, Clara Drive and Eleanor Drive** (Clara and Eleanor were Thomas Thornhill's oldest and second daughters).

The exclusivity of proposed residential scheme resulted in the closure of the old pack horse route, which ran across the woodland. This stone wall-lined sunken trail, which runs down through the woods, can still be followed today.

The old trail was replaced by **Calverley Cutting**, a direct, though steep road which leads from Apperley Bridge to Carr Road, and which was blasted into the sandstone through the woods in 1854. The steepness of this new route made it unpopular though and it was claimed to be "*almost impossible for a weakly person to ascend*".

## **Quarrying**

### **Point**

#### 2 – Quarry

The first commercial quarrying venture in Calverley Woods was undertaken in the early 1830's by John Whinn, a Cornishman resident in Apperley Bridge. The resulting high quality gritstone was either transported from site by barge, which were loaded at a specially constructed wharf on the adjacent canal, or was hauled up the steep incline through the woods on carts, using a purpose built flagged causeway, and used locally. Parts of the causeway still remain, and in some stretches, grooves made by the cart wheels can still also be seen.

The last quarry owner was Thomas Clough and Sons, who ceased quarrying in 1905. However, between 1955 and 1960 stone was again taken for use in road construction.

## **Ravenscliffe Mill**

### **Point**

Built by James Harper in 1872, Ravenscliffe Mill specialised in the manufacture of cloth for uniforms. Initially this included scarlet tunics such as those worn by the British army during the Anglo-Zulu conflict, but as the nation entered the Boer War, production changed to khaki, continuing up to 1957, when production ceased due to lack of demand.

## Ravenscliffe Medieval Iron Works Point

13 - Medieval Iron Workings

Located at the northern end of Ravenscliffe Woods, straddling Fagley Beck, once stood a medieval iron works. At this point the stream was dammed to provide a head of water, which was used to power drop hammers.

Charcoal for heating the metal was made from wood collected from the surrounding woodland. The smith was obliged to gain permission from the Calverley family, who owned the woodland, and in 1377 documents from the Calverley Estate show that he was indeed given permission to fell a given number of trees.

## Fagley Lodge Point

This is one of the four lodges built by the Thornhill Trustees in the area the 1850's, the forerunners of what was hoped to be a prestigious complex of dwellings. In the mid 1850's the Thornhill Trustees earmarked much of woodland within the Calverley Woods complex as the intended location for a set of superior luxury homes.

To this end, three Acts of Parliament were granted which allowed drives to be set out, and for leases to be sold in order to release the land for construction.

Four lodges were built - **Fagley Lodge, Apperley Lodge** (or the Needles Eye as it was known locally), **Carr Lodge and South Lodge**.

Unfortunately for the Trustees the scheme did not take off and the luxury houses were not built. Today just the road lay-out and three lodges remain, though by the mid 1960's Apperley Lodge had become unsafe and was subsequently demolished.

## Woodhall Lake Point

14 - Woodhall Lake

Calverley moor, now Bradford Moor, on which Woodhall Lake is situated, came into the ownership of the prominent Gott family following the 1755 Calverley Enclosure Act.

Prior to this the estate had been allotted to Dr. Cyril Jackson of Halifax, who sold it on to John Gott, civil engineer and Surveyor of Bridges for the West Riding, and father of the famed Benjamin

From the early 19<sup>th</sup> century the Gotts leased the estate. An early tenant was the Quaker Daniel Peckover, who occupied the property from the 1830's. At the same time the benevolent tenant also looked after the local poor by providing food and employment during the laying out of his Lower Woodhall estate, including Woodhall Lake.

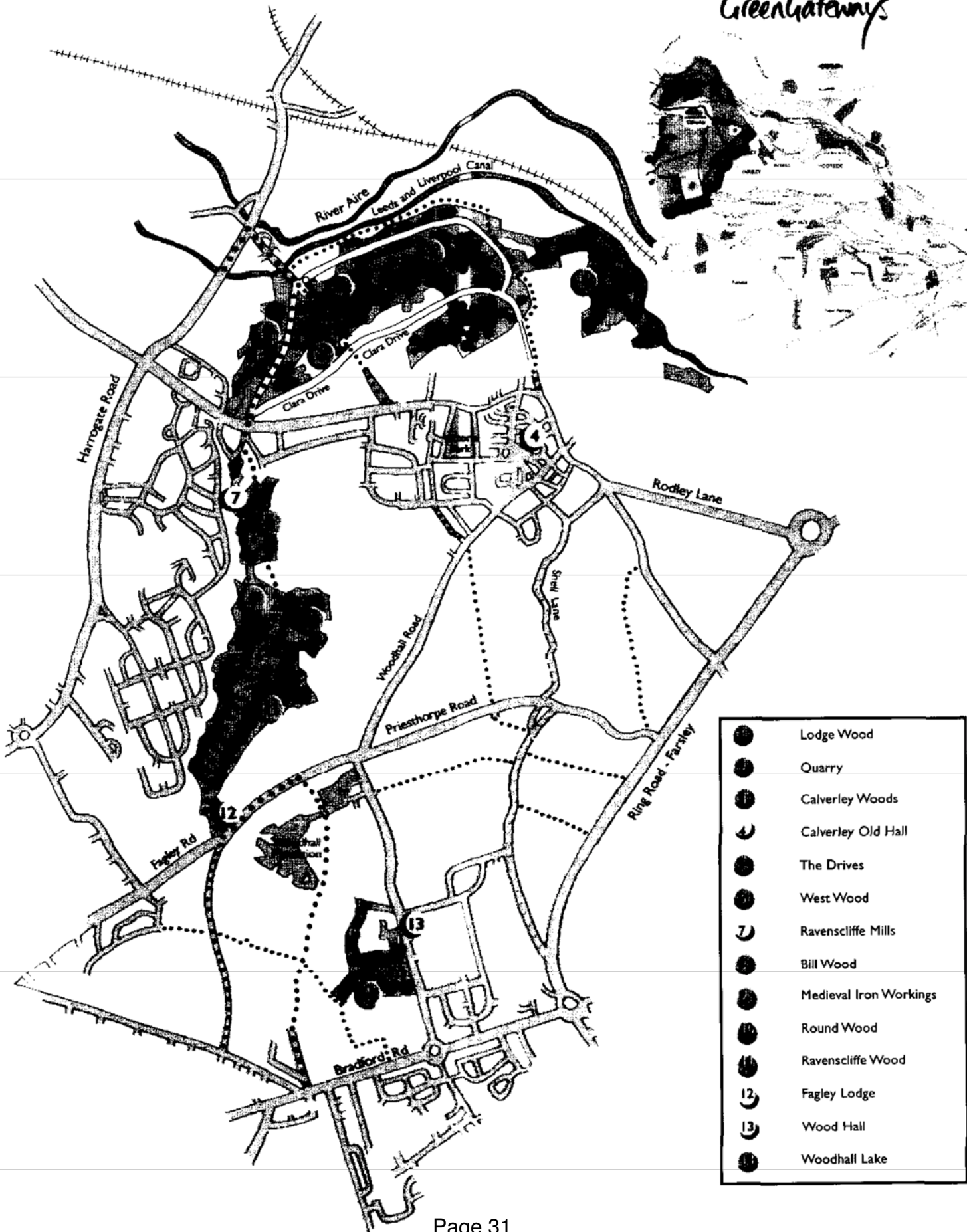
## Woodhall Point

For a short while the estate was occupied by John's older brother, William, a builder who was probably responsible for the building of "Woodhall". The house, which is positioned almost opposite Woodhall Lake, was at that time was the joint highest valued property in Calverley-cum-Farsley.

By 1787 John was resident at Woodhall, together with his second wife Susanne, and it was here they raised Benjamin.



# Phase 3 Apperley Bridge to Woodhall Lake



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11<sup>th</sup> June 2007

Dear Friend,  
Re: West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways management plan consultation

Parks and Countryside would very much like to thank you, and your organisation, for taking part in the consultation process for the West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways initiative, and for taking the time to read through and comment on the draft management plan.

This section of the consultation process contains the following –

- Compartment Five – Farnley Plateau.
- The context to the Urban Core.
- Compartment 1 Action Plans
- Compartment 2 Action Plans
- Compartment 3 Action Plans
- Compartment 4 Action Plans
- Compartment 5 Action Plans
- Core Action Plans.

We would very much like to hear your comments and further ideas, and request that these be addressed to -

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However, as you no doubt will appreciate, we would also like to begin to implement the management and action plans as soon as possible, in order to begin the process of enhancing the West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways.

To this end we would very much appreciate it if you could pass on any comments about the draft management plan to Elaine, to reach her by no later than Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

The final draft will then be prepared and distributed for consultation.

Additionally, we enclose the draft text and map for part three of the Green Gateways Trail, covering the Calverley and Woodhall area, which we would be very grateful if you could take a look at and comment, particularly if it is your area of interest. Again could you please let Elaine have any comments but by the deadline of Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

Thank you again for your valued support.

Yours faithfully,

**Elaine Hill**

**West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways Officer.**

# West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways. Management Compartment.

## Compartment 5 – Farnley Plateau

### Site Description.

#### Geographic Location and Range.

New Farnley forms the central hub to this compartment, which is bounded to the north and north west by Troydale and to the north east by Silver Royd Hill and the New Wortley Outer Ring Road. Farnley and New Blackpool bound the compartment to the east, and to the south east lies the districts of Cottingley and Churwell. Gildersome and Morley run around the southern edge of the compartment, whilst Tong Beck flows along the west and south western edge.

#### Ownership

All Leeds City Council landholdings are contained in the north and west of this compartment, including –

Nan Whin's (Sykes) Wood  
Farnley Hall Park  
Farnley Fish Pond  
Old Farnley Recreation Ground  
Butt Lane Recreation Ground  
New Farnley Park  
New Farnley Recreation Ground  
Silver Royd (Wortley Beck)

A far greater extent of the land is agricultural and lies in private ownership, with some light industrial areas adjacent to Whitehall Road (A58).

#### Landscape Description.

Much of this compartment is dominated by a relatively steep sided plateau, around which flow a number of watercourses, including Farnley Wood Beck, which runs from west to east across the southern third of the compartment.

The settlements of New Farnley and Low Moor Side dominate the plateau top, and command good views of open countryside to the west and the eastern fringe of Bradford beyond.

To the east lies the heavily built up edge of inner city Leeds, including Wortley, Armley and Beeston and to the south, dramatic views across to the Pennines and beyond.

Much of the land within compartment five is broken down into a patchwork of fields, largely given over to pasture. Though once likely to have been bounded by hedgerow, these have largely disappeared, except an area in the south west of the compartment.

Tree cover is slight, the largest area being Nan Whin's Wood (Sykes Wood). Most of the remaining cover is lightly scattered along valley sides, and there is also a small stand to the east, at Beeston Royd. This may be a residual piece of the once extensive Farnley Wood, which would have covered much of the land to the south east of the A58, and it was here that plotters met to bring down the government in 1663.

### **Wildlife Habitats and Biodiversity.**

The dominant cover within this compartment is an extensive mosaic of semi improved grassland, which is particularly widespread to the south east of the A58 Whitehall Road, and along the western fringe of this compartment.

Some of this comprises of arable land, but the majority is semi improved pasture, grazed by livestock and horses.

Some of the associated boundary hedgerows still exist, but cover is sparse and scattered.

Additional linear tree cover, associated with several watercourses, is generally concentrated along the line of Farnley Wood Beck and Tong Beck, with some additional cover along several smaller watercourses to the south west, below Farnley Wood Beck.

The main stand of woodland is Nan Whin's Wood (Sykes Wood), which appears on the West Yorkshire Ancient Woodland Inventory as ancient semi-natural woodland. Like many established woodlands within the Country Park area, this stand occupies a steep side valley side running down to a watercourse, in this case Tong Beck. The ground flora is representative of ancient woodland containing Bluebell, Wood Anemone and Wood Sorrel.

Significantly, Nan Whin's Wood is also linked, by a narrow strip of woodland, to Post Hill just to the north. This linkage between the woodlands is important as it facilitates the movement and spread of wildlife and should be protected.

The woodland is visited by summer migrant birds, such as Chiff-chaff, Willow Warbler, Whitethroat and Spotted Flycatcher as well as winter visitors such as Brambling and Siskin.

To the north east lies Farnley Hall Park, an example of historic landscaped parkland. Scattered mature and over mature parkland trees and linear shelter planting to the west and east of the grounds provide valuable habitat for a range of species, including hole nesting birds, bats and invertebrates.

