

## Agenda 20 November 2024

10.00am

Online

This is a remote meeting held under the Broads Authority's <u>Standing Orders on Procedure</u> Rules for Remote Meetings.

**Participants**: You will be sent a link to join the meeting. The room will open at 9.45am and we request that you **log in by 9.55am** to allow us to check connections and other technical details.

**Members of the public**: Please email <u>BLAF@broads-authority.gov.uk</u> with any queries about this meeting.

#### Introduction

- 1. Apologies for absence and welcome
- 2. Declarations of interest
- 3. To receive and confirm the minutes of the Broads Local Access Forum meeting held on 4 September 2024 (Pages 4-13)
- 4. Summary of actions and outstanding issues following decisions at previous meetingsto note the schedule (Pages 14-18)

#### Items for discussion

- 5. **BFI salinity modelling**Presentation by Environment Agency
- IAS progress monitoring (Pages 19-25)
   Report by Waterways and Recreation Officer

#### Other matters

- 7. Any other business
- 8. To note the date of the next meeting **Wednesday 5 March 2025** at 10.00am.

# Broads Local Access Forum membership

Member	Address	Phone number	Email	Interest
Richard Atkins	Riverview Cottage Off Church Lane Surlingham NR14 7DF	01508 538083	richard.p.atkins@bti nternet.com	Paddle sports/ walking
Keith Bacon	Woodcroft Wood Street Catfield NR29 5DF	01692 581314	keithbacon@broadla nd.net	Archaeology and landscape heritage
Harry Blathwayt	20 Broad Reaches Ludham NR29 5PD	01692 678644	Harry.blathwayt@n orth-norfolk.gov.uk	Broads Authority
Christine Cane	The Roundhouse 160 Tuttles Lane West Wymondham NR18 OJJ	01953 606019	christine.cane@bhsv olunteer.org.uk	Equestrian riding and driving
Peter Dixon	The Smea Hickling NR12 OYL	078509 30486	Peterjbdixon@hotm ail.com	Broads Authority
Geoff Doggett	68 Pilgrims Way Harleston Norfolk IP20 9QE	01379 853464	geoffdggtt@gmail.co m	Waterborne recreation/nature conservation
Tony Gibbons	19 Blithewood Gardens Sprowston NR7 8PS	01603 400973	tonygibbons.ndaa@ gmail.com	Angling
Edward Gilder	30 The Hills Reedham Norwich NR13 3AR	0777188 3406	edwardgilder@yaho o.co.uk	Cycling/ archaeology and landscape heritage
Tim Harris	Catfield Hall Catfield NR29 5DB	01692 580220	tim@catfieldhall.co m	Nature conservation / archaeology and landscape heritage
Duncan Holmes	127 Lower Street Salhouse Norfolk NR13 6RX	0739356 6749	duncanholmes123@ hotmail.com	Waterborne recreation/angling

Member	Address	Phone number	Email	Interest
David Lilley	26 Burnt Hill Way Oulton Broad Lowestoft Suffolk NR33 8PF	0773824 4595	lilleyd@live.co.uk	Angling
Peter Mason	7 Brick Kiln Gardens Catfield Gt Yarmouth NR29 5DW	01692 583152	peter.mason120780 @gmail.com	Walking/tourism and local business
Joe Mitchell	High House Farm, Potter Heigham Road, Catfield, Great Yarmouth. Norfolk. NR29 5BU	0776776 4398	joemitchell@afiweb. net	Landowners and managers/ nature conservation
Katie Phillips	c/o Broads Authority Yare House 62-64 Thorpe House Norwich NR1 1RY	01603 610734	outdoorskatiep@gm ail.com	Walking/nature conservation
Steve Read	The Anchorage Broadview Road Oulton Broad Lowestoft NR32 3PL	07720 808715	stevereadcon@btint ernet.com	Walking/water borne recreational users
Christopher Yardley	Larkhill Cottage Priory Lane Ingworth NR116PG	01263 479691	Cj.yardley@tiscali.co .uk	Waterborne recreational users/ nature conservation

