

Broads Local Access Forum

Agenda 02 September 2020

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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 3 June 2020** (Pages 4 -11)
4. Matters arising from the minutes

Items for discussion

5. **Integrated Access Strategy: Update** (Pages 12 -16)
Report by Waterways and Recreation Officer
6. **Objectives of the BASG and current areas of focus** (Pages 17-21)
Presentation from Broads Angling Services Group

Other matters

7. Any other business
8. To note the date of the next meeting – **Wednesday 2 December 2020** at 2.00pm at TBC

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Minutes of the meeting held on 03 June 2020

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Present

Keith Bacon – in the Chair, Kelvin Allen, Linda Aspland, Harry Blathwayt, Robin Buxton, Tony Gibbons, Tim Harris, Dawn Hatton, John Murray, Steve Read, Christopher Yardley.

In attendance

Essie Guds – Administrative Officer, Dan Hoare – Head of Construction, Maintenance and Ecology, Kylie Moos – Administrative Officer, Sarah Mullarney – Administrative Officer, Marie-Pierre Tighe – Director of Strategic Services, Lewis Treloar – Waterways and Recreation Officer, Ken Hawkins – Norfolk Local Access Forum, Martin Sullivan – Norfolk Local Access Forum.

1. Apologies for absence and welcome

Apologies received from Liz Brooks, Louis Baugh, Michael Flett, Julie Brociek-Coulton, and Richard Webb.

The Chair noted this is the first Broads Local Access Forum remote meeting, and welcomed Ken Hawkins and Martin Sullivan from the Norfolk Local Access Forum.

The sad passing of former member Charles Swan was highlighted and a one minutes silence was held in remembrance.

2. Declarations of interest

None declared.

3. Minutes of the Broads Local Access Forum meeting held on 4 December 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Reedham permissive footpath

The Broads Authority, Reedham Parish Council and the landowner are in agreeance. All three parties are awaiting the final agreement document from the solicitors to sign and complete.

Carlton Marshes Nature Reserve

The landowner has been approached to discuss a bridleway to link the nature reserve to the ferry, and is currently not in favour.

Officers will continue to look at alternative options for the bridleway and update at the next meeting. The Forum will recommend this to the Broads Authority in due course if no progress can be made.

How Hill footpath

The footpath is in excellent condition and has been well kept by the Broads Authority. The area and path have been very popular over recent weeks.

River Wensum Strategy

Currently there are no members of Broads Local Access Forum on the River Wensum Strategy Group.

Dan Hoare agreed to contact the River Wensum Strategy Group to discuss formally appointing a member to the group.

Footpath extinguishment

The consultation for the extinguishment orders had begun, but have since been put on hold due to Covid-19.

All three paths are currently unusable, either underwater or unsafe. The extinguishment order will ensure they can be removed from the definitive map and they will no longer be a responsibility for Norfolk County Council to maintain.

Lewis Treloar agreed to share the consultation with Forum members.

5. Consultation on BLAF Constitution

Dan Hoare thanked members for their feedback and agreed to make the following amendments to the final constitution:

- 1.1.3b Issues relating to public access to and from water.
- 2.4 The Forum will meet at least twice, and aim to meet four times in the year.
- Appendix 6. Any member of the public may attend meetings of the Forum and, by giving four working days' notice, may ask any question on any matter in respect of the Forum's Terms of Reference.

Comments and answers to questions

- The Authority will assist the Chair with setting the agenda and conducting meetings, however the Chair and members are responsible for setting the agenda items (6.2.iii).
- Riparian rights were discussed in the Forum, and will not be separately referenced in the constitution. The Chair suggested the subject can be discussed in further detail if raised as an agenda item at a future meeting.

There were 11 votes in favour and none against to endorse the consultation. The consultation will now go to the Broads Authority for adoption.

6. Setting the agenda

To make sure all members have an opportunity to raise items of business for the agenda, a revised administrative workflow for agenda setting was proposed. The workflow will provide

resilience to the Forum, as and when members and officers change. The Chair highlighted the importance of calling for agenda items and welcomed presentations from all Forum members.

The Forum agreed with the proposed administrative workflow.