Associated with Farnley Hall Park is Farnley Fish Pond, which was created in 1815 to provide work for soldiers returning from the Napoleonic Wars. Designated a Local Nature Reserve in 2004, the pond and the mature woodland which envelopes it encompasses a valuable range of habitats. The woodland is dominated by beech and sycamore, as well as ash, hawthorn and holly. Although residual elm is still present most specimens were removed in the 1980's.

Farnley Balancing Reservoir forms one of the largest bodies of open water within the West Leeds Country Park. In the winter months it attracts wildfowl such as

Geesander and Goldeneye, whilst summer visitors such as Swallows, Swifts and Common and Arctic Terns can be regularly seen feeding over the water.

### **Recreation.**

Compartment 5 is serviced by one of the best PRoW networks within the Country Park, and includes a section of the Leeds Country Way which runs down the west side of Nan Whin Woods, adjacent to Tong Beck.

Additionally, there are a number of Recreation Grounds, including Butt Lane, New Farnley and Old Farnley Recreation Grounds, as well as Springbank Road Public Open Space which are open to the public.

Farnley Hall Park, which is one of Leeds's historic parks, is also open to the public and provides car parking and a small children's play area, as well as three cricket squares, a kickabout area, a permissive horse trail and benches.

### **Stakeholders**

Friends of Farnley Balancing Reservoir  
Friends of Farnley Fishpond  
New Farnley Vision Group  
Silver Royd Nature Conservation Group

## Compartment 5 – Farnley Plateau

### Key sites owned and managed by Parks and Countryside

#### Nan Whin's Wood – 12.3 Hectares

The woodland is owned by LCC Learning & Leisure and managed by Parks & Countryside. It has a western aspect, and is situated in Cockersdale overlooking the village of Tong.

It is bounded to the north by Tong Road and to the east by Back Lane. Tong Beck runs south along its western edge. The southern end of the site is bounded by fields. It can be accessed from Tong Lane and via footpaths and a bridleway which feed in from the east.

The woodland, which are owned by LCC and managed by Parks & Countryside has benches, and a bridge giving access to a public footpath on the western side of the beck and. There are some signs informing the public about the wood at the Tong Lane end.

Wildlife habitats include extensive mature woodland with very good ground, field and shrub layers and a proliferation of understorey trees.

At the southern end of the wood in close proximity to the beck there are meadow areas, woodland glades, small bog patches and springs.

- Protected by Greenbelt
- Leeds Nature Area No.79
- Urban Fringe Priority Area
- Special Landscape Area under UDP guidelines.
- Stakeholders – New Farnley Vision Group

#### Farnley Hall Park – 14.6 Hectares

The hall and park are owned by LCC Learning & Leisure and managed by Parks & Countryside.

Hall Lane skirts the park to the north, whilst Chapel Lane and Lawns Lane run down the parks eastern and southern edges.

The settlement of New Farnley lies to the south of the park and the western edge is fringed by fields adjacent to Green Lane.

The park can be accessed from Hall Lane and Lawns Lane.

The present hall was built shortly after 1756, following the demolition of the original hall (built in 1586), It's well established grounds were landscaped around the same time. Parks & Countryside Head Quarters is based within Farnley Hall.

Facilities present on the site includes three cricket squares, a kickabout area, playground and benches.

Vegetation comprises three patches of dispersed mixed species woodland, a wild flower meadow and extensive areas of amenity grassland.

- Protected by Greenbelt
- Greenspace.
- Urban fringe Priority Area.
- Special Landscape Area under the UDP guidelines.
- Stakeholders – New Farnley Vision Group.

### Butt Lane Recreation Ground – 5.9 Hectares

The recreation ground is owned by LCC Learning & Leisure and managed by Parks & Countryside.

It is skirted to the east by Butt Lane, to the south by Farnley Fish Pond and Hall Lane and to the north and west by Tong Road.

The site can be accessed from both Tong Road and Butt Lane.

Facilities comprise one sport pitch.

Wildlife habitats include extensive areas of amenity grassland on a stepped plateau.

There are a few dispersed trees present on the periphery.

- Protected by Greenbelt
- Greenspace.
- Urban Fringe Priority Area.
- Special Landscape Area under the UDP guidelines.
- Stakeholders – Friends of Farnley Fishpond

### Farnley Fish Pond – 1.7 Hectares

Owned by LCC Learning & Leisure and managed by Parks & Countryside.

The site is skirted to the south by Hall Lane, to the east by Butt Lane and to the north and west by Butt Lane Recreation Ground.

The site can be accessed from Hall Lane.

Facilities on the site include a path round the site with adjacent benches.

The wildlife habitats on the site are comprised of a shallow pond with surrounding woodland and glades. The woodland is a mix of different age and species of trees with good field and shrub layers.

- Protected by Greenbelt.
- Greenspace
- Urban Fringe Priority Area.
- Special Landscape Area under the UDP guidelines.
- Stakeholders – Friends of Farnley Fishpond

### Silver Royd (Wortley Beck) – 2.3 Hectares

Owned by LCC Learning & Leisure and managed by Parks & Countryside.

The site is skirted to the north and the west by the Outer Ring Road and to the east by Granny Lane. A short stretch of Low Wortley Road runs to the south.

There are numerous access points into the site from adjacent land.

The site consists of a linear stretch of greenspace that runs parallel with the ring road and covers the steep southerly side of the Wortley Beck valley.

Vegetation comprises of dispersed mature and semi-mature trees of mixed species. Extensive tree planting of mixed species has been done close to the ring road in the south. In addition there is scrub, rough grassland and amenity grassland with Wortley Beck providing the wetlands.

The only facilities are two footbridges crossing Wortley Beck, but there are numerous desire lines crossing the site with a number going up the side of the valley to the residential areas.

- Protected as Greenspace.
- Leeds Nature Area No.38
- An integral part of the Farnley Beck/Wortley Green Corridor under UDP guidelines.



- Stakeholders – Silver Royd Nature Conservation Group.

New Farnley Recreation Ground – 0.6 Hectares

Owned by LCC Learning & Leisure and managed by Parks & Countryside.

The site is skirted to the north by Forge Row and to the east by Lawns Lane. Low Moor Side runs along the southern boundary, whilst School Close runs down the west side.

Access can be achieved from all sides.

- Stakeholders – New Farnley Vision Group

New Farnley Park – 1.0 Hectares

Owned by LCC Learning & Leisure and managed by Parks & Countryside.

The site is skirted to the north and west by Playground, whilst Low Moor Side runs around its southern boundary and West End along its east.

Access can be achieved from all sides.

- Stakeholders – New Farnley Vision Group

Old Farnley Recreation Ground

Owned by LCC Learning & Leisure and managed by Parks & Countryside.

The site is skirted to the west by Chapel Lane and to the north by Hall Lane.

Cross Lane and Havercroft run to the east of the site, whilst school grounds are situated to the south.

- Stakeholders – New Farnley Vision Group



## West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways.

### The Urban Core in context.

It is important to note at the beginning of this section that The Urban Core sits outside of the West Leeds Country Park and green Gateways boundary.

However, it has been included within this management plan in order to acknowledge the significance this area has in terms of its resident population, and the demands that this will place on the Country Park. Additionally, it will also serve to highlight some of the areas of greenspace and routes within the Urban Core, which effectively function as "stepping stones" allowing people to access and enjoy the Country Park.

### Site Description.

#### Geographic Location and Range.

The entire compartment lies outside of the inner boundary of the West Leeds Country Park, except for its south eastern edge, which is skirted by the railway line servicing Cottingley and Morley stations from Leeds City Station.

It encompasses the largely built-up areas of west Leeds, and incorporates districts such as Farsley, Bramley, Armley, Stanningley, Wortley, and Pudsey.

#### Ownership

To a greater extent, Compartment 6 is occupied by residential areas with scattered light industry and commercial zones.

Housing includes a mixture of approximately 31 000 rented and privately owned properties, supporting in excess of 111 000 residents.

There are also a number of parks and areas of greenspace, which are owned and/or managed by Parks and Countryside for public recreation and to benefit nature conservation.

Bramley Park  
Houghley Gill  
Broad Lane Recreation Ground  
Raynville Crescent  
Rodley Park  
Horton Close Public Open Space  
Stanningley Park  
Farsley Springbank  
Pudsey Park  
Queens Park, Pudsey  
Disused Railway, Pudsey  
Cabbage Hill (Blue Lane Playing Fields)  
Western Flatts Cliff Park  
New Wortley Recreation Ground

Additionally, there are also other areas of privately owned greenspace, such as that held by Armley Common Rights Trust, including Ley Lane Recreation Ground (Leased to LCC), Armley Common Park, Charlie Cake Park and Hill Top Moor.

### **Landscape Description.**

The landscape in this area is, for the most part, heavily urbanised.

There is a general mix of residential dwellings (ranging from terraces to high rise blocks), as well as commercial and light industrial properties and transport routes such as major arterial roads and railway lines.

For the greater part the lower lying urban core is overlooked by the Country Park, and some high vantage points such as Hunger Hills and Post Hill offer extensive views over the city.

Conversely, this means that much of the core area also enjoys good views of the countryside surrounding it.

### **Wildlife Habitats and Biodiversity.**

Possibly one of the best places for wildlife in the urban environment of west Leeds are the numerous gardens kept by residents. Collectively they are significant as they form wide ranging networks of connected greenspaces, which spread from the heart of the city centre, out to areas of open countryside such as that found in the Country Park. These networks effectively enable species to move around and spread.

The widespread and close proximity of parkland and greenspaces to residential areas helps to extend the value of the gardens, and many garden wildlife species will often be found thriving in urban parks.

However, within the urban core, there are just a handful of sites which carry nature conservation designations, all of which are Leeds Nature Areas. The LNA's in this compartment includes –

LNA No 3 - Central Leeds Nature Reserve (privately owned)

LNA No 46 – Half Mile, Farsley (part LCC / part privately owned)

LNA No 54 – Hough End, Pudsey (LCC)

LNA No 81 – Noster Hill, (LCC)

LNA No 95 - St. Matthews, (part LCC / part privately owned)

### **Recreation.**

One of the key elements of the WLCP Vision is to promote, encourage and facilitate access in to the Country Park for people through out the west Leeds area, and to encourage them to enjoy it's countryside and greenspaces.

This compartment is to some extent hindered by its partial location in the Definitive Map Excluded Area (which effectively limits the number of definitive paths available to the public), and by the truncation of some definitive paths by major roads, such as the Stanningley Bypass, with no safe means of crossing them.

However, it is intended that by working in partnership with local people, LCC departments and landowners and managers, and by encouraging the installation of

crossing points, it will be possible to set up and establish a number of Community Green Gateways.

To this end, many non-definitive paths in the Bramley, Armley and Kirkstall areas have already become established and are well used, and with the redevelopment of sites such as the Kirkstall Forge, new paths are planned to augment the existing ones.

Around the Pudsey area, at the western end of this compartment the number of PRow are more numerous, and can be more easily linked with the extensive network located within the WLCP.

