

**1. South Downs Local Plan (Agenda item 5a1) - South Downs Green Infrastructure Framework**

- 1.1 Further to the email Tricia Butcher sent to the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) regarding the SD Green Infrastructure Framework she has had confirmation that the SDNPA will be including a definition of 'green linkages' in the glossary and in the supporting text of the policy. There will also be a reference to multi user and inclusive use in criteria 2 (d). These changes are included in the pre-submission Local Plan which is currently out for consultation.

**2. Rampion Wind Farm – E-On**

- 2.1 The project reached a significant milestone in September 2017 as installation of the final of the 116 turbines was completed, ahead of schedule. Further construction and commissioning work will now continue on both the offshore and onshore substations, as well as work to complete the onshore cable route, before the electrical infrastructure is complete and ready to carry power generated from the wind farm. The first electricity should be generated later this year and be fully operational in 2018. When complete it will provide enough electricity to supply almost 347,000 homes a year, equivalent to around half the homes in Sussex.

**3. WSCC Rights of Way (ROW) Committee and Definitive Map Changes**

- 3.1 The last meeting of the WSCC ROW Committee was on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The next meeting is scheduled for 20 February 2018. All papers can be found on the [Rights of Way Committee web pages](#).
- 3.2 Other matters of interest to WSLAF included:
- Orders to divert East Lavington footpaths 724 and 911 and Graffham footpath 987 have been confirmed
  - South Stoke bridleway 2268 has had the diversion order made by South Downs National Park Authority
  - Warnham - Opposed path orders to divert footpaths at Warnham Deer Park have been submitted to the Secretary of State for determination. WSCC is hopeful that the orders will be confirmed as a useful bridleway agreement will take effect if they are. It's possible that a public inquiry or hearing will be held before a decision is given.
  - Fittleworth - Opposed path orders at Fittleworth have also been submitted – the SDNPA is the sole objector and has agreed to the matter being determined by written representations, so the time and expense of an inquiry or hearing is to be avoided.

4. WSCC is not presently accepting new applications for path diversions or extinguishments under Highways Act 1980 powers. In large part this is due to there being a significant backlog of existing applications – some applicants have already been waiting many years and can expect to wait some while still before their application is considered. Accepting new applications and not considering these for many years is not considered to be offering a good service.

**5. WSLAF Future Meetings**

- 5.1 All meetings will start at 10.30am (tea/coffee at 10.15am) and are followed by lunch for members and speakers. Dates and venues for the coming year are shown in the table below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Proposed Topic / Speaker to include</b>
Wed 30/1/18	Horsham	To be decided by Forum + AGM

*Other suggested speakers: Forestry Commission, Highways Agency, Network Rail, WSCC Officer to explain Infrastructure Project delivery and role of CLCs.*

## **6. Neighbouring LAFs**

### **6.1 South Downs Local Access Forum (SDLAF)**

Next meetings:

- 30 November 2017 – South Downs Centre, Midhurst  
WSLAF link member Tricia Butcher / Glynn Jones

### **6.2 Brighton & Hove Local Access Forum**

Next meetings:

- Thursday 11 January 2018 at 6pm

### **6.3 East Sussex Local Access Forum**

The next meeting:

- 25 October 2017

### **6.4 Surrey Local Access Forum (SLAF)**

- Monday 16 October 2017

**Jane Noble, Forum Officer**