7. Integrated Access Strategy: Update

Lewis Treloar provided an update on the Broads Integrated Access Strategy (IAS) and Action Plan, highlighting some of the work taking place throughout the current COVID-19 lockdown.

The seven strategic objectives in the IAS against which projects are measured are:

- To improve links between land and water and to the water's edge.
- To improve access links to local facilities, settlements and visitor destination points.
- To improve access for all in the Broads.
- To encourage sustainable travel choices such as public transport, walking, cycling and non-powered boating, and improve links between public transport provision, visitor destination points and access routes.
- To deliver the River Wensum Strategy through the River Wensum Strategy Partnership.
- To encourage provision of access routes that relieve visitor pressure on internationally designated sites, avoid disturbance of protected species and help to accommodate growth.
- To provide appropriate information on access and interpretation about recreational sites.

Comments and answers to questions

- Interactive map of angling platforms and slipways available for public use is due to be published on the Broads Authority website over the next 6 months once third-party data agreements have been signed by landowners. The Forum agreed that they would support the map expansion in the future which will provide information on all aspects of access and recreation within the Broads.
- Interactive map highlights there are gaps in provision of facilities and can be used to identify areas for improvement, which can be used as agenda points for future meetings.
- Some of the project suggestions have come from the Broads Engage events, River Wensum Strategy and Norfolk County Council.
- Access to funding and grants are considered the biggest challenge with new projects.

Lewis Treloar agreed to circulate a copy of the IAS projects prioritisation action plan to members. Project prioritisation to be discussed at a future meetings, with a regular “traffic light” progress update of the IAS Action Plan to be brought to each BLAF meeting.

8. Project updates from Norfolk County Council

Lewis Treloar gave an update from Norfolk County Council on behalf of Mike Auger who could not attend the meeting.

River Wensum, St Georges Street to Duke Street Missing Link

As part of the Paths for Everyone Funding, Sustrans have been awarded funding by Department for Transport (DfT) for £900,000 for the creation of a new link to complete the riverside walk between Duke St and St Georges St.

The project is being led by Norfolk Country Council and a recent piece of work with Hudson’s Architect is currently being completed (which the Broads Authority have been feeding into). The next steps of the work is to complete the detail design and secure the necessary permissions to deliver the scheme.

Bure valley path

Improvements are planned on the Bure Valley Path as part of the Interreg FCE funded Experience project. Capital funding has been secured for works and Norfolk County Council are currently completing the feasibility on what improvements can be made during the Experience project timeframe (2019-2023).

Wherryman’s way

Norfolk County Council and the Broads Authority are working together to identify and progress key schemes to improve access on the Wherryman’s Way including identification of suitable funding and preparation of feasibility in advance of funding bid submissions.

Norwich to Wroxham cycle route (Broadland Way)

Following completion of the new NMU paths as part of the Northern Distributor Road, Norfolk County Council are planning to review and update the previous feasibility study undertaken for the Broadland Way route from Norwich to Wroxham as part of the ongoing Greenways project.

Hoveton Cycling Hub

As part of the Interreg FCE funded Experience project and Cycling UK a number of cycling hubs are planned, with Hoveton being designated as a pilot site.

Registering rights of way in Norfolk 2026

Preparing map modification orders are currently on hold due to Covid-19, with no access to records or the ability to visit locations.

9. Any other business

Pathmakers, a new charitable incorporated organisation that is helping people get out into the Norfolk countryside, is looking for more trustees. For further information please contact Martin Sullivan.

Easing of lockdown restrictions has brought an increase of visitors in areas of the Broads. Lessons can be learnt from this moving forward and this could be discussed further at the next Broads Local Access Forum.

Broads Engage meetings will continue with a targeted topic at each meeting. The next engagement meeting is scheduled for summer 2020 and will be held online. It will focus on flood risk with Broadland Futures Initiative (BFI).

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Broads Local Access Forum would be held on Wednesday 2nd September at 2.00pm, venue TBC.