**Stakeholders**

Friends of Houghley Gill

Friends of Western Flatts Park

Moorside Residents Association

Pudsey Civic Society

**ACTION PLAN – Core Plans.**  
**All Compartments.**  
**Theme - Places**

<b>CODE</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>TIMESCALE</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
P/S1	Extending the West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways area.	Where appropriate, take on the care and management of land vested with other LCC departments / leased or donated land from local landowners within the WLCP boundary.	Increases the area of land available for recreation and contributes to the linkage of the suite of wildlife habitats.	Development / Park and Countryside	Duration of Plan	
P/S2	Maintenance and cleanliness of the basic infrastructure of Parks and Countryside greenspaces in respect of path ways and steps, car parks, horticultural beds, boundary structures etc.	Formulate site management plans for specific sites managed by Parks and Countryside; continue monitoring and maintaining sites to high standard.	High quality standard of Parks and Greenspaces maintained; increased public use and enjoyment.	Parks and Countryside	Duration of Plan	Parks and Countryside maintenance budget; Area Committee; Section 106
P/S3	Maintenance and protection of Listed Buildings and structures for which Parks and Countryside have responsibility.	Liaise with appropriate bodies to prioritise care of places on At Risk Register; source funding to undertake relevant surveys and maintenance; ongoing general maintenance to minimise decline	Listed Buildings/Structures will be removed from the At Risk Register and a use found where appropriate.	English Heritage; Development ; Parks and Countryside.	Duration of Plan	English Heritage and advice for other sources through Funds for Historic Buildings resource
P/S4	Public health and safety especial with regard to disused quarry workings and watercourses	Maintain ongoing monitoring and maintenance of greenspace	Incidents of incidents and accidents reduced; increased use and enjoyment of	West Yorkshire Police; Parks and Countryside's Parks Patrol	Duration of Plan	Parks and Countryside budgets

			infrastructure and features to minimise accidents; relevant signage and access control installed where appropriate to safeguard visitors/users.	sites by visitors.			
P/S5	Crime and anti social activities including dog fouling, littering and fly tipping;	Adoption of Safer Leeds Strategy; Patrols and education of the public with regard to acceptable behaviour; installation of signage and posting of byelaws to warn and deter miscreants; liaison with various agencies to curb anti social behaviour & crime;	Crime and fear of crime reduced, enjoyment increased through greater sense of security; increased visitors numbers with even greater impact on anti social behaviour	West Yorkshire Police, Environment Agency, LCC 's Enforcement team and Parks and Countryside's Parks Patrol	Duration of Plan		
P/S6	Conformity to Disability Discrimination Act	Improve access to PRoW for people with disabilities by phased replacement of infrastructure with accessible gates, suitable path surfaces etc.	Access to greenspaces increased for people with disabilities; also opens access up to pushchairs.	Parks and Countryside; DDA Officer	Duration of Plan		
P/S7	Ownership of neighbouring land	Establish current ownership of land within the WLCP; maintain a database of ownership.	Help with liaison and communication; resolving neighbouring issues which may arise.	WLCP Officer	Duration of Plan		
P/S8	Archaeological / heritage features.	Contact West Yorkshire Archaeological	Identifies location of important archaeological sites	WLCP Officer	Duration of Plan		

P/S9	Accumulated rubbish in watercourses running through Parks and Countryside sites.	Service to identify Scheduled Ancient Monuments ; set up a database; monitor to keep the data up to date.	and features; ensures that designated features are protected from damage.	Mains Drainage and Becks Inspectorate; Parks and Countryside.		
P/S10	Car parking / cycle racks	Identify location of accumulations; check watercourses for protected wildlife species and mitigate for their protection during clearance; remove rubbish and if possible any causes of blockages. Retain and maintain present car parking provision; provide spaces for disabled drivers; install sturdy/ and secure cycle racks; where space, demand, funding and safety permits, provide additional car parking areas, following heavy consultation with local groups and Highways; source funding.	Cleaner watercourses and cleanliness of banks on adjacent site ; reduction in possibilities of flooding. Encourages greater use of out of the way greenspaces; cycle stands encourage non-car use.	Highways; Parks and Countryside.		
P/S11	Funding for improvements to greenspaces	Identify sources of funding available to help with management & maintenance and health and safety	Increased revenue to achieve identified needs and resolve issues;	WLCP Officer	Duration of Plan	

		issues; make applications where appropriate.				
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**ACTION PLAN – Core Plans.  
A# Compartments.  
Theme – Facilities (Public Rights of Way)**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
F/P1	Maintain the condition of the PRoW path network and associated access and bridging points.	Monitor and maintain path surfaces, drainage, gates, stiles, steps, bridges etc. to facilitate their safe condition and use; seek funding.	An accessible and safe PRoW network; erosion and trampling of the surrounding area minimised; increased use by public due to reduction in mud etc.	Parks and Countryside -Countryside and Access; WLCP Officer; Area Teams	Duration of Plan	
F/P2	Protect the existing PRoW network from inappropriate / unauthorised use e.g. vehicular traffic/ horses & cycles on footpaths.	Provide suitable signage/waymarking to inform users of appropriate use of paths; install barriers to prevent improper use of paths, in particular vehicular.	Safer use of PRoW network by legitimate users; reduction in erosion of surrounding area; reduction in conflicts of interest.	Parks and Countryside and Access; WLCP Officer, Area Teams	Duration of Plan	
F/P3	PRoW obstructed through accidental / intentional means making access difficult or impossible	Monitor accessibility of PRoW through regular surveying and / or set up framework for communication with regular users to encourage the reporting of problems	Better accessibility along PRoW; reduction in erosion / damage caused by attempts to bypass obstruction.	Parks and Countryside Countryside and Access; WLCP Officer	Duration of Plan	



F/P4	Conformity to Disability Discrimination Act	Improve access to PRoW for people with disabilities by phased replacement of infrastructure with accessible gates, suitable path surfaces etc.	Access to greenspaces increased for people with disabilities; also opens access up to pushchairs.	Parks and Countryside; DDA Officer	Duration of Plan
F/P5	PRoW's truncated or bisected by road building, and a lack of provision made for safe crossing points.	Identify popular / linking PRoW which would benefit from crossing points and install a suitable crossing point to accommodate the users.	Extends the PRoW network; improves safety; encourages use by public.	Highways; Development; Countryside and Access	Duration of Plan
F/P6	Limited Bridleway provision throughout the WLCP area.	Identify possible routes; consult with PRoW Section for guidance, landowners for consent; liaise with user groups for suitability; follow set Defra redesignation procedures; seek funding.	Increased accessibility for horse riders and cyclists; reduces pressure on existing network.	Parks and Countryside; Countryside and Access	Duration of Plan
F/P7	No definitive PRoW network in the Excluded Area of central Leeds.	Continue with the ongoing lengthy process of mapping the excluded area	Increases the PRoW to the Urban Core areas; makes links with existing PRoW network; facilitates the creation of smaller circular Green Gateway walks within privately owned land.	Parks and Countryside Countryside and Access section	Cut off 2026
F/P8	Consultation and liaison with user groups to establish	Continue with the WLCP Forum as a vehicle for discussion; attendance	Provision of facilities which meet the needs and	Parks and Countryside Countryside and Access section; WLCP	Duration of Plan



	<b>new routes and links.</b>	of group meetings; setting up of a WLCP newsletter to exchanging ideas and information.	wants of user groups; good relations with groups due to collaborative working and inclusiveness.	Officer		
<b>F/P9</b>	<b>Proximity of barbed wire fences to paths and access points such as stiles.</b>	Survey and monitor fence lines adjacent to PRoW; liaise with landowners to retain fence lines at least 1 metre from the outside edge of a PRoW and from access points.	Improves safety for path users ; protects landowner from claims for injury.	Parks and Countryside, Countryside and Access, WLCP Officer.		
<b>F/P10</b>	<b>Volunteering opportunities on PRoW</b>	Identify suitable programme of works and advertise volunteering opportunities to local community; identify established groups interested in volunteering;	Increases a sense of involvement and pride of place with local communities and user groups; good for health and wellbeing; helps overall improvement of facilities.	Parks and Countryside, Countryside and Access, WLCP Officer.	Duration of Plan	
<b>F/P11</b>	<b>Funding for improvements to PRoW</b>	Identify sources of funding available to help improve & maintain the PRoW network	Increased revenue to achieve identified needs and resolve issues;	Parks and Countryside, Countryside and Access, WLCP Officer.	Duration of Plan	

**ACTION PLAN – Core Plans.**  
**All Compartments.**  
**Theme – Facilities (Amenities)**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
F/A1	Provision and maintenance of seating (e.g. benches, seating, picnic areas etc.)	Maintain existing facilities; monitor use and expand where necessary.	Widespread and well maintained seating attractive to visitors; increase in visitor number, especially senior citizens and the infirm.	Parks and Countryside	Duration of Plan	
F/A2	Provision and maintenance of places for organised team sports (football, rugby, cricket, bowls etc.)	Monitor current needs, uses and shortfalls; identify suitable areas for new pitches etc; consult with local community / user groups identify areas suitable for change of use; establish funding.	Increases the variety of recreational facilities and the range of people making use of greenspaces; good for health and wellbeing	Parks and Countryside	Duration of Plan	
F/A3	Provision and maintenance of facilities for informal activities (e.g. golf, orienteering, allotments, mountain biking courses, skateboard & BMX tracks etc.)	Monitor current needs, uses and shortfalls; identify suitable new areas; consult with local community / user groups identify areas suitable for change of use; establish funding.	Increases the variety of recreational facilities and the range of people making use of greenspaces; good for health and wellbeing	Parks and Countryside	Duration of Plan	
F/A4	Provision and maintenance of facilities for children's play including play areas and integrated play	Monitor current needs, uses and shortfalls; identify suitable areas for new play areas;	Increases the variety of recreational facilities and the range of people making use of	Parks and Countryside	Duration of Plan	

		consult with local community / user groups.	greenspaces.			
<b>F/A5</b>	Provision and maintenance of educational facilities and establishments (e.g. museums, visitor centres, aviaries, nature trails etc.)	Maintain and develop existing provision; promote their educational use; make provision for new facilities and displays.	Contributes to the educational and cultural experience of greenspaces; good resource for local schools	Parks and Countryside	Duration of Plan	
<b>F/A6</b>	Creation of shorter circular trails which take in sections of the Green Gateways Trail and use greenspaces as stepping stones.	Work with local community to identify suitable linking PRoW to create trails; in excluded area consult landowners where access is sought across their land; create leaflets / waymarking to promote the trails and guide users along.	Encourages use of the wider countryside and greenspaces; health and wellbeing ; good opportunity for collaborative working	Parks and Countryside WLCP Officer	Duration of Plan	
<b>F/A7</b>	Funding for improvements to amenities	Identify sources of funding available to help improve & maintain various amenities	Increased revenue to achieve identified needs and resolve issues		Duration of Plan	

**ACTION PLAN – Core Plans.**  
**All Compartments.**  
**Theme – Facilities (Interpretation)**

<b>CODE</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>TIMESCALE</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
F/1 1	Provision and maintenance of on-site interpretive material e.g. interpretive boards, directional signage, notice boards etc.	Identify and research places and features of interest; use of local knowledge; design boards etc.; determine best locations	Increased overall visitor enjoyment and understanding of greenspaces; promotes local and natural heritage; encourages sense of pride in local area.	Parks and Countryside; WLCP Officer	Duration of Plan	
F/1 2	Provision of promotional interpretive material e.g. site and events leaflets, newsletters,	Identify and research suitable places and features; use of local knowledge; encourage contributions from local communities and user groups; identify funding	Encourages more people to visit sites ; increased overall visitor enjoyment and understanding of greenspaces; promotes local and natural heritage; encourages sense of pride in local area.	Parks and Countryside ; WLCP Officer	Duration of Plan	
F/1 3	Provision and maintenance of interpretive facilities to extend enjoyment and promotion of sites to people with disabilities.	Identify and research suitable places and features; use of local knowledge; seek advice about suitable design and techniques for meeting needs; identify funding	Encourages visits ; increased overall visitor enjoyment and understanding of greenspaces; promotes local and natural heritage; encourages sense of pride in local area	Parks and Countryside; WLCP Officer	Duration of Plan	
F/1 4	Programme of site based public events and activities to educate and promote sites to the public	Identify suitable sites and activities; encourage involvement of local groups to lead	Encourages people to visit sites ; increased overall visitor enjoyment and understanding	Parks and Countryside; WLCP Officer	Duration of Plan	

			walks etc. ; Compile a list of events for distribution to the wider public	of greenspaces; promotes local and natural heritage; encourages sense of pride in local area.			
<b>F/I 5</b>	<b>Consider establishing a website for the WLCP</b>		Create an interactive website with the help of an in-house web designer or local college; update and maintain preferably with the input of interested members of the local community	Helps to disseminate information and news quickly; helps with consultation processes through online surveys etc.	Parks and Countryside; WLCP Officer		
<b>F/I 6</b>	<b>Funding for interpretive improvements</b>		Identify sources of funding available for interpretive facilities and activities	Increased revenue to achieve identified needs and resolve issues.	WLCP Officer	Duration of Plan	

**ACTION PLAN – Core Plans.**  
All Compartments.  
Theme – Wildlife

<b>CODE</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>TIMESCALE</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
<b>W1</b>	<b>Requirement for habitat surveys throughout the WLCP including various broad areas of woodland, grassland and wetland habitat.</b>	Identify key areas of greenspace requiring survey work; undertake appropriate ecological surveys using LCC Officers and contracted ecologists ; involve local groups and	Helps understanding of the range of habitats and the best means of managing and monitoring them; may identify potential designated sites; reduces risk of degradation / destruction of	Parks and Countryside; Countryside and Access ; WLCP Officer	Duration of plan	



		individuals with ID and surveying skills where appropriate	habitats through inappropriate management ; helps to dictate location of other planned facilities without causing damage with risk of prosecution ; enhances LCC reputation as a responsible land manager; input by local people.			
W2	Requirement for specific nature conservation management plans for key designated sites (SSSI's; LNR's; SEGI's and LNA's)	Identify designated sites; undertake appropriate ecological surveys; draw up prescriptions and annual action plans for practical management to conserve and enhance the current mosaic of habitats.	Helps understanding of the range of habitats / ecology, and the best means of managing and monitoring sites; reduction in risk of degradation / destruction of habitats through inappropriate management ; helps to dictate location of other planned facilities on sites without causing damage and risk of prosecution ; enhances LCC reputation as a responsible land manager.	Parks and Countryside; Countryside and Access ; WLCP Officer	Years 2 - 6 Annual review Main review after 5 years	
W3	Undertake programmes of practical habitat	Adopt annual action plans drawn	Enhancement of sites; reduction in	Parks and Countryside; Countryside and	Duration of plan	