## Kylie Moos – Broads Local Access Forum Secretary

Yare House, 62-64 Thorpe Road, Norwich, NR1 1RY 01603 610734

BLAF@broads-authority.gov.uk

# Minutes of the meeting held on 04 September 2024

## Contents

1.	Appointment of Chair	2
2.	Appointment of Vice Chair	2
3.	Apologies for absence and welcome	2
4.	Declarations of interest	2
5.	Minutes of the Broads Local Access Forum meeting held on 5 June 2024	2
6.	Summary of actions and outstanding issues following decisions at previous meetings	2
	Staithes	2
7.	Paths lost to the river	3
8.	Active Travel England	4
9.	Broadland Catchment Partnership and water quality	6
10.	Any other business	9
11.	Date of next meeting	9
Appe	endix 1 – Declaration of interests Broads Local Access Forum, 04 September 2024	10

#### Present

In the Chair- Keith Bacon, Richard Atkins, Harry Blathwayt, Christine Cane, Peter Dixon, Geoff Doggett, Tony Gibbons, Tim Harris, David Lilley, Katie Phillips.

#### In attendance

Hannah Davison- Natural England, Andrew Farrell- Partnership and External Funding Manager, Dan Hoare – Head of Construction, Maintenance and Ecology, Hannah Norman- Farming and Catchment Officer, Kylie Moos – Administrative Officer, Jo Thompson – Waterways and Recreation Officer.

## 1. Appointment of Chair

Keith Bacon was proposed by Harry Blathwayt and seconded by Peter Dixon.

There being no other nominations Keith Bacon was appointed Chair of the Broads Local Access Forum for the forthcoming year 2024/25.

## Appointment of Vice Chair

David Lilley was proposed by Harry Blathwayt and seconded by Richard Atkins.

There being no other nominations David Lilley was appointed Vice-Chair of the Broads Local Access Forum for the forthcoming year 2024/25.

## 3. Apologies for absence and welcome

**Apologies** received from Edward Gilder, Duncan Holmes, Peter Mason, Joe Mitchell, Steve Read, Chris Yardley.

### 4. Declarations of interest

Members indicated they had no further declarations of interest other than those already registered and set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes.

# 5. Minutes of the Broads Local Access Forum meeting held on 5 June 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2024 were approved as a correct record and agreed by the Chair.

# 6. Summary of actions and outstanding issues following decisions at previous meetings

#### **Staithes**

The Broads Authority are still in discussion with the Environment agency regarding the management of a public staithe in the Broads. Progress has been slow due to a new

collaboration agreement, the involvement of the landowners and finding time in the Environment Agency workplan.

A Forum member commented, the Environment Agency have been looking into disposing some of their assets, including riverbanks, and asked if this will happen with Environment Agency owned staithes. Dan Hoare responded, any discussions that the Broads Authority have had regarding freehold have been on a case by case basis.

<u>The Staithes of the Broads</u> report is only available online. A Forum member suggested that it would be nice to have the report as a book. Dan Hoare responded, the report was commissioned by the Broads Authority, so it is likely that they will hold the copyright. A Forum member offered to contact Professor Tom Williamson and recommended involving parish councils if the report was made into a book.

Keith Bacon and Andrew Farrell have been working with Professor Tom Williamson on a new book <u>Broadland: Shaping marsh and fen</u> which is a definitive history of the Broads and will include staithes. The book will be available to purchase from 1 November.

The Waterways and Recreation Officer agreed to investigate with the Broads Authority communications team and Forum member Geoff Doggett who has the publishing rights to the staithes report.

A Forum member commented, often the issue is knowing who is responsible for the access paths to staithes. If the access is not maintained, then the staithe becomes inaccessible.

#### 7. Paths lost to the river

Jo Thompson presented the paths lost to the river report which provided an overview of the issue since it was first brought to the Forum in June 2021. Jo Thompson noted that there is not the same legal basis for paths lost to the riverbank erosion as there is for coastal erosion. The report recommended that local MPs are made aware of the concerns regarding losing Public Rights of Way to bank erosion on inland waterways.

