

1. RoWIP Schemes

- 1.1 **Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm** - On 4th April 2025, the Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero, Rt Hon Ed Miliband, awarded consent for Rampion 2.

2. PROW Annual Report

- 2.1 The report for 2024-25 will be circulated to members ahead of the next informal meeting.

3. Repeal of the Cut-off Date for Recording Historic Rights of Way.

- 3.1 The deadline to claim lost paths, initially set for 1 January 2026, has now been repealed by the government. This means there will no longer be a deadline for recording historic rights of way. The decision followed concerns that the 2026 deadline would put too much pressure on local authorities to verify and register the paths which are estimated at over 40,000 miles.

4. Local Access Forum – Updates and Discussion Board

- 4.1 Natural England's Commons and Access Officer has informed us that a new community Sharepoint site has been set up for Local Access Forums. The site contains the information and resources to help LAF's carry out their functions under section 94 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, provide a place for LAFs to communicate with one another and for Natural England to share information with forums.

[Local Access Forums \(England\) - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

[Local Access Forums: participate in decisions on public access - GOV.UK](#)

If you cannot access the site we will need to contact Natural England to set up permission.

5. Review of open access maps

- 5.1 As advertised on the Government's [Open Access Land web page](#) Natural England must review the open access maps they issued in 2004 and 2005. The current deadline for this review is 2024 to 2025. The government is now moving toward a unified national deadline of 31 December 2030. Natural England have started initial planning for the review.
- 5.2 Mapping showing Open Access Land maps can be found on [Natural England's Open Access web pages](#). This also shows the England Coast Path and associated spreading room.

6. WSCC Rights of Way – Definitive Map changes

- 6.1 Below is the change made to the Definitive Map since the last formal WSLAF meeting:
- **Westhampnett 417** - Diversion, S247 Town and Country Planning Act 1991
 - **Bramber** – DMMO, addition of a new footpath
 - **Colgate** - Permissive cycle agreement P21 – Buchan Park. Providing a cyclable link between BW 1550 and the park

6.2 Information about the Planning and Rights of Way Committee, including meeting dates and papers can be found on the [Planning and Rights of Way Committee web pages](#).

7. WSLAF Future Meetings

7.1 All formal meetings usually start at 10.30am. Future dates:

- Informal: Wednesday 9 July 2025 - Horsham
- Formal: Wednesday 15 October 2025 - Horsham

8. Neighbouring Local Access Forums (LAFs)

8.1 Meeting papers and other information about neighbouring Forums can be found by following the links below. Any details have been obtained from the websites:

- [South Downs Local Access Forum](#) (SDLAF)
- [Brighton & Hove Local Access Forum](#)
- [East Sussex Local Access Forum](#) (ESLAF)
- [Hampshire Countryside Access Forum](#) (HCAF)
- [Surrey Countryside Access Forum](#) (SLAF)

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