	<b>management as defined by the nature conservation management plans</b>	up in nature conservation management plans; monitor effectiveness of management;	atypical / invasive species;	Access ; WLCP Officer		
<b>W4</b>	<b>invasive and notifiable weeds</b>	Identify and map problem areas throughout the WLCP ; apply appropriate herbicide	Isolation and eventual reduction in invasive and notifiable weeds detrimental to the native vegetation.	Parks and Countryside; WLCP Officer.		
<b>W5</b>	<b>Funding for nature conservation projects</b>	Identify sources of funding available to fund ecological surveys and practical management.	Increased revenue to achieve identified needs and resolve issues.	WLCP Officer	Duration of plan	
<b>W6</b>	<b>Volunteering opportunities in Nature Conservation</b>	Identify suitable programme of works; advertise volunteering opportunities to local community; identify established groups interested in volunteering;	Increases sense of involvement and pride of place for local communities and other user groups; good for health and wellbeing; helps overall enhancement of nature conservation sites.	Parks and Countryside ; Countryside and Access ; WLCP Officer	Duration of plan	

**ACTION PLAN – Core Plans.**  
**All Compartments.**  
**Theme – People**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
P/P1	Partnership working with local communities, agencies, and other stakeholders.	Set up a and maintain a WLCP consultative forum for stakeholders; attendance of LCC officers at stakeholder groups meetings ; Initiate a WLCP newsletter to share news and ideas; involvement and support of locally led initiatives such as Fun Days and practical activities.	Sense of cohesiveness between stakeholders and LCC; opportunity for stakeholders to put forward ideas and discuss and resolve issues; support for new community groups.	Parks and Countryside; WLCP Officer	Duration of plan	
P/P2	Continued consultation and liaison with local user groups and communities	Continue with the WLCP Forum as a vehicle for discussion; attendance of group meetings; setting up of a WLCP newsletter to exchanging ideas and information.	Provision of facilities and activities will meet the needs and wants of user groups; good relations with groups due to collaborative working and inclusiveness.	Parks and Countryside; WLCP Officer.		
P/P3	Collaborative working with adjacent landowners	Set a framework for dialogue between LCC and adjacent landholders / managers, including Bradford City Council; British Waterways, Nature Reserves; private landowners and their agents etc.	Better streams of dialogue; speeding up of issue resolving processes; awareness of activities and special interests on adjacent land.	Parks and Countryside ; WLCP Officer	Duration of plan	



PIP4	Health and wellbeing issues	following consultation with local communities and stakeholders make provision for "Green Gyms" and orienteering courses etc. at appropriate sites; extend the Healthy Walks programme to greenspaces in the WLCP area; make provision for seating in quiet areas.	Increased use of greenspaces by visitors for exercise and quiet reflection; helps to meet Government recommendations for healthy living	Parks and Countryside.	Duration of plan	
PIP5	Education, schools and Life Long Learning	Promote the use of greenspaces and facilities within the WLCP boundary to local schools; encourage their involvement in practical projects; initiate public guided walks and activities to consider informal training programme for activities such as horticulture, wildlife identification, archaeology surveying etc.	Greenspaces will form an important educational resource and used to support curriculum based schoolwork ; skills developed through training could contribute to future surveying and management of greenspaces; increased sense of "pride of place" in local people due to appreciation of local places.	Parks and Countryside ; WLCP Officer	Duration of plan	
PIP6	Volunteering opportunities	Identify suitable programme of works; advertise volunteering opportunities to local community; identify established groups interested in	Increases a sense of involvement and pride of place for local communities and other user groups; good for health and wellbeing;	Parks and Countryside ; Countryside and Access ; WLCP Officer	Duration of plan	

P/P7	Working with under represented groups e.g. ethnic minorities, senior citizens, people with disabilities,	volunteering; Raise awareness of the WLCP initiative through promotional material; encourage recreational use of greenspaces by under represented groups through programmes of walks and activities	helps overall enhancement of nature conservation sites. A greater cross sections of the community using greenspaces for recreation ; increased confidence in and use and appreciation of greenspaces.	Parks and Countryside ; Countryside and Access ; WLCP Officer	Duration of plan	
P/P8	Sustainable travel	Establish and promote pedestrian and cycle routes offering alternative means of getting to school and work; encourage the setting up of initiatives like the "Walking Bus" as a means of getting to school; support the concept of a Water Bus for the canal.	Helps to reduce volume of traffic on the roads; exercise contributes to better health and fitness; development of road safety awareness for children and reduces congestion around schools		Duration of plan	
P/P9						

**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 1**  
**Kirkstall Valley**  
**Theme - Places**

<b>CODE</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>TIMESCALE</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
K/P1	<p>Management and maintenance of key Parks and Countryside owned and managed sites, including Dunkirk Hill, Armley Park, Gotts Park, Burley Growers Land and allotments, Kirkstall Wild Flower Garden, Abbey Mills Wild Flower Meadow, Kirkstall Abbey Estate, Monkswood, Fields between adjacent to Leeds Bradford Road, Bramley Fall Woods, Lower Fall, Hawksworth Wood, Cragstone Recreation Ground, Newlay Meadow .</p>	<p>Formulate site management plans for sites managed by Parks and Countryside to develop site specific action plans ; continue monitoring and maintaining sites to high standard ; source extra funding to develop projects.</p>	<p>High quality standard of Parks and Greenspaces maintained; increased public use and enjoyment.</p>	<p>Parks and Countryside</p>	<p>Duration of the plan</p>	
K/P2	<p>Grade II Listed Armley House and paths and steps in</p>	<p>Monitor the condition and use of the building in</p>	<p>Significant building and associated structures kept in good repair ;</p>	<p>LCC Planning Dept. / English Heritage ; Parks and Countryside</p>		

	<b>Gotts Park</b>	respect to maintaining it ; liaise with the Wades Charily.	maintain good relations with Wades Charity ;			
<b>K/P3</b>	Poor state of the Edwardian network of paths and steps in Armley Park.	Survey paths and steps to establish condition ; liaise with Planning to check Listed status; if listed, follow protocol for restoration ; seek funding	Identify the work needed to restore the paths and steps; liaise with Planning to maintain good practice ; seek funding to carry out the works.	Parks and Countryside		
<b>K/P4</b>	Ownership of land in the compartment, including that adjacent to the Leeds Bradford Road, between Bramley Fall and the "Turner" building	Establish ownership through LCC Land Terriers; offer up to local consultation a woodland planting scheme to link Bramley Fall and Monkswood.	Once ownership identified, the land can be added to or discounted from scheme to extend range of the woodland.	Parks and Countryside ; WLCP Officer ; Forestry ; Countryside and Access.		
<b>K/P5</b>	Boundary features, and access control Dunkirk Hill, Armley Park, Gotts Park, Burley Growers Land and allotments, Kirkstall Wild Flower Garden, Abbey Mills Wild Flower Meadow, Kirkstall Abbey Estate, Monkswood, Fields between adjacent to Leeds	Establish ownership through LCC Land Terriers; monitor condition of gates, bollards, walls, fences and hedgerows; make repairs where necessary.	Preserves heritage boundary features; enhances the perception of general maintenance ; protects the site from unauthorised vehicular use	Parks and Countryside, WLCP Officer		

	Bradford Road, Bramley Fall Woods, Lower Fall, Hawksworth Wood, Cragside Recreation Ground, Newlay Meadow .	Archaeological / heritage features.	Contact West Yorkshire Archaeological Service to identify Scheduled Ancient Monuments; monitor to keep the data up to date.	Identifies location of important archaeological sites and features; ensures that designated features are protected from damage.	Parks and Countryside; WLCP Officer
K/P6	Disused quarry workings in Bramley Fall and Hawksworth Wood		Assess hazard to the public ; install pictogram hazard warning notices and, where appropriate, fencing.	Improved safety for public.	Parks and Countryside.
K/P7	Proximity of River Aire, the Leeds and Liverpool canal and other watercourses to Armley Park, Gotts Park, Burley Growers Land and allotments, Kirkstall Wild Flower Garden, Abbey Mills Wild Flower Meadow, Kirkstall Abbey Estate, Bramley Fall Woods, Lower Fall, Cragside Recreation Ground,		Assess water hazard and install pictogram hazard warning notices, where appropriate, fencing	Improved safety for public.	Parks and Countryside.
K/P8					

**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 1**  
**Kirkstall Valley**  
**Theme – Facilities (Public Rights of Way)**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
K/F/P1	Maintain the condition of the PROw path network and associated access and bridging points including those used to service the WLCP Green Gateways Trail.	Monitor and maintain path surfaces, drainage, gates, stiles, steps, bridges etc. to facilitate their safe condition and use; seek funding.	An accessible and safe PROw network; erosion and trampling of the surrounding area minimised; increased use by public due to reduction in mud etc.	Parks and Countryside -Countryside and Access; WLCP Officer; Area Teams		
K/F/P2	Links between PROw in and around Compartment 1 of the Country Park and those in the Excluded Area to create Community Green Gateways, using parks and other greenspaces as stepping stones.	Identify possible routes in partnership with local groups and Parks and Countryside ; consult with landowners to gain consent for the formalisation of paths across their land to be established as Community Green Gateways ; source funding; formalise routes through waymarking and interpretive material	Extends the available network of walks and trails in the WLCP ; helps to establish routes within the Excluded Area; helps to offer more sustainable travel routes.	Parks and Countryside, Countryside and Access, WLCP Officer		
K/F/P3	Extend permissive bridleway currently running through Bramley Fall to Gotts	Consultation with local groups and Parks and Countryside ; Explore options for extension ;	Extends the available network of bridleways in the WLCP ; reduces	Parks and Countryside; National Grid ; British Waterways.		

	and Armley Parks	liaison with National Grid / British Waterways, Kirkstall Valley Nature Reserve / Forge etc to establish route; source funding;	the pressure from other stretches of bridleway; helps to offer more sustainable travel routes			
K/F/P4	Several potential opportunities for new pedestrian and cycle paths or the granting of permissive paths.	<b>Kirkstall Forge</b> , new riverside routes to Pollard Lane and Kirkstall Abbey & bridging point over River Aire to feed into Lower Fall ; consult with Planning for progress. <b>National Grid</b> , permissive use of metalled road running towards marina ; consult with National Grid.	Opens up a series of attractive new waterside routes; helps to offer more sustainable travel routes.	LCC Planning ; Countryside and Access		
K/F/P5	Stretches of the towpath have obstacles to wheelchair / mobility scooter use e.g. stepped bridge over the canal to the rear of Armley Park.	Liaise with British Waterways to look for solutions ; consultations with local user groups and Leeds Improvement Project to establish best solutions ; source funding; support Leeds Waterway Strategy idea for a water bus	Extends the routes available for wheelchair / mobility scooter users.	British Waterways ; Parks and Countryside, DDA Officer, WLCP Officer		
K/F/P6	Circular routes for use by wheelchairs / mobility scooters and less ambient people in main parks.	Identify potential routes ; liaise with local groups and Parks and Countryside ; source funding; undertake necessary improvements ; promotional and	Extends the routes available for wheelchair / mobility scooter users.	Parks and Countryside, DDA Officer, WLCP Officer		

		interpretive material to highlight and encourage their use.				