#### **Comments and answers to questions**

A Forum member commented, contacting local MPs pushes the issue further down the line and any change in law would be a long process. National engagement is needed on the issue and organisations like the Ramblers need to be involved. At a local level, there are tools that county councils could use such as repairing the paths and diversion orders. Engagement with the local media would also be beneficial. Another Forum member recommended inviting a member of the Norfolk Trails team to a future meeting.

The Waterways and Recreation Officer agreed to invite the Norfolk Trails team to a future meeting.

The Chair reported that the issue had been raised at both the Norfolk Local Access Forum and the Rights of Way subgroup.

National Trails do not hold any additional power or importance than a Public Right of Way. The National Trails status is a marketing tool which is applied in addition to a Public Right of Way.

Referring to the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 in item 2.3 of the report, a Forum member questioned if 55B.3.b refers to riverbanks or just the coastline.

The Ramblers have advised a Forum member that there have been instances where metres of a riverbank have been lost in a single event and the court agreed that the path could not be maintained and had to be rerouted. In the Broads however, it would take decades to lose meters of a path to the river. Challenging the County Council would cost a lot of public money, and the challenge may not be successful.

The Broads Authority does have some powers for extinguishments and re directing public rights of way, and has exercised this power where flood banks have been realigned. Jo Thompson is investigating if this can be applied to other situations.

A Forum member questioned if a riparian landowner would be responsible for maintaining a footpath that runs along their bank. Another Forum member added, there are also different regulations for tidal and coastal waters.

The ten paths in item 3.3 of the report which have been rerouted and flagged to be extinguished were as part of the Broadland flood alleviation project. The paths were included in the report to show that it is possible for paths to be moved and is not a list of all the paths lost to the river.

## 8. Active Travel England

Andrew Farrell, Partnership and External Funding Manager presented the report and provided an update on how the project is progressing. Every National Park in England was awarded £100,000 to create a Local, Cycling, Walking and Wheeling Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for their area. The project will align with the existing Norfolk and Suffolk LCWIPs.

The first phase of the LCWIP consultation was launched at the Royal Norfolk Show and consists of an <u>online consultation</u>, engagement with parish councils, local walking organisations, businesses and public transport providers. Initial feedback from the survey has been largely from permanent residents, the majority of which, do not cycle in the Broads. Andrew Farrell commented that there are lots of opportunities to cycle and walk in the Broads, however there is a request for better signage and maintenance of paths. The online consultation is open until 30 September.

The second phase will be working with a consultant to develop feasibility studies and project initiation documents based on the data collected, by March 2025. Projects will be able to get started as and when external funding is secured.

#### **Comments and answers to questions**

A Forum member asked if bridleways have been considered. Andrew Farrell confirmed that they are aware of some bridleway routes which end in footpaths and feedback from equestrian groups is welcome.

The Waterways and Recreation Officer agreed to contact Christine Cane to set up an inperson event with horse riders in the Broads.

A Forum member suggested engaging with the geocaching community which appears to be quite large in the Waveney valley. Andrew Farrell responded, anyone can complete the online consultation. The geocaching community have not yet been approached because there are instances where users are encouraged to go onto private land, which the Authority does not support.

A Forum member suggested that car parking near trails should be considered. Many people access the Broads by car and chose to drive and park at the starting point of a circular trail. Andrew Farrell noted that there has been feedback about car parking at popular locations. The number of electric vehicle charging points needs to increase if it is going to be promoted as a sustainable travel option in the Broads.

The community rail partnership is a key partner and have offered free rail tickets to get people out into the Broads using public transport. Railway providers are being asked to make sure they provide enough space for cycles on new carriages. Andrew Farrell has also been in contact with bus companies who have routes in and around the Broads. A Forum member added, more needs to be done with public transport to allow for circular trials, often trails are linear. The circular routes that are available are often quite long. There is a need for smaller circular trails which are accessible for all.