The meeting ended at 15.45

Signed by

Chairman

Summary of progress

Outstanding actions	Meeting date	Assigned to
Contact the River Wensum Strategy Group to discuss formally appointing a member to the group.	03/06/2020	Dan Hoare
Circulate a copy of the IAS projects prioritisation action plan to members	03/06/2020	Lewis Treloar
Contact the Environment Agency asking their opinion as a follow-up from the publication of the staites report	04/12/2019	BLAF Chair
Circulation of Reedham Permissive Footpath maps with NLA	04/12/2019	Ken Hawkins

Completed actions	Meeting date	Assigned to
Share extinguishment consultation with forum members	03/06/2020	Lewis Treloar
Present the outcome from the consultation at a future BLAF meeting.	04/12/2019	BA Officers
Forum members to provide feedback and suggestions on amendments to the Broads Local Access Constitution	04/09/2019	BLAF members
Circulate a copy of a previous staites report from 1986 with forum members	04/12/2019	BLAF Chair

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Agenda item number 5

Integrated Access Strategy: Update

Report by Waterways and Recreation Officer

For Information

This report gives an update on some of the strategic priorities identified as part of the Integrated Access Strategy.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Every year, as part of the Integrated Access Strategy (IAS) we identify a number of strategic priority projects to be delivered by the Broads Authority and its partners.
- 1.2. Setting these priorities helps us target resources and external funding sources. Many of these projects cannot be delivered without working with external partners and therefore, where partnerships are identified, the project will be scored higher in the priority scoring matrix.
- 1.3. A progress update of the highest priority projects can be seen in Table 1. For the full list see appendix 1.

Table 1

Integrated Access Strategic priorities 2020/2021 – progress update Sep 2020

Project	Progress	Partners
Reedham Permissive Path	<p>Status: On track</p> <p>Agreements have been finalised and signed by the BA, the Landowner and Reedham Parish Council. Parish Council lead work on the path has begun with opening date expected September 2020. Reedham PC are responsible for future maintenance.</p>	<p>Broads Authority Reedham Parish Council</p>
<p>Broads Mills Trail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belton Reach 	<p>Status: On track</p> <p>Agreements in place for parts of the route and signposts and waymarking disks are being designed. Some work will be carried out October 2020 to open the first part of the route.</p>	<p>Broads Authority</p>
Bure Valley Path	<p>Status: On track</p> <p>Funding has been secured and designs agreed. Work should begin in 2021. Although only the initial part of this route lies within the Broads executive area, this project is seen as a key tourist route into the Broads. The BA involvement is advisory only but ties in with other projects taking place in Hoveton.</p>	<p>Norfolk County Council Broadland District Council Broads Authority</p>
<p>Wherryman’s Way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardley flood • Surlingham • Bramerton 	<p>Status: On track</p> <p>Initial plans agreed with landowner, discussions taking place. Feasibility studies to be completed by NCC by Dec 2020 with</p>	<p>Norfolk County Council Broads Authority Local parish councils</p>

Project	Progress	Partners
	funding application submitted Apr 2021. Work includes: bank stabilisation, path restoration, signage and interpretation, new circular walks and access for all paths created.	
Hoveton Riverside Park	Status: On track External Funding application submitted August 2020.	Broads Authority Hoveton Parish Council Broads Charitable Trust
GIS recreation maps	Status: On track Angling platforms now mapped and live on the new web page (link) Next map to be created are slipways and Launching points.	Broads Authority
EXPERIENCE Project (link) - Cycle Hubs	Status: On track Hoveton/Wroxham identified as the pilot region for the project. Work currently underway assessing local businesses and organisations that may be eligible for small grants.	Norfolk County Council Cycling UK Broads Authority

Author: Lewis Treloar

Date of report: 17 August 2020

[Broads Plan](#) objectives: 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4