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**Kirkstall Valley**  
**Theme – Facilities (Amenities)**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
K/F/A1	Mountain bike trail	Identify degree of demand and potential location for courses ; liaise with local groups and Parks and Countryside ; if demand is high and provision supported by local groups progress provision; establish maintenance responsibility; source funding undertake necessary improvements ; promotional and interpretive material to highlight and encourage their use.	Increases the range of amenities; appeals to younger visitors ; health and fitness benefits ; reduces pressure from unofficial courses in greenspaces elsewhere ; greater degree of safety.			
K/F/A2	Motorcycle courses	Identify degree of demand and potential location for courses ; liaise	Increases the range of amenities; appeals to younger visitors; reduces			



		<p>heavily with local groups and Parks and Countryside ; if demand is high and provision supported by local groups progress provision; establish maintenance responsibility; source funding; undertake necessary improvements ; promotional and interpretive material to highlight and encourage their safe use.</p>	<p>pressure from unofficial / unauthorised use in greenspaces elsewhere ; greater degree of safety</p>		
<p>KIF/A3 Orienteering Courses</p>		<p>Identify degree of demand and potential location for courses ; liaise with local groups, orienteering groups and Parks and Countryside ; if demand is high and provision supported by local groups progress provision; establish maintenance responsibility ; source funding; undertake necessary improvements ;</p>	<p>Increases the range of amenities; appeals to younger visitors ; health and fitness benefits.</p>		

K/F/A4	Children's adventure playground – Burley Goit	Identify degree of demand; liaise with local groups and Parks and Countryside ; establish maintenance responsibility install	Increases the range of amenities, especially to younger children.	promotional and interpretive material to highlight and encourage their safe use.	Identify degree of demand; liaise with local groups and Parks and Countryside ; establish maintenance responsibility install	Increases the range of amenities, especially to younger children.					
K/F/A5	Establish Healthy Walking routes.	Identify possible sites and routes; liaise with local groups, West Leeds Healthy Living Network, West Leeds Walking Group and Parks and Countryside ; establish maintenance responsibility ; source funding; undertake necessary improvements to route and waymarking ; promotional and interpretive material to highlight and encourage use.	Increases the range of amenities, benefits health and fitness.	Identify degree of demand; liaise with local groups and Parks and Countryside ; establish maintenance responsibility install	Identify possible sites and routes; liaise with local groups, West Leeds Healthy Living Network, West Leeds Walking Group and Parks and Countryside ; establish maintenance responsibility ; source funding; undertake necessary improvements to route and waymarking ; promotional and interpretive material to highlight and encourage use.	Increases the range of amenities, benefits health and fitness.					
K/F/A6	Explore the feasibility of	Identify degree of	Increases the range								

	setting up a white water canoeing course on the River Aire	demand and potential location for courses ; liaise with local groups, Kirkstall Valley Park the Environment Agency, Natural England and Leeds City Council ; if demand is high and provision supported by local groups progress provision; establish maintenance responsibility; source funding.	of amenities; appeals to younger visitors; reduces pressure from unofficial / unauthorised use in greenspaces elsewhere ; greater degree of safety		
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**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 1**  
**Kirkstall Valley**  
**Theme – Facilities (Interpretation)**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
K/F/1	Production of site specific leaflets including Armley Park, Goffs Park, Bramley Fall and Hawksworth Woods and Kirkstall Wildflower Garden	Identify and research information / graphics required in consultation with local groups; source funding; design leaflet, print	Promotes sites and their responsible use ; information enhances the visit.			
K/F/2	Interpretive panels / signage for Kirkstall Wildflower Garden.	Identify and research information / graphics required in consultation with	Promotes responsible use of the sites ; information enhances the visit.			

K/F/I 3			local groups; source funding; select suitable signs and install.					

**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 1**  
**Kirkstall Valley**  
**Theme – Wildlife**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
K/W1	Habitat and wildlife surveys for designated nature conservation sites, including Bramley Fall and Lower Fall; Hawksworth Wood; Kirkstall Wildflower Garden.	Liaise with Wildlife and Countryside section; identify survey methodology and source funding and personnel to undertake survey work; involve local groups wherever possible.	Helps improve the range of habitats and the best means of managing and monitoring them; reduces risk of degradation / destruction of habitats through inappropriate management ; helps to dictate location of other planned facilities without causing damage with risk of prosecution ; enhances LCC reputation as a responsible land manager; input by local people.			
K/W2	Requirement for specific nature conservation management plans for key designated sites,	Undertake appropriate ecological surveys; draw up prescriptions and	Helps conserve the range of habitats / ecology, and identify the best means of managing and	Parks and Countryside; Countryside and Access ; WLCP Officer		

				<p>monitoring key sites; reduction in risk of degradation / destruction of habitats through inappropriate management ; helps to dictate location of other planned facilities on sites without causing damage and risk of prosecution ; enhances LCC reputation as a responsible land manager.</p>		
<p><b>K/W3</b></p>	<p>including Bramley Fall and Lower Fall; Hawksworth Wood; Kirkstall Wildflower Garden.</p>	<p>annual action plans for practical management to conserve and enhance the current mosaic of habitats.</p>	<p>Helps to conserve and enhance the range of habitats; encourages wildlife to colonise and spread across the compartments; creates complementary habitats where appropriate.</p>	<p>Undertake management as identified in the management and action plans; source funding and identify staff and volunteers to undertake projects</p>	<p>Habitat management in Bramley Fall and Lower Fall; Hawksworth Wood; Kirkstall Wildflower Garden</p>	
<p><b>K/W4</b></p>	<p>Leeds and Liverpool Canal Site of Special Scientific Interest.</p>	<p>Liaise with Natural England; British Waterways; Environment Agency, Bradford City Council to promote best practice in conserving the SSSI status of the</p>	<p>Maintains the ecological importance of the canal</p>	<p>Parks and Countryside; Countryside and Access ; WLCP Officer.</p>		

K/W5	Kirkstall Wildflower Garden	canal ; Survey the current condition and restore and manage as set out by prescriptions and action plans in the nature conservation management plan ; look at setting up a volunteer team to manage the site.	Enhances the condition of the garden area; encourages greater use by visitors.	Parks and Countryside	
	Partnership working with Kirkstall Valley Nature Reserve.	Set a framework for dialogue.	Maintains dialogue; speeds up issue resolving processes; awareness of activities and special interests on adjacent land.	Parks and Countryside ; WLCP Officer	

**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 1**  
Kirkstall Valley  
Theme – People

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
K/PP1	Collaborative working with adjacent landowners and managers including British Waterways, Environment Agency, The Wades Charity, Commercial Estate Group, National Grid,	Set a framework for dialogue between LCC and adjacent landholders / managers to .	Better streams of dialogue; speeding up of issue resolving processes; awareness of activities and special interests on adjacent land.	Parks and Countryside ; WLCP Officer		

K/PP2	<p>Kirkstall Valley Park, Yorkshire Wildlife, Armley Common Rights Trust, Kirkstall Forge developers LCC departments etc.</p> <p>Collaborative working with Stakeholder groups, including</p>	<p>Set up a and maintain the WLCP consultative forum for stakeholders; attendance of LCC officers at stakeholder groups meetings ; involvement and support of locally led initiatives such as Fun Days and practical activities.</p>	<p>Sense of cohesiveness between stakeholders and LCC; opportunity for stakeholders to put forward ideas and discuss and resolve issues; support for new community groups.</p>			
K/PP3						

**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 2**

Horsforth Plateau  
Theme - Places

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
H/P1	Management and maintenance of key Parks and Countryside owned and managed sites, including Cragg Wood, Little Hawksworth Woods, The Outwood, Horsforth Hall Park, Hall Lane greenspace, Hunger Hills, Rodley Sports Ground, Swaine Woods, Calverley Lane Picnic Site.	Formulate site management plans for sites managed by Parks and Countryside to develop site specific action plans ; continue monitoring and maintaining sites to high standard ; source extra funding to develop projects.	High quality standard of Parks and Greenspaces maintained; increased public use and enjoyment.	Parks and Countryside	Duration of the plan	
H/P2	Boundary features, and access control Cragg Wood, Hall Park and Hunger Hills, Rodley Sports Ground, Calverley Road Picnic site, Swaine Wood.	Establish ownership through LCC Land Terriers; monitor condition of gates, bollards, walls, fences and hedgerows; make repairs where necessary.	Preserves heritage boundary features; enhances the perception of general maintenance ; protects the site from unauthorised vehicular use	Parks and Countryside, WLCP Officer		
H/P3	Ascertain ownership of private land in the compartment	Establish current ownership of land within the WLCP; maintain a	Helps with liaison and communication; resolving neighbouring issues which may arise.	Parks and Countryside, WLCP Officer		



H/P4	Proximity of River Aire, Leeds and Liverpool canal and various other watercourses to The Outwood, Rodley Sports Ground Calverley Lane picnic area.	database of ownership. Assess water hazard and install pictogram hazard warning notices.	Improved safety for public.	Parks and Countryside.
H/P5				

**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 2**  
**Horsforth Plateau**  
**Theme – Facilities (Public Rights of Way)**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
H/F/P1	Maintain the condition of the PRoW path network and associated access and bridging points including those used to service the Leeds Country Way and the WLCP Green Gateways Trail.	Monitor and maintain path surfaces, drainage, gates, stiles, steps, bridges etc. to facilitate their safe condition and use; seek funding.	An accessible and safe PRoW network; erosion and trampling of the surrounding area minimised; increased use by public due to reduction in mud etc.	Parks and Countryside -Countryside and Access; WLCP Officer; Area Teams		
H/F/P2	Links between PRoW in and around Compartment 2 of the Country Park to create Community Green Gateways, using parks and other greenspaces	Identify possible routes in partnership with local groups and Parks and Countryside ; consult with landowners to gain consent for the formalisation of paths	Extends the available network of walks and trails in the WLCP ; helps to establish routes within the Excluded Area; helps to offer	Parks and Countryside, Countryside and Access, WLCP Officer		

	as stepping stones.	across their land to be established as Community Green Gateways ; source funding; formalise routes through waymarking and interpretive material	more sustainable travel routes.		
H/F/P3	Leeds and Liverpool towpath has obstacles to wheelchair / mobility scooter use e.g. through bridges.	Liaise with British Waterways to look for solutions; consultations with local user groups and Leeds Improvement Project to establish best solutions ; source funding; support Leeds Waterway Strategy idea for a water bus	Extends the routes available for wheelchair / mobility scooter users.	British Waterways ; Parks and Countryside. DDA Officer, WLCP Officer	
H/F/P4					

**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 2**  
Horsforth Plateau  
Theme – Facilities (Amenities)

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
H/F/A1	Circular routes for use by wheelchairs / mobility scooters and less ambient people in Horsforth Hall Park.	Identify potential routes ; liaise with local groups and Parks and Countryside ; if demand is high and provision supported by local groups progress provision;source funding; undertake necessary	Extends the routes available for wheelchair / mobility scooter users.	Parks and Countryside. DDA Officer, WLCP Officer		

H/F/A2	Condition of Calverley Lane picnic site.	improvements ; promotional and interpretive material to highlight and encourage their use.	Assess demand for picnic area; if appropriate, reinstate picnic benches, seating and linking paths and pads, including provision for wheelchair access ; signage from the WLCF Green Gateways Trail; maintain and monitor the amenity.	Increases the range of facilities available for public ; convenient for the WLCF Green Gateways Trail.	Parks and Countryside.	
H/F/A3	Establish a series of Healthy Walking routes through Cragg Wood and Little Hawksworth Woods, Horsforth Hall Park, Hall Lane greenspace and Hunger Hills.	Identify possible routes; liaise with local groups, West Leeds Healthy Living Network, West Leeds Walking Group and Parks and Countryside ; source funding; undertake necessary improvements to route and waymarking ; promotional and interpretive material	Increases the range of amenities, benefits health and fitness.	Parks and Countryside; WLCF Officer		

	to highlight and encourage use.		
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**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 2**  
**Horsforth Plateau**  
**Theme – Facilities (Interpretation)**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
H/F/I 1	Interpretive panels / signage for Cragg Wood, Little Hawksworth Woods, Hall Lane greenspace, Hunger Hills, Calverley Lane Picnic Site	Identify and research information / graphics required in consultation with local groups; source funding; select suitable signs and install.	Promotes responsible use of the sites ; information enhances the visit.	Parks and Countryside' WLCP Officer.		
H/F/I 2	Production of site specific leaflets including Cragg Wood, Little Hawksworth Woods, Horsforth Hall Park, Hunger Hills, Calverley Lane Picnic Site	Identify and research information / graphics required in consultation with local groups; source funding; design leaflet, print	Promotes sites and their responsible use ; information enhances the visit.			
H/F/I 3						

**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 2**  
**Horsforth Plateau**  
**Theme – Wildlife**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
H/W1	Habitat and wildlife surveys for designated	Liaise with Wildlife and Countryside	Helps improve the range of habitats			

	<p>nature conservation sites, including Cragg Wood, Little Hawksworth Woods, The Outwood, Hunger Hills, Swaine Woods, Calverley Lane Picnic Site.</p>	<p>section; identify survey methodology and source funding and personnel to undertake survey work; involve local groups wherever possible.</p>	<p>and the best means of managing and monitoring them; reduces risk of degradation / destruction of habitats through inappropriate management ; helps to dictate location of other planned facilities without causing damage with risk of prosecution ; enhances LCC reputation as a responsible land manager; input by local people.</p>	<p>Parks and Countryside; Countryside and Access ; WLCP Officer</p>		
<p>H/W2</p>	<p>Requirement for specific nature conservation management plans for key designated sites, including Cragg Wood, Little Hawksworth Woods, The Outwood, Hunger Hills, Swaine Woods, Calverley Lane Picnic Site.</p>	<p>Underlake appropriate ecological surveys; draw up prescriptions and annual action plans for practical management to conserve and enhance the current mosaic of habitats.</p>	<p>Helps conserve the range of habitats / ecology, and identify the best means of managing and monitoring key sites; reduction in risk of degradation / destruction of habitats through inappropriate management ; helps to dictate location of other planned facilities on sites without causing damage and risk of prosecution ;</p>			