Andrew Farrell has been working with the open churches movement which are used as wayfinding points on trails and allow the use of the church's facilities.

Hannah Davison asked if the consultation is being shared with diverse groups, and if the paths are accessible for all. Andrew Farrell confirmed that there has been some engagement, but they would welcome any additional suggestions that Hannah Davison or Forum members may have.

A Forum member asked if this project is a repeat of the Integrated Access Strategy (IAS) which was presented to the Forum last year and why has much of the focus has been on the Southern Broads with recent projects. Andrew Farrell confirmed that the IAS is still being followed internally. The terms of the recent projects, Water, Mills and Marshes programme which has been running for the last seven years was to focus on the Southern Broads. The project area could not go any further north than Upton.

A Forum member asked who is responsible for the maintenance of the Wherrymans Way near the Beauchamp Arms. Jo Thompson confirmed that Norfolk County Council are responsible, and they have asked for all issues to be reported through the <u>report a highways problem</u> <u>portal</u>. Several Forum members commented that they have used the portal, but the issue is still outstanding, and they have not received a response. A Forum member proposed that the

Forum should raise a formal complaint to the Norfolk County Council Trails team about the lack of response and action taken when using the online portal and copy in the relevant councillor.

Peter Dixon agreed to draft a letter to share with the Chair. The Chair will then send the letter to the Norfolk County Council Trails team and relevant councillor.

### 9. Broadland Catchment Partnership and water quality

Hannah Norman, Catchment and Farming Officer introduced the Broadland Catchment Partnership and the water quality monitoring which takes place in the catchment. The partnership is co-hosted by the Broads Authority and Norfolk Rivers Trust and was formed in 2012. The aim is to improve the water environment and provide wider benefits for people and nature at a catchment scale.

The Broadland Rivers Catchment is relatively large at around 3,200km<sup>2</sup> and is mostly rural – over 80% is arable farmland. The wider catchment area is important because everything that is happening upstream impacts the Broads.

#### Water quality challenges

Current challenges identified by the partnership

- Physical modifications
- Pollution from agriculture and rural areas
- Pollution from wastewater

Wider water environment challenges identified by the partnership

- Nature Recovery, protect and enhance rare habitats including chalk streams
- Reduce storm overflows and drainage system incidents
- Protect and restore healthy soils and nutrient balance
- Build environmental resilience and adaptation to climate change
- Support Nature Recovery Network and Local Nature Recovery Strategy
- Removing plastics/litter from the water environment

Future challenges anticipated by the partnership

- Changes to the natural flow and water levels
- Pollution from agriculture and rural areas
- Pollution from wastewater

Future challenges predicted by the Environment Agency

• Future challenges in 2050

- Invasive non-native species
- Physical modifications
- Pollution from wastewater
- Emerging challenges
  - Physical modifications
  - Pollution from wastewater
  - Pollution from towns, cities and transport

#### Broadland Catchment Partnership projects

- Water Sensitive Farming Tesco funded the purchase of a 'BE Wonder Wheel' that
  was offered to growers to trial for free. This piece of machinery is towed behind a
  tractor to shape the soil in potato beds and reduce run-off from irrigation and rainfall
  events.
- WATR sensors —one is located on the Waveney and is looking at turbidity, another is currently in the Upper Bure where Crayfish were detected with the sensor. Additional monitoring probes are available to purchase, but they can be expensive.
- Witton Run working with the RSPB and a UEA student to improve water quality. The
  project involved catchment sensitive farmers from Natural England who were able to
  work with local landowners and support farmers to take voluntary action to reduce
  water pollution across their holding.
- Fish health on the Wensum a student is currently finalising the report which looks at pollutants in fish.
- Water resource training- led by Water Resources East and the Broads Authority. The aim of the project was to give the Catchment Partnership an introduction to water resource management planning, so that all partners would be better equipped to engage with this subject in future.

