

**NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL PARK and COUNTY
JOINT LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**

JLAF MEETING ON THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2009

AGENDA FOR AFTERNOON MEETING

This part of the meeting is for JLAF members, officers and invited contributors/guests.

The NCC's consultation document '*Slaley Forest and Blanchland Moore Byways Open to All Traffic – Assessment and Management Options Consultation Report July 2009*', will be referred to during this part of the meeting. A briefing and map to facilitate the site visit is also provided.

The theme of the site visit will be:

Slaley Forest and Blanchland Moor BOATS

Please wear or bring suitable walking gear, wet weather clothing and other personal items. Some parts of the walk, which will be between 6km and 7km long, will be over uneven or rough terrain and it may also be very muddy. Please bring a hot drink or other refreshment as required as there is no refreshment break in the afternoon.

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1250 Meet at Ladycross (see map). Leave cars

1300 Depart Ladycross. We will use Forestry Commission mini-bus, plus one or two cars, for the rest of the afternoon.

Further details of the site visit, including a map and issues to be considered, are included with the briefing from David Brookes included with the papers.

1615 Approximate return to Ladycross. Collect cars.

1645 Arrive Slaley Commemoration Hall, Slaley, NE47 0BQ

1700 Buffet tea

1800 Evening Meeting

2100 End of meeting

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Venue: Slaley Commemoration Hall, Slaley NE47 0BQ

Commencing 1800 - 2100

AGENDA FOR MAIN MEETING

- 1800 **1 Welcome and Apologies**
- 2 Questions from Members of the Public**
To receive any questions previously submitted by members of the public.
- 3 Declarations of Interest**
In accordance with Paragraph 6:8 of the Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2002, revised February 2007, members are asked to declare any direct or indirect personal interests (including financial) in relation to items on the agenda for this meeting and shall disclose the nature of those interests to the meeting.
- 4 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 23 July 2009**
- 5 Matters Arising**
Matters arising from the previous Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda
- 1815 **6 Sustrans: Surfacing Issues; the Rothbury Trail**
James Adamson from Sustrans will lead this item
- 1845 **7 Discussion on issues arising from the afternoon site visit**
- 6.1 Issues from the site visit
6.2 Slaley Forest and Blanchland Moor Byways Open to All Traffic – Assessment and Management Options Consultation Report July 2009
- 1930 **8 Working Group Updates**
- 8.1 Working Group One: update from meeting on 10 September
8.2 Working Group Two: update from meeting on 16 September
8.3 Working Group Three: update from meeting on 22 September
- 1940 **9 General Updates**
- 9.1 To note any correspondence received July - September 2009
9.2 Report and update from Northumberland County Council (David Brookes)
9.3 Report and update from Northumberland National Park (Lorna Lazzari)
9.4 Report and update on England Access Forum (Pam Brooks)
9.5 To note any other general updates including
- i) Northumberland Coastal AONB meeting 30 September 2009
 - ii) North Pennines AONB
 - iii) Natural England Stakeholder Working Group

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2015 **10 Members' Section**

To note reports, updates from meetings/events and other relevant items

- 10.1 National Park Management Plan Launch 6 October 2009 (D Baines)
- 10.2 National Park Forum 15 October 2009 (D Baines)
- 10.3 Update from the Rights of Way Forum (A Collingwood-Cameron)
- 10.4 Meeting with R Aubrook, Natural England 12 October 2009 (P Nicholson)
- 10.5 To note minor amendment to JLAF Position Statements on 'Access to Water' and 'Mechanically Propelled Vehicles'
- 10.6 Any other reports, updates and other relevant items from members
 - i) Equestrian use of rights of way in Slaley Forest and on Blanchland Moor (S Rogers)
 - ii) Northumberland Joint Access Users Group Summary report: October 2009 (T Liddle)
 - iii) Access and former opencast sites (G Featonby)

2045 **11 Closures and Consultations**

- 11.1 Closure consultations July – October 2009:
 - Consultations on fire directions restricting access under CROW: eight relating to fire directions, some in conjunction with other LAFs.
 - Closures at Crangleugh Burn and Hawkhope
- 11.2 Completed consultations (September 2009)
 - DEFRA: "Coastal Change Policy"
 - Forestry Commission: "The long-term role of the Public Forest Estate in England"
- 11.3 Consultation underway (due October 2009)
 - NCC: "Slaley Forest and Blanchland Moore Byways Open to All Traffic: Assessment and Management Options Consultation Report July 2009"
- 11.4 Current consultations:
 - DEFRA: "Consultation on secondary legislation under the Marine and Coastal Access Bill: Part 9 Coastal Access" (by December 2009)

2050 **12 Any Other Business**

- 12.1 To note Annual Report 2008 – 2009
- 12.2 To note JLAF information leaflet

13 Dates of future Joint Local Access Forum meetings.

To note the dates of future JLAF meetings (themes and venues are only provisional)

Date	Proposed locations	Provisional Meeting themes
28 January 2010	Otterburn	Revisit issues in National Park; Audience Development; LEADER; MoD update
22 April 2010	Kielder	Update on Kielder: access and recreation issues.
22 July 2010	Rothbury area	Salters Road
21 October 2010	Blyth/Ashington	Urban issues; Coastal Access issues

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Members of the Joint Local Access Forum from 1 May 2009 – 30 April 2010 are: George Astbury, David Baines (Vice Chair), Michael Catlin, Erica Bamford, Pamela Brooks, James Brown (Chair), Victoria Brown, Conrad Clayton, Edward Carrington, Angus Collingwood-Cameron, Gill Featonby, Graham Gill, Ted Liddle, Peter Nicholson (NPA representative), Susan Rogers, Nick Rossiter, Richard Seaman, Cllr Alan Sharp (NPA representative), Nicola Thompson (Vice Chair), Cllr David Towns (NCC representative), Sue Vaughan.

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LIST OF REPORTS AND UPDATES

Reports to be submitted, if at all possible, in advance of the meeting and read beforehand, as only questions on significant issues will be taken. Please note timings on agenda for each item to allow the meeting to run to time. Please bring own copies of any other relevant papers, reports and maps.

Afternoon meeting

Title	Author / Source	Status
i) 'Slaley Forest and Blanchland Moor Byways Open to All Traffic – Assessment and Management Options Consultation Report July 2009' (Northumberland County Council)	D Brookes	Already issued
ii) Map of Slaley area site visit	D Brookes	With papers
iii) Background briefing for site visit	D Brookes	With papers

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