

New Forest Access Forum September 8th

Paper 37/1

Officer's Report (Marilyn Meeks)

This paper covers:

- DEFRA – change to cross Compliance in England (CAP)
- England Coast Path update: July 2014
- Letter from Minister Dan Rogerson MP – ROWIP's
- LAF Officer's meeting, London 30th September 2014
- Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire AONB e-news and new Management plan

Common Agricultural Policy changes affecting Rights of Way

The reform of CAP required changes to the cross compliance frame work. Cross compliance is a set of rules that is the basis of direct payment. These rules cover the environment, animal, plant and public health, animal welfare and landscapes features. They are split in to two types; Statutory Management requirements (SMRs) these are detailed EU legislation that must be followed. The second is Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition (GAEC) these are set by Government and affects England.

The Government consultation to stakeholders and members of the public in 2013/14 highlighted concerns regarding cross compliance and the importance of retaining certain GAEC standards and removing others. Governments decision for Access has been to retain GAEC 8 (Rights of Way) this will now become GAEC 7.B

The implementation of CAP will be early 2015.

England Coastal Path

Natural England officers continue to progress the England Coastal Path at varying stages around the coast. Currently 13 sections in 7 Counties are at stages 1, 2 or 5 the latter is the final stage that has to be agreed by the Secretary of State. The two at stage 5 will be launched late 2014 and early 2015. In total 5 sections of new coastal access will be available for the public to use.

Letter from Dan Rogerson MP

The letter refers to the ROWIPs for England and whilst no new guidance has been sort from Highway Authorities to include access to woodland it is asked that as part of the review of these plans consideration is given to this area landscape.

The workshop following the New Forest LAF is looking at HCC's Countryside Access Plan

Local Access Forum Survey 2014

Natural England undertook the above survey in March 2014. LAFs contributed to this

Survey and the findings will help to guide Natural England's work with LAFs in the future. <http://my.hdle.it/34639199> this can be found on huddle.

Cranborne Chase AONB

The new management plan is available on line at <http://www.ccwwdaonb.org.uk/projects/manplan.htm> 7% of Hampshire forums part of the AONB.

Officers (LAF) meeting in London, 30th September 2014.

If members have any thing they would like me to take to this meeting please let me know before the 30th September.