#### CaSTCo - Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative

- Project led by the Rivers Trust looking at water quality monitoring across the country –
  in the Broadland Catchment focused in the Wensum.
- 38 sites and 30 volunteers
- Working with Environment Agency and UEA to validate data
- Framework for incident reporting and data validation with the Environment Agency.

Feedback from the Environment Agency is that the testing for phosphorous is good. The monitoring picked up issues related to septic tanks on the Wensum. The issue was reported to the Environment Agency and resulted in people having their tanks cleared out.

#### River Waveney Trust bathing water project

- Monitoring faecal indicator organisms on the Waveney around Falcon Meadow with volunteers.
- Aim to put in a bathing water application in 2025 but also about awareness
- Funded by Anglian Water, with additional funding from Broadland Catchment Partnership and local charities.

#### Other monitoring

- Environment Agency monitor for several purposes including compliance assessment against discharge permits, investigation of pollution incidents or environmental monitoring.
- Anglian Water now have event duration monitors on all their storm overflows. The information is displayed on the <u>storm overflow map</u>.

#### Outfall safari and opportunities

- A method of surveying pollution at surface water outfalls
- Designed to detect missed connections
- Works best in more urban areas
- Survey carried out once a year

#### Comments and answers to questions

The Water Framework Directive uses a traffic light system to report on water quality. The aim was to turn every water body in Europe green. A Forum member asked what state the Broadland catchment is in. Hannah Norman responded, the Water Framework Directive targets are included in River Basin Management Plans. There are areas in red within the catchment because the target includes forever chemicals. The Environment Agency is planning to separate out the forever chemicals target. A Forum member added, phosphorus stripping needs to be applied at a catchment level to improve water quality.

Riverfly monitoring takes place across the catchment and is an accessible method for citizen scientists to monitor water quality. Invertebrates are very sensitive to the water quality and are a good indication that there has been a change. Where possible, citizen scientists are be trained to carry out more than one type of survey.

A Forum member commented that high river flow is the best source for cleaning rivers and the Broadland rivers have a low flow of water which also effects the salinity. The Forum member asked if the current standard for how much water is being abstracted from Broadland rivers is correct. Hannah Norman responded, this is an evolving issue with climate change and population increase, there is less water to go around. Water Resources East have been working with water companies on their water management plans and look to bring in other sectors into the planning process. A Forum member commented, the more organisations that are involved in the process, such as Water Resources East, the longer it will

take to see any results. Another Forum member added, changing water quality at a catchment scale isn't down to partnerships, but instead, down to the government Ofwat and water companies.

The recent ruling on Manchester Ship Canal Company Limited v United Utilities Water Ltd would only have an implication on private waterways in the Broads.

A Forum member asked if there had been any news regarding neonicotinoids pesticides being authorised for use for another year. Hannah Norman responded, there has been no update since the general election.

Hannah Norman is attending a speech tomorrow by the Secretary of State for Defra where it is thought that there will be an announcement relating to water. Hannah Norman agreed to share any relevant information with the Forum after the event.

## 10. Any other business

Harry Blathwayt has been appointed as the Chair of the Broads Authority.

A Forum member asked if there was any update on the bank repairs that are taking place at Potter Heigham which have closed a section of the Weavers' Way path. Jo Thompson responded, the works are due to be completed by the end of March 2025.

### 11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Broads Local Access Forum would be held on Wednesday 20 November 2024 at 10.00am. Broads Authority officers are going to investigate if the meeting could be held in the new Waveney room at Yare House.

could be neld in the new waveney room at Yare House.
The meeting ended at 12.00pm.
Signed by

