

Green Routes for New Urban Growth

Can rights of way, open access areas and other 'Green Infrastructure' ensure that new urban developments encourage healthier lifestyles and sustainable communities?

A seminar hosted by the **Leicestershire Local Access Forum** in association with **Leicestershire Together**

Wednesday 26th March, 9.15am – 12.45pm
County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester. LE3 8RA

Local authorities and agencies are juggling major 'New Growth' urban development proposals for the county whilst promoting sustainable communities, tackling climate change, improving health, and working in ever closer partnerships with each other and with user groups. However integrating all these strands can be elusive. Developing 'Green Infrastructure' can play a major part where new access areas and rights of way are used to promote outdoor activity. Networks of natural places, parks and paths bring green space nearer to every doorstep. This encourages walking, running, cycling and horse-riding. Green spaces offer fresh air away from pollution and opportunities to explore nature. All these things boost general well-being and help develop local community identities. This seminar looks at what can be done and how.

Main speakers will focus on:

1. **Green Space for Good Health** – the need for Access to Nature on the doorstep.
James Marshall, Senior Specialist Health and Environment, Natural England, East Midlands
2. **Green Infrastructure in 'New Growth'** - the River Nene Regional Park and Access.
Jason Longhurst, Executive Director of Environment, Black Country Consortium and formerly Director of the River Nene Regional Park (RNRP) project in Northamptonshire
3. **Encouraging 'Green Exercise'** – building Outdoor Activity into people's everyday lives.
Len Almond, Founding Director and Senior Advisor, British Heart Foundation National Centre for Physical Activity and Health, Loughborough University
4. **Green Routes for Leicestershire** – planning and promoting networks through Local Partnerships
Peter Williams, Head of Environmental Management, Leicestershire County Council



The Schedule

- 09.15 Reception and Tea/Coffee
- 09.45 Welcome from Chairman of the Local Access Forum
- 10.00 Speaker 1 – followed by questions: James Marshall, Natural England.
- 10.30 Speaker 2 – followed by questions: Jason Longhurst, Black Country Consortium.
- 11.00 Break and Tea/Coffee and informal discussion
- 11.30 Speaker 3 – followed by questions: Len Almond, Loughborough University
- 12.00 Speaker 4 – followed by questions: Peter Williams, Leicestershire County Council
- 12.30 Summary and closing remarks by Chairman
- 12.45 Buffet lunch available
- 13.30 Delegates depart

Who is the event for?

- Councillors from County, District and Parish Councils;
- County Council - Strategic Policy and relevant Highways staff;
- District Councils – Policy/Planning Officers, Greenspace Managers and Physical Activity Co-ordinators;
- Other Leicestershire Together partners;
- Local Strategic Economic Partnership members;
- EMDA and the Govt. Office East Midlands, Natural England;
- Walking the Way to Health Initiative partners in Health Authorities
- User Groups (including Ramblers Association, Leicestershire Orienteering Club, Leicestershire Footpaths Association, Leicestershire and Rutland Bridleways Association, Campaign for Better Transport);
- The National Forest , Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water, British Waterways, Sustrans;
- Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust, Groundwork Trust, British Trust for Conservation Volunteers;
- NFU, CLA, Bradgate Park Trust, GreenSpace, The OnTrent Initiative, Leicester Shire Promotions;

How to book

Please book promptly to ensure your place at the event. To book either post the booking form using the reply-paid envelope or email completed forms to:

Leicestershire Local Access Forum, c/o Rights of Way Team, Leicestershire County Council, Environmental Management, Room 500, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicestershire, LE3 8TE Email accessforum@leics.gov.uk

If you have any further enquiries please telephone: 0116 305 7086

Where is the seminar?

The Council Chamber, County Hall, Glenfield, nr. Leicester, LE3 8RA

County Hall is on the A50 about 3 miles North West of Leicester.

Details of public transport links can be found at: www.leics.gov.uk/county_hall_map

