



Hertfordshire Local Access Forum



Good Practice Examples

Some good practice examples -

Where LAFs and their access authority have a good relationship and the advice given by the LAF has obviously made a difference:

- HertsLAF have a very good relationship with the Hertfordshire County Council Rights of Way Service and the officers there who provide technical advice at and between meetings, as well as overseeing the secretariat and recruitment issues.

HertsLAF advice has made an obvious difference to the following cases:

- Strategic Rail Freight Interchange development - HertsLAF objections to planning proposal and comments on access mitigation integrated with local authority objections;
- Alban Way management plan review - HertsLAF comments on providing for horse access taken up by HCC officers in their response to district council management plan review. MP & Minister involved to ask questions of district council approach;
- HertsLAF comments on commons grazing proposals led Rights of Way officers to query fencing permissions and local councils to review their approach.

Where LAFs have proactively targeted their local authority and successfully improved access provision:

- Chasing-up a delayed bridleway dedication on HCC land, which gave the impetus needed to conclude the legal paperwork and open the route;
- A414 Colney Heath 'longabout' - HertsLAF comments on lack of crossing provision of busy dual carriageway led highways to include traffic lights & horse crossings in their proposals;
- HertsLAF member directly involved in negotiations with landowners on a NCN route extension through Herts, trying an alternative approach to get progress.
- Woodland Trust new Heartwood Forest - HertsLAF comments taken up by access officer to gain bridleway access to routes across the site;
- Ellenbrook Country Park development - HertsLAF desires integrated into s106 negotiations with landowners.