Chair

# Appendix 1 – Declaration of interests Broads Local Access Forum, 04 September 2024

Member	Agenda/minute	Nature of interest

20 November 2024 Agenda item number 4

## Summary of progress 20.11.2024

Title	Meeting date	Lead officer	Summary of actions	Progress so far	Status
Lost Paths in the Broads	09/06/2021		<ul> <li>Identify 'Lost         Paths' to the         river</li> <li>Contact NCC         and SCC to         identify 'Lost         Paths'</li> </ul>	September 2021 Norfolk LAF representative agreed to raise this item at a future meeting.  December 2021: Norfolk LAF representative agreed that 'Lost Paths' will be raised at the January 2022 Norfolk Local Access Forum meeting.  August 2022: The Chair has written to Norfolk County Council and Suffolk Council and requested a list of all the paths that have been lost to the river.  March 2023: The Chair agreed to raise this item at the upcoming NLAF Rights of Way subgroup meeting.  June 2023: The Chair agreed to raise this item at the upcoming NLAF Rights of Way subgroup meeting.	In progress

Title	Meeting date	Lead officer	Summary of actions	Progress so far	Status
				August 2023: The Chair agreed to raise the request on behalf of the Forum at the next Norfolk Local Access Forum Rights of Way subgroup meeting.  November 2023: The Norfolk Local Access Forum supports the request, but the focus needs to be on contacting officers at Norfolk County Council.  March 2024: Waterways and Recreation Officer agreed to review the areas where paths are at risk of erosion to the river or vulnerable to flooding, and report back to the Forum.  June 2024: Waterways and Recreation Officer agreed to present the report at the next meeting.  September 2024: The Waterways and Recreation Officer agreed to invite the Norfolk Trails team to a future meeting.	
Staithes Report	04/12/2019		Contact the Environment Agency asking their opinion as a follow-up from the	September 2021: The Chair has written to the Environment Agency but has yet to receive a response. A follow up phone call will take place with David Horsfall.	In progress

Title	Meeting date	Lead officer	Summary of actions	Progress so far	Status
			publication of the staithes report.	March 2023: The Chair agreed to select two staithes of interest to the Forum and contact the EA.	
				June 2023: The Authority are making progress on 24 hour moorings and are negotiating a public staithe with the Environment Agency.	
				August 2023: The new Waterways and Recreation Officer will compare staithes in the Broads which are on EA owned land.	
				June 2024: The Broads Authority are in discussion with the Environment Agency about taking over the management of a public staithe in the Broads.	
				<b>September 2024:</b> The Waterways and Recreation Officer agreed to investigate with the Broads Authority communications team and Forum member Geoff Doggett who has the publishing rights to the staithes report.	
Water quality monitoring	30/11/2022	Waterways and Recreation	Invite the Environment Agency to a future meeting to discuss	<b>February 2023:</b> Written update to be provided in advance of the meeting on 8 March 2023.	In progress
in the Broads		Officer	water quality	March 2023: The Chair sent letter to the Director of Strategic Services (DoSS) sharing the views of the Forum	

Title	Meeting date	Lead officer	Summary of actions	Progress so far	Status
			monitoring in the Broads.	on water quality monitoring in the Broads on 09/03/2023, The views were also discussed the March Broads Partnership meeting.	
				<b>April 2023:</b> DoSS responded to the BLAF Chair requesting more details about the request from the Forum.	
				May 2023: A report of water quality will be presented at the Broads Authority meeting on the 12/05/2023.	
				June 2023: The Waterways and Recreation Officer agreed to update the BA website to include the risk of water borne diseases for paddle sports users and open water swimming.	
				August 2023: The Chair agreed to send a letter to the Director of Strategic Services sharing the views of the Forum.	
				March 2024: Waterways and Recreation Officer agreed to request an update on bathing water designation at Falcon Meadow from the River Waveney Trust.	

Title	Meeting date	Lead officer	Summary of actions	Progress so far	Status
				June 2024: Waterways and Recreation Officer agreed to contact Anglian Water to understand what the free sampling kits are testing for.	
Footpath maintenance	04/09/2024		Raise a formal complaint to the Norfolk County Council Trails team about the lack of response and action	September 2024: Peter Dixon agreed to draft a letter to share with the Chair. The Chair will then send the letter to the Norfolk County Council Trails team and relevant councillor.  October 2024: A formal response was received from the	
			taken when using the online portal.	Norfolk/National Trails team and Highways Area Manager.	