Appendix 1 - Integrated access strategy projects

IAS Projects																					
Broad engage Ref	Location	Workshop comments	Project or Strategy	Lead Partner	Broads Authority response now	Objectives and score (5=High 0=Low)										Feasibility score (0-3)					
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	IAS Priority	34	Technically	Funding	Stakeholder buy in	Ready to deliver (Total Score)	Delivery date		
1.30	Norwich out into the Broads	Add multi-use paths, e.g Whittingham Bridge to country park. Need a definitive map for Norwich.	Strategy	Norwich City Council/RWSG	Section 106 for developers should cover these obligations. GI - CIL	5	5	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	34	3	2	3	272	2020-2025
1.10	Bure Valley Path	Improve access and facilities - e.g. trains to accommodate cycles. Advertise and promote access points.	Strategy	NCC	Working with NCC on EXPERIENCE project	5	5	4	5	0	4	5	28	3	3	3	3	3	252	2021-2023	
1.52	Three Rivers Way	Extend from Horning to Potter Heigham	Project	NCC	Section 106 covering	5	5	5	5	0	5	5	30	2	3	3	3	240	2021-2023		
1.12	Belton to Fritton Wood	No Official path.	Project	BA	This will be resolved as the Mills Trail is created	5	5	2	4	0	5	5	26	3	3	3	3	234	2020-2021		
1.31	Norwich to Wroxham	Additional footpaths/cycleways to increase connectivity between Norwich and Wroxham	Strategy	NCC	GI - CIL funding	5	5	3	5	2	4	5	29	3	2	3	3	232	2021-2022		
1.44	Rockland, Surlingham, Bramerton, Reedham, Loddon	Improve Wherrymans Way	Strategy	BA/NCC	Working with NCC to do this. Potential CIL funding.	5	5	5	4	0	3	5	27	3	2	3	3	216	2020-2022		
	Belton to Somerleyton	Broads Mill trail	Project	BA	Part of trail already negotiated continue to work with other landowners	5	5	3	4	0	5	4	26	3	3	2	2	208	2020-2021		
	Reedham	Permissive path	Project	PC/BA	Negotiate	5	5	2	4	0	5	2	23	3	3	3	3	207	2020		
1.28	Hoveton Riverside Park	Talk to Broads Trust about funding	Project	BA	Rough Project plan created.	4	5	5	5	0	4	5	28	3	1	3	3	196	2022		
1.23	Halvergate	Add permissive links between stone road east to forked paths going past Manor Farm and Muttons Mill	Strategy	BA/NCC	Spoke to landowner who was not keen. No registered owner however and this would form the mills trail.	5	3	2	5	0	5	5	25	3	2	2	2	175	2020-2021		
1.13	Chet/Loddon Wherrymans way	gap at Hardley Flood	Project/Strategy	BA/NCC	Feasibility conducted, work to begin this year	5	3	2	3	0	2	3	18	3	3	3	3	162	2021-2022		
1.18	Filby - Ormesby	Support land trust to develop access	Strategy	Land Trust	Currently unaware. Trying to establish a number of bridleways in filby to support the horse stables there	5	4	3	3	0	4	4	23	3	2	2	2	161	?		
1.22	Geldeston Locks	Improve access facilities for canoeists, anglers, walkers, cyclists	Strategy	BA	Need a site visit	5	5	3	4	0	4	4	25	3	1	2	2	150	2023		
1.35	Reedham/Freethorpe/Wickhampton	Join Weavers Way to Wherrymans Way. Circular routes	Strategy	BA/NCC	Site visit	5	5	2	4	0	3	5	24	3	1	2	2	144	2021		
1.32	Norwich to Postwick	Missing Link in path	Project	NCC	Site Visit May be complete	5	4	3	4	5	3	4	28	3	1	1	1	140	?		
1.58	All Over	Short circular walks with access for all	Strategy	BA/NCC		5	5	3	4	0	5	5	27	2	1	2	2	135	2020-2025		
1.30	Acle	Link cycle ways and Multi Path routes	Strategy	BA	North from Acle bridge to Billockby	5	5	3	4	0	2	3	22	2	1	3	3	132	2022		
1.54	Trinity Broads	Needs better access and more publicity about walks/routes	Strategy	BA	Not managed by BA, will look into	5	4	2	3	0	4	4	22	3	1	2	2	132	?		
1.14	Cockshoot Broad access	Car park no longer available access v difficult	Project	BA	Try to renegotiate leases and permissions	5	4	2	3	0	3	3	20	3	1	2	2	120	2021		
1.59	All over	Canoe/paddleboard access	Strategy	BA		4	3	3	4	3	4	3	24	3	0	2	2	120	2021-2022		
1.26	Heigham sound	Moorings not linked to access path	Project	NWT	Need a site visit	5	3	2	4	0	2	3	19	3	1	2	2	114	2021		
1.88	General comment	Identify circular walks and cycle routes from hubs - lack of permissive routes in key areas. Paths network needs consolidation.	Strategy	BA/NCC	Explore options	5	5	4	5	0	4	5	28	2	0	2	2	112	2021-2023		
1.76	General comment	Chained up slipway access e.g South Walsham	Strategy	BA	Working towards removing barriers	4	0	2	4	0	2	2	14	3	3	2	2	112	2020-2021		
1.20	Acle	BOAT west from Acle to Burlingham. Linking paths?	Project	BA/NCC	Look into potential permissions	5	3	3	3	0	1	3	18	2	2	2	2	108	2021		
	Broads executive area	Cycle park facilities	Project	BA/NCC	Talk to partners to prepare a funding bid	0	0	0	5	4	2	4	15	3	1	3	3	105	2020-2022		
1.63	Wroxham-Hoveton-Belaugh	Continue footpath access	Strategy	BA		5	5	3	4	0	4	5	26	2	0	2	2	104	2021-2022		