H/W3	Habitat management in Cragg Wood, Little Hawksworth Woods, The Outwood, Hunger Hills, Swaine Woods, Calverley Lane Picnic Site.	Undertake management as identified in the management and action plans; source funding and identify staff and volunteers to underlake projects	enhances LCC reputation as a responsible land manager.	Parks and Countryside; Countryside and Access ; WLCP Officer.	
H/W4	Leeds and Liverpool Canal Site of Special Scientific Interest.	Liaise with Natural England; British Waterways; Environment Agency, Bradford City Council to promote best practice in conserving the SSSI status of the canal	Helps to conserve and enhance the range of habitats; encourages wildlife to colonise and spread across the compartments; creates complementary habitats where appropriate.	Natural England, British Waterways, Environment Agency, Parks and Countryside and adjacent landowners	
H/W5	Partnership working with Rodley Nature Reserve.	Set a framework for dialogue.	Maintains dialogue; speeds up issue resolving processes; awareness of activities and special interests on adjacent land.	Parks and Countryside ; WLCP Officer	

**ACTION PLAN –COMPARTMENT 2**  
**Horsforth Plateau**  
**Theme – People**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
H/PP1	Collaborative working with adjacent landowners and managers including Rodley Nature Reserve, Wades Charity, Bradford City Council, Commercial Estate Group, British Waterways, Environment Agency, LCC departments etc.	Set a framework for dialogue between LCC and adjacent landholders / managers to .	Better streams of dialogue; speeding up of issue resolving processes; awareness of activities and special interests on adjacent land.	Parks and Countryside ; WLCP Officer		
H/PP2	Collaborative working with Stakeholder groups, including Newlay Conservation Society, Sandford Residents Association, Friends of Horsforth Hall Park, Friends of Hunger Hills.	Set up a and maintain the WLCP consultative forum for stakeholders; attendance of LCC officers at stakeholder groups meetings ; involvement and support of locally led initiatives such as Fun Days and practical activities.	Sense of cohesiveness between stakeholders and LCC; opportunity for stakeholders to put forward ideas and discuss and resolve issues; support for new community groups.	Parks and Countryside ; WLCP Officer		
H/PP3						

**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 3**  
**Calverley Fringe**  
**Theme - Places**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
C/P1	Management and maintenance of key Parks and Countryside owned and managed sites, including Woodhall Lake Brookfield Recreation Ground, Farsley Recreation Ground, Farfield Recreation Ground	Formulate site management plans for sites managed by Parks and Countryside to develop site specific action plans ; continue monitoring and maintaining sites to high standard ; source extra funding to develop projects.	High quality standard of Parks and Greenspaces maintained; increased public use and enjoyment.	Parks and Countryside	Duration of the plan	
C/P2	Liaise with Thornhill Estates to set up a 10 year lease of the Calverley Woods complex, including Mudge Bank Woods Lodge Wood Calverley Woods Bill Wood Round Wood Ravenscliffe Woods	Continue liaison with Thornhill Estates and their land agents, Carter Jonas to settle a leasehold agreement ; compile a management plan to set out Parks and Countryside's proposed management ; source funding through Forestry Commission.	Increases the suite of land formally managed by Parks and Countryside for recreation and nature conservation.	Thornhill Estates & Carter Jonas, LCC Development ; Parks and Countryside		
C/P3	Ascertain ownership of private land within the compartment	Establish current ownership of land within the WLCP; maintain a	Helps with liaison and communication; resolving neighbouring issues which may arise.	Parks and Countryside, WLCP Officer		



		database of ownership.				
C/P4	Proximity of River Aire, Leeds and Liverpool canal and various other watercourses to the Calverley Wood Complex, And the lake at Woodhall Lake.	Assess water hazard and install pictogram hazard warning notices.	Improved safety for public.	Parks and Countryside.		
C/P5	Archaeological / heritage feature in Calverley Wood.	Contact West Yorkshire Archaeological Service to identify Scheduled Ancient Monuments; monitor to keep the data up to date.	Identifies location of important archaeological sites and features; ensures that designated features are protected from damage.	Parks and Countryside; WLCP Officer		
C/P7	Disused quarry workings in Calverley Woods	Assess hazard to the public ; install pictogram hazard warning notices and, where appropriate, fencing.	Improved safety for public.	Parks and Countryside.		
C/P8	Boundary features, and access control at Calverley Wood Complex, Woodhall Lake, Brookfield Recreation Ground, Farsley Recreation Ground, Farfield Recreation Ground.	Establish ownership through LCC Land Terriers; monitor condition of gates, bollards, walls, fences and hedgerows; make repairs where necessary.	Preserves heritage boundary features; enhances the perception of general maintenance ; protects the site from unauthorised vehicular use	Parks and Countryside, WLCP Officer		

**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 3**  
**Calverley Fringe**  
**Theme – Facilities (Public Rights of Way)**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
C/F/P1	Maintain the condition of the PRoW path network and associated access and bridging points including those used to service the WLCP Green Gateways Trail, Leeds Country Way, Pudsey Link and Calverley Millennium Way.	Monitor and maintain path surfaces, drainage, gates, stiles, steps, bridges etc. to facilitate their safe condition and use; seek funding.	An accessible and safe PRoW network; erosion and tramping of the surrounding area minimised; increased use by public due to reduction in mud etc.	Parks and Countryside -Countryside and Access; WLCP Officer; Area Teams		
C/F/P2	Links between PRoW in and around Compartment 3 of the Country Park to create Community Green Gateways, using parks and other greenspaces as stepping stones.	Identify possible routes in partnership with local groups and Parks and Countryside ; consult with landowners to gain consent for the formalisation of paths across their land to be established as Community Green Gateways ; source funding; formalise routes through waymarking and interpretive material	Extends the available network of walks and trails in the WLCP ; helps to establish routes within the Excluded Area; helps to offer more sustainable travel routes.	Parks and Countryside, Countryside and Access, WLCP Officer		
C/F/P3	Stretches of the towpath have obstacles to wheelchair / mobility	Liaise with British Waterways to look for solutions ; consultations with local user groups	Extends the routes available for wheelchair / mobility scooter	British Waterways ; Parks and Countryside, DDA Officer, WLCP Officer		

	scooter use e.g. through bridges	and Leeds Improvement Project to establish best solutions ; source funding; support Leeds Waterway Strategy idea for a water bus	users.			
C/F/P4						

**ACTION PLAN -- COMPARTMENT 3**  
**Calverley Fringe**  
**Theme -- Facilities (Amenities)**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
C/F/A1	Circular routes for use by wheelchairs / mobility scooters and less ambient people in Calverley Wood?	Identify potential routes ; liaise with local groups and Champion House and Parks and Countryside ; if demand is high and provision supported by local groups progress provision; source funding; undertake necessary improvements ; promotional and interpretive material to highlight and encourage their use.	Extends the routes available for wheelchair / mobility scooter users.	Parks and Countryside, DDA Officer, WLCP Officer		
C/F/A2	Establish Healthy Walking routes in Calverley Wood?	Identify possible sites and routes; liaise with local groups, West Leeds Healthy	Increases the range of amenities, benefits health and fitness.			

		<p>Living Network, West Leeds Walking Group and Parks and Countryside ; if demand is high and provision supported by local groups progress provision; establish maintenance responsibility ; source funding; undertake necessary improvements to route and waymarking ; promotional and interpretive material to highlight and encourage use.</p>				
C/F/A3						

**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 3**  
**Calverley Fringe**  
**Theme – Facilities (Interpretation)**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
C/F/1 1	<p>Production of site specific leaflets including the Calverley Woods Complex , Woodhall Lake</p>	<p>Identify and research information / graphics required in consultation with local groups; source funding; design leaflet, print</p>	<p>Promotes sites and their responsible use ; information enhances the visit.</p>			

C/F/I/2	Interpretive panels / signage for Calverley Woods Complex.	Identify and research information / graphics required in consultation with local groups; source funding; select suitable signs and install.	Promotes responsible use of the sites ; information enhances the visit.				
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**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 3**  
**Calverley Fringe**  
**Theme – Wildlife**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
C/W1	Habitat and wildlife surveys for designated nature conservation sites, including Woodhall Lake and the Calverley Woods Complex	Liaise with Wildlife and Countryside section; identify survey methodology and source funding and personnel to undertake survey work; involve local groups wherever possible.	Helps improve the range of habitats and the best means of managing and monitoring them; reduces risk of degradation / destruction of habitats through appropriate management ; helps to dictate location of other planned facilities without causing damage with risk of prosecution ; enhances LCC reputation as a responsible land manager; input by local people.			
C/W2	Requirement for	Undertake	Helps conserve the	Parks and Countryside;		

	specific nature conservation management plans for key designated sites, including Woodhall Lake and the Calverley Woods Complex	appropriate ecological surveys; draw up prescriptions and annual action plans for practical management to conserve and enhance the current mosaic of habitats.	range of habitats / ecology, and identify the best means of managing and monitoring key sites; reduction in risk of degradation / destruction of habitats through inappropriate management ; helps to dictate location of other planned facilities on sites without causing damage and risk of prosecution ; enhances LCC reputation as a responsible land manager.	Countryside and Access ; WLCP Officer		
C/W3	Habitat management Woodhall Lake and the Calverley Woods Complex	Undertake management as identified in the management and action plans; source funding and identify staff and volunteers to undertake projects	Helps to conserve and enhance the range of habitats; encourages wildlife to colonise and spread across the compartments; creates complementary habitats where appropriate.	Parks and Countryside; Countryside and Access ; WLCP Officer.		
C/W4	Leeds and Liverpool Canal Site Of Geological and Ecological Interest	Liaise with British Waterways; Environment Agency, Bradford City Council to promote	Maintains the ecological importance of the canal			

		best practice in conserving the SEGI status of the canal.				
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**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 3**  
**Calverley Fringe**  
**Theme – People**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
C/PP1	Collaborative working with adjacent landowners and managers including British Waterways, Environment Agency, Bradford City Council, Thornhill Estates, Calverley Golf Club, LCC departments etc.	Set a framework for dialogue between LCC and adjacent landholders / managers to .	Better streams of dialogue; speeding up of issue resolving processes; awareness of activities and special interests on adjacent land.	Parks and Countryside ; WLCP Officer		
C/PP2	Collaborative working with Stakeholder groups, including Calverley Millennium Way Group, Friends of Calverley Woods, Friends of Woodhall Lake, Pudsey Link Bridleway Group, Calverley .Rotary Club	Set up a and maintain the WLCP consultative forum for stakeholder officers at stakeholder groups meetings ; involvement and support of locally led initiatives such as Fun Days and practical activities.	Sense of cohesiveness between stakeholders and LCC; opportunity for stakeholders to put forward ideas and discuss and resolve issues; support for new community groups.			



			best practice in conserving the SEGI status of the canal.			
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**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 3**  
**Calverley Fringe**  
**Theme – People**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
C/PP1	Collaborative working with adjacent landowners and managers including British Waterways, Environment Agency, Bradford City Council, Thornhill Estates, Calverley Golf Club, LCC departments etc.	Set a framework for dialogue between LCC and adjacent landholders / managers to .	Better streams of dialogue; speeding up of issue resolving processes; awareness of activities and special interests on adjacent land.	Parks and Countryside ; WLCP Officer		
C/PP2	Collaborative working with Stakeholder groups, including Calverley Millennium Way Group, Friends of Calverley Woods, Friends of Woodhall Lake, Pudsey Link Bridleway Group, Calverley .Rotary Club	Set up a and maintain the WLCP consultative forum for stakeholders; attendance of LCC officers at stakeholder groups meetings ; involvement and support of locally led initiatives such as Fun Days and practical activities.	Sense of cohesiveness between stakeholders and LCC; opportunity for stakeholders to put forward ideas and discuss and resolve issues; support for new community groups.			



**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 4**

Pudsey Fringe  
Theme - Places

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
P/P1	Management and maintenance of key Parks and Countryside owned and managed sites, including Upper Moor Tyersal Park Post Hill	Formulate site management plans for sites managed by Parks and Countryside to develop site specific action plans ; continue monitoring and maintaining sites to high standard ; source extra funding to develop projects.	High quality standard of Parks and Greenspaces maintained; increased public use and enjoyment.	Parks and Countryside	Duration of the plan	
P/P2	Boundary features, and access control Upper Moor Tyersal Park Post Hill	Establish ownership through LCC Land Tiers; monitor condition of gates, bollards, walls, fences and hedgerows; make repairs where necessary.	Preserves heritage boundary features; enhances the perception of general maintenance ; protects the site from unauthorised vehicular use	Parks and Countryside, WLCP Officer		
P/P3	Ascertain ownership of private land within the compartment	Establish current ownership of land within the WLCP; maintain a database of ownership.	Helps with liaison and communication; resolving neighbouring issues which may arise.	Parks and Countryside, WLCP Officer		
P/P4	Proximity of various watercourses to Upper Moor Tyersal Park	Assess water hazard and install pictogram hazard warning notices.	Improved safety for public.	Parks and Countryside.		