Date of report: 12 November 2024

20 November 2024 Agenda item number 5

## IAS Progress monitoring

Report by Waterways and Recreation Officer

#### Summary

Progress update on the Integrated Access Strategy objectives and associated projects.

#### Recommendation

Advise on any projects which could help with meeting the objectives of the Integrated Access Strategy.

#### 1. Introduction

1.1. The aim of the Integrated Access Strategy (IAS) is to address the issues of maintaining and improving access routes, including over land and between land and water, and their connections to key visitor facilities and sustainable transport links. Part of the strategy was a 3-year plan relating to the land based, land to water, and mooring and de-masting objectives. The IAS was adopted in April 2024, this is a progress report from the first 6 months. Integrated Access Strategy 2023

## 2. Progress Matrix

2.1. The Appendices 1-3 show the objectives and the Year 1 tasks from the IAS and the progress made against each objective. The progress has been ranked with a traffic light system. Green is on target; Amber is progressing but more to be done; Red is behind target.

#### 3. Conclusion

3.1. Over the next six months there needs to be more focus on Mooring and Demasting Provision objectives as they are the ones which have had the least progress since April 2024. The Local Cycling, Walking and Wheeling Infrastructure Plan covers a majority of the land-based objectives, it is important that this plan is completed and the associated Year 1 tasks. Many of the Year 1 tasks are underway, these need to be completed for the Year 2 tasks to start.

Author: Jo Thompson

Date of report: 05 November 2024

<u>Broads Plan</u> objectives: C2 – Maintain existing navigation water space and develop appropriate opportunities to extend access for various types of craft. C4 – Maintain and improve safety and security standards and user behaviour on the waterways. E1 – Improve the integrated network of access routes and points (with easier access for people with mobility and sensory needs), linked to visitor facilities.

# Appendix 1 - Land Based Objectives:

Objective number	Land Based Access Objectives		Year 1
L1	Develop a Communications Plan to ensure equality, diversity, and inclusivity in land access provision around the Broads.	Devise and implement communications plan. Thinking particularly about how to break down social, cultural and age barriers.	Initial meeting held
L 2	Review the Broads Authority role in Public Rights of Way (PRoW) maintenance.	Carry out review of PRoW maintenance by the Authority.	NCC PRoW cutting schedule is available on the NCC Highways webpages. Review of BA cut routes deferred to Q1 2025
	Identify priority sites for new and improved access provision.	With partners identify priority sites.	LCWIP fully funded and in development
L3		Consult with stakeholders about what site improvements could take place.	LCWIP fully funded and in development
L 4	Consult with users regarding priority locations for the development and promotion of access hubs and facility improvements.	Consultation on location of access hubs / development of hubs / definition of hubs.	LCWIP fully funded and in development
L 5	Work with local authorities and transport providers, to promote use and enhancement of the travel around the Broads.	Contact local authorities and transport providers to seek opportunities to work in partnership.	LCWIP fully funded and in development

L 6	Carry out feasibility study of installing electric charging points for cars and cycles at Broads Authority sites.	Review local electricity grid capacity at Broads Authority sites with parking facilities.	No progress. Needs input from Broads Authority Carbon Reduction Manager
L 7	Look at what Open Access land is available for increased access opportunities.	Review Broads Authority's role and duties with regards to Open Access land.	Met with Ecology about maintenance role and discussion was held at access officers meeting
L8	Norfolk County Council Walking, Wheeling, and Cycling Strategy and Suffolk County Council Cycling and Walking Strategy linking up with BLAF to promote cycling, walking and horse-riding provision.	Discuss strategies with NLAF and BLAF.	LCWIP fully funded and in development

# Appendix 2 - Land to Water Objectives:

Objective Number	Land-to-Water Access Objectives	Year 1	
LW 1	Develop a Communications plan for land-to- water access on the Broads.	Devise and implement communications plan. Thinking particularly about how to break down social, cultural and age barriers.	Initial meeting held
LW 2	To assist the prioritisation of service delivery,	Learn to use data system.	Data set on Active Exchange
	develop a method of determining the relative boating activity within waterways management units, by using aggregated and anonymised mobile phone data.	Use data to create a prioritisation matrix.	Sediment compliance matrix made