1.74	General comment	Broads Hopper with bike trailer to match coastal hopper - could it carry canoes/bikes?	Strategy	NCC	Bus service to key locations throughout the broads. Would need NCC to buy in	2	5	5	0	0	4	4	20	3	0	2	100	2022
1.29	Lackford Run, Strumpshaw, Buckenham Station down to river	Existing long-distance paths, car parking at RSPB reserve, train stops at Buckenham on Sunday. Add short (2-3 mile) circular walks off long distance paths, linked to rail stations, diversit of attractions e.g visit bird hide.	Strategy	BA	Site Visit	4	5	3	3	0	1	4	20	2	1	2	100	2023
1.46	Sailhouse	Circular walks needed,roads are too busy. Car parking at pub but not linked.	Strategy	BA	Site Visit	5	5	2	3	0	4	5	24	1	1	2	96	?
1.84	General comment	Quieter, upper stream sections give opportunities for rowing, canoeing, paddle boarding away from bigger boats/busy areas. Farmers who can attract visitors may be able to get funding.	Strategy	BA	Explore options	0	0	0	4	0	5	3	12	3	3	2	96	2020-2021
1.68	General comment	Funding sources - Broads Trust - needs a big project, e.g. I project - make it easy "click and go"/CIL 106/Lottery/New Anglia LEP	Strategy	BA		5	5	5	5	0	5	5	30	2	0	1	90	2020
1.50	Surlingham	Create better access to Postwick Wharf	Project	NCC	Site Visit	4	3	2	2	0	3	4	18	2	1	2	90	2021
1.41	River Waveney near Seven Mile House/Norfolk Way	Possible canoe launch - existing sandy beach	Project	BA	Site visit	3	2	2	4	0	3	4	18	3	0	2	90	2023
N/A	Carlton Marshes	Upgrade and relocate brideway to connect to the ferry crossing	Project	BA	Very good idea and should be straightforward to achieve. Currently the landowner refuses to discuss.	5	5	1	5	0	2	2	20	3	1	0	80	2021-2022
1.47	South Walsham Broad	More parking facilities, re open toilets, provide waste disposal	Project	BA	Site visit	0	4	3	0	0	3	4	14	2	0	3	70	2023
1.70	Bramerton Common	Toilets, mooring, fishing, electric charging	Project	BA	Look at what is currently available	0	5	3	3	0	0	2	13	2	1	2	65	2022-2023
1.79	General Comment	List of ideas - Best one - Cycle docking units like Beryl Bikes	Project	NCC	Working with NCC EXPERIENCE and cycling UK to develop	0	0	0	5	4	2	5	16	2	1	1	64	2021-2022
1.42	River Yare, Langley	Loss of permissive path due to sale of Langley Abbey	Project	BA	Explore options with Landowner to reinstate	5	2	2	4	0	3	5	21	2	0	1	63	2022-2023
1.73	General comment	More self operated chain ferries - e.g Carlton marshes, Horning, Pulls ferry Norwich	Strategy	Local Business	Investigate. Potentially Surlingham?	4	5	4	2	0	2	2	19	2	0	1	57	2023
1.17	Ellingham Mill	Canoe launch	Project	BA	Not feasible currently, and demand low	3	2	0	5	0	4	3	17	1	1	1	51	2024
1.55	Tunstall Dyke	Negotiate new canoe use.	Project	BA	Investigate	3	0	1	3	0	3	5	15	2	0	1	45	?
1.60	Wherryman's Way	Maintain Signage and monuments	Project	BA	Prepare EXPERIENCE bid under innovation incubator	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	3	3	3	45	2020-2021
1.62	Womack Water	Signage for access	Project	BA	Investigate	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	3	2	3	40	2020
1.51	Thorpe St Andrew	Ferry Link at Bungalow Lane	Project	Local Business	Funding from Broads Trust but not yet running? Investigate	4	2	1	3	0	3	0	13	2	0	1	39	2020-2024
1.33	Oulton Dyke west to Somerleyton	Walking and Angling access	Project	BA	Permissive access already. Explore angling access	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	9	2	0	2	36	2020-2021