	Post Hill								
P/P5	Lack of Parks and Countryside Managed sites in Compartment 4.	Where appropriate, take on the care and management of land vested with other LCC departments / leased or donated land from local landowners within the WLCP boundary.	Increases the area of land available for recreation and contributes to the linkage of the suite of wildlife habitats.	Development / Park and Countryside					
P/P6	Insufficient Dog Waste Bins on Post Hill	Install dog waste bins at the Wood Lane entrance and Troydale Lane end of the site and arrange collection of waste.	Improves cleanliness of the site.						

**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 4**

Pudsey Fringe

Theme – Facilities (Public Rights of Way)

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
P/F/P1	Maintain the condition of the PRoW path network and associated access and bridging points including those used to service the WLCP Green gateways Trail, the Leeds Country Way and the Pudsey Link.	Monitor and maintain path surfaces, drainage, gates, stiles, steps, bridges etc. to facilitate their safe condition and use; seek funding.	An accessible and safe PRoW network; erosion and trampling of the surrounding area minimised; increased use by public due to reduction in mud etc.	Parks and Countryside -Countryside and Access; WLCP Officer; Area Teams		

P/F/P2	Links between PRow in and around Compartment 4 of the Country Park to create Community Green Gateways, using parks and other greenspaces as stepping stones.	Identify possible routes in partnership with local groups and Parks and Countryside ; consult with landowners to gain consent for the formalisation of paths across their land to be established as Community Green Gateways ; source funding; formalise routes through waymarking and interpretive material	Extends the available network of walks and trails in the WLCP ; helps to establish routes within the Excluded Area; helps to offer more sustainable travel routes.	Parks and Countryside, Countryside and Access, WLCP Officer	
P/F/P3	Unsafe crossing point for Footpath No. 19 at the A647 Bradford Road.	Liaise with Bradford City Council and Highways to establish and maintain a Pegasus crossing and associated bridleway to the north of the road (Bradford CC land).	Helps to extend PRow facilities by supporting the WLCP Green Gateways Trail and Pudsey Link Bridleway.	Bradford City Council ; Highways Agency; Parks and Countryside, Countryside and Access, WLCP Officer	
P/F/P4	Condition of Footpath No. 54	Identify necessary work to halt and remedy the erosion and undercutting of the footpath by the watercourse; undertake the work to restore and protect the footpath.	Ensures the continued safe use of the footpath, which forms part of the WLCP Green Gateways Trail.	Environment Agency; Parks and Countryside, Countryside and Access, WLCP Officer	
P/F/P5	Bridleway No. 78	Identify necessary work to halt and remedy erosion of path by usage; undertake work to restore and protect the bridleway.	Ensures the continued safe use of the bridleway.	Parks and Countryside, Countryside and Access, WLCP Officer	

**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 4**  
**Pudsey Fringe**  
**Theme – Facilities (Amenities)**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
P/F/A1	Circular routes for use by wheelchairs / mobility scooters and less ambient people on Post Hill, Upper Moor and Tyersal Park	Identify potential routes ; liaise with local groups and Parks and Countryside ; source funding; undertake necessary improvements ; promotional and interpretive material to highlight and encourage their use.	Extends the routes available for wheelchair / mobility scooter users.	Parks and Countryside, DDA Officer, WLCP Officer		
P/F/A2	Establish a series of Healthy Walking routes through Post Hill, Upper Moor and Tyersal Park.	Identify possible routes; liaise with local groups, West Leeds Healthy Living Network, West Leeds Walking Group and Parks and Countryside ; source funding; undertake necessary improvements to route and waymarking ; promotional and interpretive material to highlight and encourage use.	Increases the range of amenities, benefits health and fitness.	Parks and Countryside; WLCP Officer		

P/F/A3	Increased seating on Post Hill	Identify location for seating in consultation with the Post Hill Consultative Group; select robust seats/benches and install.	Increased amenity for public on Post Hill and links in with DDA provision.	Parks and Countryside; WLCF Officer	
P/F/A4	The motorcycle climb, Post Hill	Consult with the Post Hill Consultative Group to maintain the safe and appropriate use of this feature of Post Hill for motorcycles; undertake agreed works to keep vegetation cut back along the route ; ensure events continue to be safely organised and run through partnership between the Motor Club and Parks and Countryside ; deter the use of the site by unauthorised motorcyclists.	Retains a long established use of the site		

**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 4**  
**Pudsey Fringe**  
**Theme – Facilities (Interpretation)**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
P/F/I 1	Interpretive panels / signage for Post Hill, Upper Moor and Tyersal Park.	Identify and research information / graphics required in consultation with local groups; source funding; select suitable signs and install.	Promotes responsible use of the sites ; information enhances the visit.	Parks and Countryside' WLCP Officer.		
P/F/I 2	Production of site specific leaflets including Cragg Wood, Little Hawksworth Woods, Horsforth Hall Park, Hunger Hills, Calverley Lane Picnic Site	Identify and research information / graphics required in consultation with local groups; source funding; design and print leaflet	Promotes sites and their responsible use ; information enhances the visit.	Parks and Countryside' WLCP Officer.		
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**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 4**  
**Pudsey Fringe**  
**Theme – Wildlife**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
P/W1	Habitat and wildlife surveys for designated nature conservation sites, including Post Hill.	Liaise with Wildlife and Countryside section; identify survey methodology and source funding and personnel to	Helps improve the range of habitats and the best means of managing and monitoring them; reduces risk of degradation /			

		<p>undertake survey work; involve local groups wherever possible.</p>	<p>destruction of habitats through inappropriate management ; helps to dictate location of other planned facilities without causing damage with risk of prosecution ; enhances LCC reputation as a responsible land manager; input by local people.</p>			
<p><b>P/W2</b></p>	<p><b>Requirement for specific nature conservation management plans for key designated sites, including Post Hill.</b></p>	<p>Undertake appropriate ecological surveys; draw up prescriptions and annual action plans for practical management to conserve and enhance the current mosaic of habitats.</p>	<p>Helps conserve the range of habitats / ecology, and identify the best means of managing and monitoring key sites; reduction in risk of degradation / destruction of habitats through inappropriate management ; helps to dictate location of other planned facilities on sites without causing damage and risk of prosecution ; enhances LCC reputation as a responsible land manager.</p>	<p>Parks and Countryside; Countryside and Access ; WLCP Officer</p>		
<p><b>P/W4</b></p>	<p><b>Habitat management in</b></p>	<p>Undertake</p>	<p>Helps to conserve</p>	<p>Parks and Countryside;</p>		

	Post Hill.	management as identified in the management and action plans; source funding and identify staff and volunteers to undertake projects	and enhance the range of habitats; encourages wildlife to colonise and spread across the compartments; creates complementary habitats where appropriate.	Countryside and Access ; WLCP Officer.		
P/W5						

**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 4**  
**Pudsey Fringe**  
**Theme – People**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
P/PP1	Collaborative working with adjacent landowners and managers including Bradford City Council, Environment Agency, the Moravian Society, LCC departments etc.	Set a framework for dialogue between LCC and adjacent landholders / managers to .	Better streams of dialogue; speeding up of issue resolving processes; awareness of activities and special interests on adjacent land.	Parks and Countryside ; WLCP Officer		
P/PP2	Collaborative working with Stakeholder groups, including Post Hill Consultative Group, Pudsey Civic Society, Pudsey Link Bridleway Group	Set up a and maintain the WLCP consultative forum for stakeholders; attendance of LCC officers at stakeholder groups meetings ; involvement and support of locally led initiatives such as Fun Days and practical activities.	Sense of cohesiveness between stakeholders and LCC; opportunity for stakeholders to put forward ideas and discuss and resolve issues; support for new community groups.	Parks and Countryside ; WLCP Officer		



**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 5**

Farnley Fringe  
Theme - Places

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
F/P1	Management and maintenance of key Parks and Countryside owned and managed sites, including Nan Whin's Wood, Farnley Hall Park, Farnley Fish Pond , Old Farnley Recreation Ground, Butt Lane Recreation Ground, New Farnley Park, New Farnley Recreation Ground, Silver Royd.	Formulate site management plans for sites managed by Parks and Countryside to develop site specific action plans ; continue monitoring and maintaining sites to high standard ; source extra funding to develop projects.	High quality standard of Parks and Greenspaces maintained; increased public use and enjoyment.	Parks and Countryside	Duration of the plan	
F/P2	Boundary features, and access control in Nan Whin's Wood, Farnley Hall Park, Farnley Fish Pond , Old Farnley Recreation Ground, Butt Lane Recreation Ground, New Farnley Park, New Farnley Recreation Ground, Silver Royd	Establish ownership through LCC Land Terriers; monitor condition of gates, bollards, walls, fences and hedgerows; make repairs where necessary.	Preserves heritage boundary features; enhances the perception of general maintenance ; protects the site from unauthorised vehicular use	Parks and Countryside, WLCP Officer		

F/P3	Ascertain ownership of private land within the compartment.	Establish current ownership of land within the WLCP; maintain a database of ownership.	Helps with liaison and communication; resolving neighbouring issues which may arise.	Parks and Countryside, WLCP Officer		
F/P4	Proximity of various watercourses to Nan Whin's Wood and Silver Royd and the pond in Farnley Fish Pond	Assess water hazard and install pictogram hazard warning notices.	Improved safety for public.	Parks and Countryside.		
F/P5	Ad hoc car Parking in proximity of Nan Whin's Wood	Identify demand and potential location for car park ; liaise with local groups, Highways and Parks and Countryside; if demand is high and provision supported by local groups progress provision ; source funding undertake necessary improvements ; install appropriate signage.				
F/P6						

**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 5**  
**Farnley Fringe**  
**Theme – Facilities (Public Rights of Way)**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
F/F/P1	Maintain the condition of the PRoW path network and associated access and bridging points including those used to service the WLCP Green gateways Trail and the Leeds Country Way.	Monitor and maintain path surfaces, drainage, gates, stiles, steps, bridges etc. to facilitate their safe condition and use; seek funding.	An accessible and safe PRoW network; erosion and tramping of the surrounding area minimised; increased use by public due to reduction in mud etc.	Parks and Countryside -Countryside and Access; WLCP Officer; Area Teams		
F/F/P2	Links between PRoW in and around Compartment 5 of the Country Park to create Community Green Gateways, using parks and other greenspaces as stepping stones.	Identify possible routes in partnership with local groups and Parks and Countryside ; consult with landowners to gain consent for the formalisation of paths across their land to be established as Community Green Gateways ; source funding; formalise routes through waymarking and interpretive material	Extends the available network of walks and trails in the WLCP ; helps to establish routes within the Excluded Area; helps to offer more sustainable travel routes.	Parks and Countryside, Countryside and Access, WLCP Officer		
F/F/P3	Condition of flagged stretch of footpath No. 150 in New Farnley	Survey and assess condition; liaise with landowner; source funding; undertake work to improve alignment of flags and drainage.	Improvement to condition of well used footpath ; preserves a local feature.	Parks and Countryside, Countryside and Access, WLCP Officer		
F/F/P4	Condition of Bridleway No 144 through Nan	Survey and assess condition; source	Improvement to condition of well	Parks and Countryside, Countryside and		

	Whin's Wood	funding; undertake work to improve path surface and drainage	used bridleway.	Access, WLCP Officer	
FIF/P5					

**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 5**  
**Farnley Fringe**  
**Theme – Facilities (Amenities)**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
FIF/A1	Circular routes for use by wheelchairs / mobility scooters and less ambient people in Farnley Hall Park, Old Farnley Recreation Ground, New Farnley Park, New Farnley Recreation Ground.	Identify potential routes ; liaise with local groups and Parks and Countryside ; source funding; undertake necessary improvements ; promotional and interpretive material to highlight and encourage their use.	Extends the routes available for wheelchair / mobility scooter users.	Parks and Countryside, DDA Officer, WLCP Officer		
FIF/A2	Establish a series of Healthy Walking routes through Farnley Hall Park, Farnley Fish Pond, Old Farnley Recreation Ground, Butt Lane Recreation Ground, New Farnley Park, Silver Royd.	Identify possible routes; liaise with local groups, West Leeds Healthy Living Network, West Leeds Walking Group and Parks and Countryside ; source funding; undertake necessary improvements to	Increases the range of amenities, benefits health and fitness.	Parks and Countryside; WLCP Officer		