LW 3	Continue to work at multi-use hubs with access to water identified around the Broads.	Identify hubs with access to water.	LCWIP activity to be completed
		Work with local stakeholders for improvements.	Stakeholders identified through LCWIP and Paddle UK
		With help from Rangers monitor swimming activity.	On Rangers Tablets
LW 4	Update and disseminate open water swimming advice and guidance.	Work with partners and local water safety forum to communicate safety messaging.	Talks with RWT and other swimming groups about safety protocol
		water safety forum to communicate safety messaging.  Report to BLAF.  Improve map provisions and usability for Broads users.  Work with sailing clubs to carry out a review.  Identify sites with the help of Rangers and local stakeholders.	
LW 5	Develop a web-based zoomable/ scrollable map of access facilities in the Broads.	· · ·	Initial meetings held but now stalled
LW 6	Carry out a review with stakeholders to understand the issues and barriers to sailing in the Broads.	,	No progress
LW 7	Promote and enhance opportunities for launch of small vessels and paddlecraft where	·	Current ones identified and checked with Paddle UK but not engaged with Rangers about this
LW 7	vehicle access or parking is possible.	Maintain existing access points.	Current ones identified and checked with Paddle UK
		Maintain existing platforms.	Spoken with Rangers about current platforms but needs further discussion
LW 8	Maintain and promote the Broads Authority managed angling pads/ platforms.	Work with comms team to promote.	In Broadcaster
		Work with local stakeholders to promote.	No progress

LW 9	Promote and enhance opportunities for paddlecraft routes/trails.	Using study of craft transportation sites identify where craft can be launched. What are the facilities at these sites?	Sites identified and checked with Paddle UK as they are advertised trails
LW 10	Review of access provision at Mutford Lock and adjacent Authority owned land.	Carry out feasibility study of access improvements at Mutford lock.	In progress
LW 11	Review access to slipways across the Broads to ensure long-term usage.	Yr 2+	
LW 12	Review the accessibility arrangements for public boat trips.	Yr 2+	

# Appendix 2 - Mooring and Demasting Provision Objectives:

Objective Number	Mooring and Demasting Provision Objectives	Year 1	
M 1	Report annually on total mooring length managed by the Broads Authority compared to agreed baseline.	Agree a baseline that reflects capacity where needed and report.	Asset manager to take on this task
M 2	Review policy regarding DP16 moorings. Improve communications to public regarding DP16 moorings.	Review maps of DP16 moorings thinking about usage and accessibility.	No progress
IVI	Identify locations for new short-stay	Cost up what it would take to fill all the gaps in gap analysis.	No progress
	moorings in gaps identified by gap analysis.	Agree a process for new mooring locations.	Discussed with operations team, RR says he has a process

M 4	Review de-masting provision in the Broads and develop a prioritisation methodology to guide future investment in new provision.	Review de-masting provision.	No progress
		Identify points needing improvement.	1 was brought forward for potential new site
M 5	Review ancillary services provision at 24-hour moorings.	Review of water and electric hook ups at Broads Authority moorings.	No progress
M 6	Identify the highest priority modification for accessibility at 24-hour moorings.	Consult on where access issues are having a negative impact on user enjoyment.	No progress
M 7	Review lease fees and assess on a case by case basis.	Review lease fees.	Lease fees have been seen, meeting to discuss with Asset Officer
M 8	Feasibility study of different mooring design options and consult.	Feasibility study and consultation.	Discussion held in Operations meeting
M 9	Work on a zoomable/ scrollable map of Broads Authority Waterways facilities which include moorings.	Improve map provisions, include moorings.	Initial meetings held
M 10	Review every 3 years double alongside and stern-on mooring provision in appropriate locations.	Yr 2+	
M 11	Identify if there are popular moorings which need to become staffed.	Yr 2+	