IAS Objectives	
1	To improve links between land and water and to the water's edge. (Physical link)
2	To improve access links to local facilities, settlements and visitor destination points. (connectivity to local services)
3	To improve access for all in the Broads. (Disabled access)
4	To encourage sustainable travel choices such as public transport, walking, cycling and non-powered boating, and improve links between public transport provision, visitor destination points and access routes. (connecting between
5	To deliver the River Wensum Strategy through the River Wensum strategy partnership.
6	To encourage provision of access routes that relieve visitor pressure on internationally designated sites, avoid disturbance of protected species and help to accommodate growth. (Ecology)
7	To provide appropriate information on access and interpretation about recreational sites.

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Agenda item number 6

Broads Angling Strategy Group Update

Report by Duncan Holmes (Chair of BASG access group)

Summary

Project updates and requirements from the Broads Angling Strategy Group (BASG)

Recommendation

That the BLAF supports these projects and Broads Authority officer input to them is either established as sufficient or requested through a formal proposal for the forum members to approve.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The following is a list of projects considered by the BASG Access Committee on the 28th July.

2. Projects

- 2.1. Rollesby Broad Platforms asset transfer as a community asset
 - This is more about the complexity of land management within the Broads
 - This asset has taken 2 years to transfer from the BA
- 2.2. Beccles Fen Quay and Angling Access
 - This is a live issue now and demonstrates that revenue is an important element going forward.
 - Beccles Fenland Charitable Trust was formed for this very reason, with records of angling taking place since WWII.
- 2.3. South Walsham Slipway
 - Currently closed by the Parish Council.
- 2.4. Development of existing EA bank assets (Northern Broads)
 - BASG will scope these venues for the next meeting.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1. These projects all meet the criteria of delivering the Broads Integrated Access Strategy, with the access element relevant to the BLAF

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Appendix 1 – Project specific details

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Rollesby Broad Platforms Secured for the Future

BASG has almost completed the transfer of assets from the Broads Authority namely the access platforms on Rollesby Broad.



These have become a community asset owned by BASG.

It is the first asset to become owned by the Community Interest Company formed in late 2018 and takes its formation to a new level protecting and securing the future of Broads Angling, as set out in the Broads Angling Strategy.



The transfer deed is from the Broads Authority to The Broads Angling Services Group, land owner Northumbrian Water Ltd and access via the footpath owned by Rollesby Parish Council. With a management agreement contained in the Trinity Broads Management Plan, overseen by Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

Like most assets across the Broads, management and ownership are complex and the key is building partnerships with others.

BASG will now need to ensure these assets are both maintained and safe for the angler's benefit, with the associated liabilities.

However now we are being asked about fishing rights on a venue that's being fished for decades, under Essex & Suffolk Water ownership.

But what a stunning location to go fishing!