F/F/A3	<p><b>Mountain bike trail</b></p>	<p>route and waymarking ; promotional and interpretive material to highlight and encourage use.</p> <p>Identify degree of demand and potential location for courses ; liaise with local groups and Parks and Countryside ; if demand is high and provision supported by local groups progress provision; establish maintenance responsibility; source funding undertake necessary improvements ; promotional and interpretive material to highlight and encourage their use.</p>	<p>Increases the range of amenities; appeals to younger visitors ; health and fitness benefits ; reduces pressure from unofficial courses in greenspaces elsewhere ; greater degree of safety.</p>			
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**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 5**  
**Farnley Fringe**  
**Theme – Facilities (Interpretation)**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
F/F/1 1	Interpretive panels / signage for Nan Whin's Wood, Farnley Hall Park, Farnley Fish Pond , Old Farnley Recreation Ground, Butt Lane Recreation Ground, New Farnley Park, New Farnley Recreation Ground, Silver Royd.	Identify and research information / graphics required in consultation with local groups; source funding; select suitable signs and install.	Promotes responsible use of the sites ; information enhances the visit.	Parks and Countryside' WLCP Officer.		
F/F/1 2	Production of site specific leaflets including Nan Whin's Wood, Farnley Hall Park, Farnley Fish Pond , Old Farnley Recreation Ground, New Farnley Park, Silver Royd.	Identify and research information / graphics required in consultation with local groups; source funding; design and print leaflet	Promotes sites and their responsible use ; information enhances the visit.	Parks and Countryside' WLCP Officer.		
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**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 5**  
**Farnley Fringe**  
**Theme – Wildlife**

CODE	ISSUE	ACTION	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
F/W1	Habitat and wildlife surveys for designated nature conservation sites, including Nan Whin's Wood, Silver Royd Hill Farnley Fish Pond.	Liaise with Wildlife and Countryside section; identify survey methodology and source funding and personnel to undertake survey work; involve local groups wherever possible.	Helps improve the range of habitats and the best means of managing and monitoring them; reduces risk of degradation / destruction of habitats through inappropriate management ; helps to dictate location of other planned facilities without causing damage with risk of prosecution ; enhances LCC reputation as a responsible land manager; input by local people.			
F/W2	Requirement for specific nature conservation management plans for key designated sites, including Nan Whin's Wood, Silver Royd Hill Farnley Fish Pond.	Undertake appropriate ecological surveys; draw up prescriptions and annual action plans for practical management to conserve and enhance the current mosaic of	Helps conserve the range of habitats / ecology, and identify the best means of managing and monitoring key sites; reduction in risk of degradation / destruction of habitats through inappropriate	Parks and Countryside; Countryside and Access ; WLCP Officer		





**ACTION PLAN – COMPARTMENT 5**  
**Farnley Fringe**  
**Theme – People**

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F/PP1	Collaborative working with adjacent landowners and managers including Yorkshire Water, Environment Agency, Bradford City Council, LCC departments etc.	Set a framework for dialogue between LCC and adjacent landholders / managers to .	Better streams of dialogue; speeding up of issue resolving processes; awareness of activities and special interests on adjacent land.	Parks and Countryside ; WLCP Officer		
F/PP2	Collaborative working with Stakeholder groups, including Friends of Farnley Balancing Reservoir, Friends of Farnley Fishpond, New Farnley Vision Group, Silver Royd Nature Conservation Group.	Set up a and maintain the WLCP consultative forum for stakeholders; attendance of LCC officers at stakeholder groups meetings ; involvement and support of locally led initiatives such as Fun Days and practical activities.	Sense of cohesiveness between stakeholders and LCC; opportunity for stakeholders to put forward ideas and discuss and resolve issues; support for new community groups.	Parks and Countryside ; WLCP Officer		
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Dear Mr Balfour

**IMPLEMENTATION OF RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLANS**

Thank you for your letter of 26 April to Barry Gardiner, commenting on the points he made in his earlier letter to local access forums. I have been asked to reply.

I note your suggestion that local authorities should have a legal duty to publish bi-annual progress reports concerning implementation of their rights of way improvement plans (ROWIPs). However, imposing such a duty would have disadvantages as well as benefits: It could lead to unfair criticism of authorities where targets have not been met for reasons beyond the authority's control, and could have deterred authorities from being ambitious in setting their aims and objectives. A duty to produce progress reports would also impose additional costs on authorities.

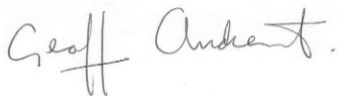
I am not suggesting that monitoring and reviewing progress is not important, simply that it is best dealt with at the local level, so that local authorities (advised by their local access forum) decide what suits their own area. This is consistent with the Government's general approach towards local government (as set out in the Local Government White Paper published in October 2006), which seeks to provide freedom and space for councils to respond with flexibility to local needs and demands.

The Minister's letter recognised that funding is important, and explained why additional ring-fenced funding was not being made available. I appreciate that there are always competing demands on local authority budgets, and accessing external funding sources can pose a challenge. That is why Natural England will be supporting local authorities, through regional workshops and training events, with a national programme of guidance based on current practice and shared experience. The initial focus will be on capturing experience in fundraising, and then to share this through training events, case studies and signposting guides. Further information, and invitations, will be sent to local authorities - and local access forums - in the coming months.

Whilst I do not share your negative assessment of the potential funding opportunities which exist, I agree that not all external funding sources will be suitable in all areas or on all occasions. In reality, such funding is likely to be targeted to where overlaps exist between ROWIP objectives and the purposes for which funding is available.

You end by asking “why it was thought practical to statutorily obligate local authorities to carry out ROWIPs without giving them the funding to carry out the results ?” The value of ROWIPs comes from the fact that they encourage new ways of thinking about, and improving, the rights of way network. A well-written ROWIP should help a local authority to more effectively unlock the various opportunities and funding sources which exist, and to better integrate management of, and improvements to, the network with overlapping environmental, social and economic objectives.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoff Audcent." The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

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## Public consultation on the Right to Apply

### Briefing note for local access forums

1. This note is intended to assist secretaries and members in developing their response to Defra's public consultation on the Right to Apply.
2. Defra is keen to receive views from all interested individuals and organisations, but local access forums will be particularly well placed to offer impartial, balanced and locally-informed views. The consultation paper is relatively long and covers a range of issues, some of which are fairly technical and detailed (which may be of more interest to local authority officers who have to administer the application process). It is appreciated that not every forum member will necessarily have the time to read through the entire consultation paper. This note therefore highlights areas which might be of most interest to forums, although **forums (or individuals forum members) remain free to comment on any aspect of the consultation.**
3. The proposals are summarised in the Executive Summary, reproduced below:

### Executive Summary

4. The consultation paper seeks views on a proposed approach to commencing new statutory rights of application and appeal in connection with making changes to the public rights of way network. The new rights were introduced by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (which inserted new provisions into the Highways Act 1980), and were in recognition of the difficulties that land managers can encounter in persuading authorities to use their discretionary order-making powers.
5. The right to apply would enable owners, lessees and occupiers of land used for agriculture, forestry or for the breeding or keeping of horses, and school proprietors, to **apply** to a local authority (or National Park authority) for a public path or special order to permanently extinguish or divert a public right of way.
6. The rights to appeal would enable applicants to **appeal** to the Secretary of State at two stages in the decision-making process: firstly, if a local authority refuses to make the order applied for, and secondly where (after having made an order) the authority refuses to confirm it or to submit it to the Secretary of State. Making an appeal will ensure that the applicant's reasons, and any objections, are considered at a public inquiry, hearing or through an exchange of written representations.
7. The new provisions contain two other significant features - the level of charges would be prescribed by the Secretary of State in the regulations, and if authorities are slow to deal with an application or an order, the Secretary of State could be asked to direct the authority to deal with it within a specified time.

8. The new rights provide **no guarantee** that applicants would be able to obtain an order. However, an order should usually be forthcoming provided all the relevant statutory criteria and requirements are met (including those relating, as appropriate, to the convenience and enjoyment of the public, payment of charges and agreement to defray or contribute towards certain costs and expenses).

9. The consultation paper seeks views on the proposed approach to implementing the new rights through the making of regulations, including the level of prescribed charges to be paid by applicants.

10. An assessment of the likely impacts, costs, risks and benefits has been carried out. The results are set out in the partial Regulatory Impact Assessment (partial RIA) which accompanies the consultation paper (Annex F). Views are sought on whether the partial RIA is a realistic assessment upon which decisions can be taken. Since it shows that there might be only **marginal net benefits** for applicants and, at the national level, a significant dis-benefit, the consultation also seeks views on whether the legislation relating to the new rights should be **commenced in present form, repealed or amended**.

### Key issues

11. The new rights will probably result in **higher costs for all stakeholder groups**. These are assessed in the partial RIA (Annex F of the consultation document). All things being equal, the procedures involved in considering a single application and making an order should not be significantly different or more costly to the existing procedures. However, the overall cost of administering the new statutory procedures would be higher.

12. The charges to be paid by applicants - and the circumstances in which refunds should be made - will be prescribed in regulations, and the exact cost to applicants will depend on the circumstances. The consultation paper proposes an **application charge of £1000**, plus **further charges** payable if the application leads to the making of an order (or to an appeal). It is estimated that the charges for a typical unopposed application/order could be up to 30-40% higher than what land managers currently pay (on average) - perhaps £2,500 including newspaper notice costs. Views are sought on the proposed charges and proposed refunds - Section 6 of the consultation document provides more detail.

13. An assessment of the likely impacts, costs, risks and benefits has been carried out. The results are set out in the partial RIA which forms Annex F of the consultation document. Views are sought on whether the partial RIA is a realistic assessment upon which decisions can be taken ?

14. The partial RIA assumes the following volumes of casework per annum:

Applications for public path orders special orders	2,630
Applications for special orders for schools	50
Public path orders made by authorities on application	900

Refusal notices	1,680
Appeals to the Secretary of State (= 25% of refusals)	432
Orders confirmed by authorities	770
Orders made/confirmed by Secretary of State	302

15. The partial RIA also looks at the costs and benefits for different groups. For applicants it is estimated that the financial benefits (in terms of convenience, improved security and increased land) will marginally outweigh the costs. It is assumed that an individual applicant will - on average - gain financial benefits, spread over ten years, in the order of £6,000. No financial benefits are identified for other stakeholder groups, although they may incur additional costs (e.g. in objecting to applications and orders).

16. The partial RIA estimates that the costs and the benefits for the different stakeholder groups, over a 10 year period, would be:

<b>Stakeholder Group</b>	<b>Benefits (£m)</b>	<b>Costs (£m)</b>
Applicants	39.3	37.6
Authorities	0.2	16.2
Statutory Undertakers / Highway Authorities	0.0	0.6
Other Stakeholder Groups	0.0	1.2
Central Government	0.0	14.7
Total	39.5	70.4

### Issues for forums to bear in mind

17. Forums should in bear in mind the following points:

- (a) whether the proposals are likely to be workable and efficient within the context of their own local area;
- (b) the extent to which the proposals would benefit land mangers in their own local area;
- (c) the impact on other local stakeholders (e.g. ramblers groups, parish councils, local residents, local authorities etc) in their own area; and
- (d) whether the partial RIA is accurate and comprehensive.

18. Forum secretaries may like to request information form their local authorities about the current approach, policies and charges which apply to the making of extinguish and diversion orders in the locality. This might assist help forums to formulating their views.

19. Defra has written to all local authorities to invite their views, in contrast to individual land mangers, few of whom can be expected to have the time to comment. Therefore, whilst forums can comment on the impact which the proposals will have on local government (and service levels), it would be especially useful if forums could

consider the proposals from the view point of **land managers** and **other local interests** which they represent.

### **Further information**

20. Further information on the public consultation is available on the Defra website at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/row-rights/index.htm>, including:

- the full consultation paper and partial RIA;
- the consultation letter;
- a list of organisations consulted;
- answers to some Frequently Asked Questions; and
- a link to further background material.

### **Defra participation in local access forum meetings**

21. With over 80 forums in England, Defra cannot offer to attend all forum meeting at which these issues are discussed. However, officials would welcome the opportunity to attend a small number of forums meetings, should any forums wish to extend an invitation.

22. If you have any questions, would like further information or would like to invite a Defra representative to a forum meeting, please contact Geoff Audcent on 0117 372 8339 (E-mail: [geoff.audcent@defra.gis.gov.uk](mailto:geoff.audcent@defra.gis.gov.uk)).

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