Beccles Fen Quay and Angling Access

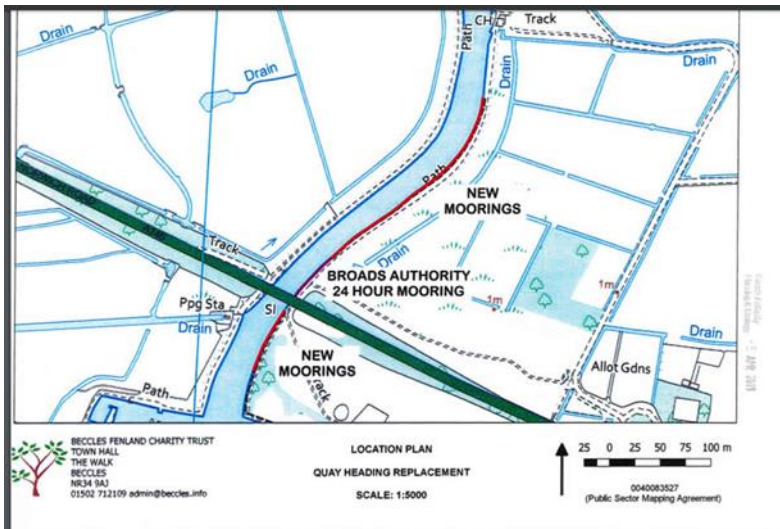
BA/2019/0134/FUL | Renewal of 85m of piling and quay heading along the eastern bank of the River Waveney to the south of the A146 Road Bridge | The Quay Fen Lane Beccles Suffolk NR34 9BH



This is the first phase of a larger wider scheme as the plan below shows in red.

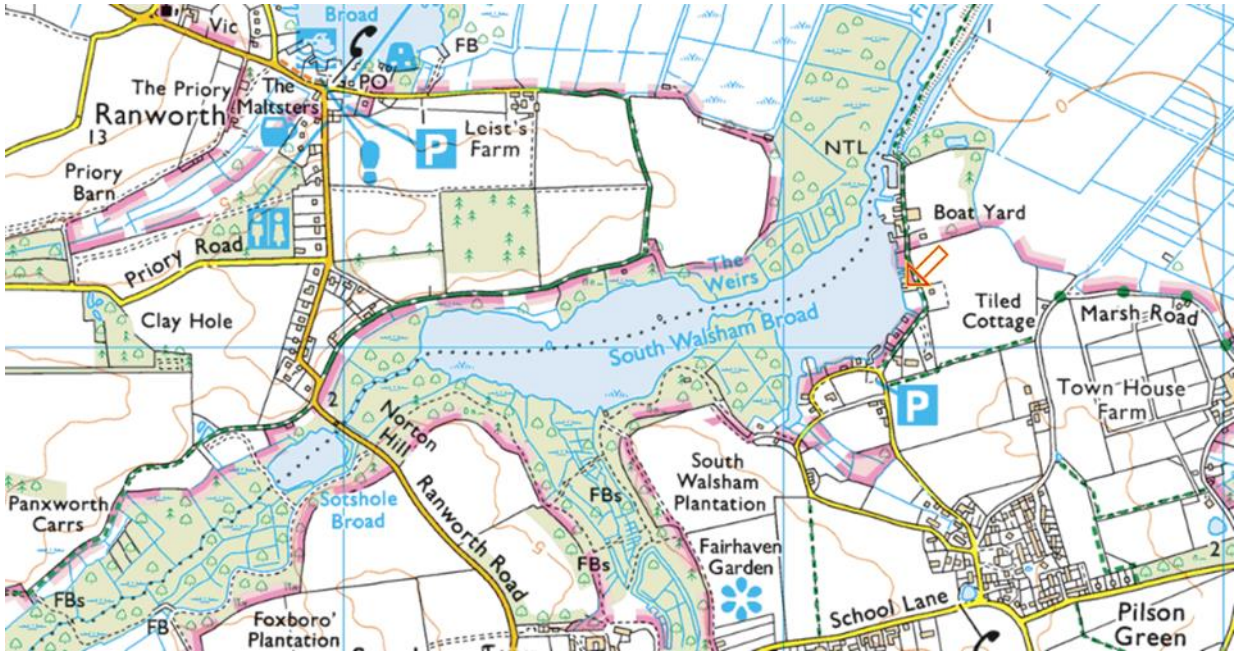
The applicant states that these “new moorings” are intended for “permanent” mooring holders, as part of a scheme to fund all moorings back into use.

BASG has continued discussions with the landowner and anglers to find a way forward



South Walsham Slipway

This is a Broads Authority asset that is currently controlled and closed by the Parish Council. In order to obtain access, you have to pay a £100 deposit and a £25 annual fee. It also appears to be extremely difficult to apply and the amount of keys issued are limited to just 8 keys.



Development of existing EA bank assets (Northern Broads)

BASG will scope these venues for the next meeting