

Nottingham City Council

Nottingham Local Access Forum

Minutes of Meeting 30th April 2025, 6.30pm - Hybrid Meeting at Loxley House Station Street Nottingham and MS Teams

✓ Indicates in attendance

- ✓ Helen Hemstock (Chair)
- ✓ Liz Cordle (Vice Chair)
Edmund Hopkins (Vice Chair)
- ✓ Laura Armitage
- ✓ Ian Bussey
Cerys Gibson
- ✓ Nick Hynes
- ✓ Rob Kirkwood
Dave Mackrory
- ✓ Hugh McClintock
- ✓ Nigel Sarsfield
- ✓ Chris Thompson
- ✓ Dora Kostiuk
- ✓ Olech Kostiuk

105 Apologies Received

Dave Mackrory

Others in attendance

Adrian Hill and Lauren Baker

106 Minutes of Meeting 8th January 2025

Action: Draft minutes agreed.

107 Update from Adrian Hill, Active Travel England

Adrian gave a verbal update followed by questions, including

- Adrian's background, working with local authorities and stakeholders. ATE part of the Department for Transport, created August 2022, focus on delivering good quality cycling, walking and wheeling schemes, working alongside local highway authorities and combined county authorities.
- ATE are a statutory consultee for planning applications. Good position to influence plans / decisions at local level to embed active travel behaviour.
- The planning and development process (developments > 150 dwellings/ 5ha) – thresholds reviewed to include smaller relevant developments / schemes (e.g. primary schools, access, travel planning).
- Assess grant applications, prioritising, grant allocations based on capability levels, population and wider benefits.

- Nottingham city has a good rating for delivering schemes within agreed timescales so well placed for future grant bids.
- Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP), developed by local highway authorities and provide ATE / DfT with helpful information on proposed active travel network plans.
- East Midlands Combined County Authority, engagement started, good positive and constructive relationship with ATE.
- National Highways, aim to work in partnership, focus on relationship between the highway network and active travel routes / network. Recognise potential for more focus on active travel.
- Sustrans, good positive and constructive relationship. Sustrans a partner in delivering schemes, consistency for design standards, providing general advice.
- Local Access Forums – not much engagement to date but recognise the role local groups and users can play. Will discuss potential for wider LAF engagement with ATE team.

Everyone thanked Adrian for the presentation and for taking questions.

MS Teams (Chat copied from the meeting)

None noted.

108 Subgroup Updates

a) Walking Subgroup

Update circulated ahead of the meeting. Points noted and discussion included

- Enabling “parks for everyone” – communication and transport networks to access
- Noted Wollaton Park 100th anniversary as a city park & Civic Society organising a walk Saturday of late May bank holiday.
- Walk Notts Festival – 108+ events! (However one group withdrew a walk from Wollaton because of the cost of parking!)
- Walk Notts website continues to develop, though minor hiccup just before festival start.
- Active Travel Partnership have published walks in NG magazines and are creating A5 leaflet to promote walks (alternative to previous Notts Guided Walks booklet).
- Subgroup have walked the full length of proposed River Leen walk – opportunities to consider improvements to route notably alternative to Moor Road out of Papplewick; obstructed riverside at Bulwell (council has secured funding for improvements in Bulwell); Plantation Side.
- Subgroup continue to work on other self-guided walk route with Sherwood Rise and Forest and Arboretum nearing completion.
- Fly tipping, ongoing problems and seems to be increasing across Nottingham and other areas.

Action: All for noting.

b) Planning Subgroup

- Currently not operating due to resources, will review after LAF recruitment drive.

Action: All for noting.

c) Definitive Map Subgroup Update

- Chris and Nick are evidence gathering with aim to complete work on dormant claims over the next 3 months. Would welcome more subgroup members.

Action: All for noting

d) E-Scooter Subgroup Update

- A previous meeting with government representative recommended meeting with Police Commissioner. Still trying to arrange this.
- Chris and Helen to discuss progressing the above and main discussion points.
- Nigel used new e-scooters and noted improvements over previous designs / models.
- Helen noted new company (Dot) intention to engage wider community including non-users.
- Dora noted D.I.G. have met with Dot and aim to meet regularly – including considerations of Motability and enabling less able / mobile users to benefit from e-scooters.

109 Local Rights of Way, Public Access, Issues and Problems

- Temporary closure of footpath 28 Nottingham rail station to address ticket evasion, the impact on users, local businesses, taxis.
- Meadows Close / Quayside Close claimed footpath over canal footbridge. Modification Order made and footpath added to the definitive map.
- Around 10 public rights of way added to the definitive map over the last 12 months
- Increased fly tipping across Nottingham (and the country), impact on people using local rights of way, issues for local neighbourhoods.
- For above, perhaps introduce the same recycling system / returns policy used in Canada where you can return bottles / other items and get paid for your efforts.
- Woodthorpe Park (uneven paths / surface damage) has been reported online to the Parks Development Officer [Report a problem in your neighbourhood – Nottingham City Council](#) using the option “Report a Problem with a Park or Play Area Equipment”

Action: all for noting and reporting specific issues / problems online and to John.

110 **How was the Hybrid meeting for you?**

No issues, Owl worked and everyone felt engaged.

Action: all for noting.

111 **Items for future agendas**

Includes suggestions carried over from previous meetings

- Broadmarsh.
- Walking Strategy City and County.
- North - South cycleway.
- Active Travel / Social Prescribing Fund / Public Health.

- Transforming Cities schemes.
- East Midlands Combined County Authority update.
- Street design, see example Lambeth Council Kerbside Strategy.
- Alan Simpson, Sustainable Travel Ambassador for East Midlands.
- Design Quality Framework, [Design Quality Framework](#).

Action: For noting, and where relevant, individual members to contact / arrange guest speakers.

112 Any Other Business

- Olech, need for better communication / advance warning when paths will be closed before you get to them!
- Nigel, no diversion notice for closure of path / part of the Robin Hood Way Hucknall, near Bulwell Hall Park. Query reported to County Council but no reply yet (Helen will ask at meeting next week).
- LAF recruitment, posters will be put up over summer with new recruits appointed for October meeting.

113 Meeting dates 2025 / 2026

- 9th July 6.30pm (Hybrid, Loxley House and MS Teams).
- 8th October 6.30pm (arrangements to be confirmed at the July meeting).
- Jan 2026 (date and arrangements to be agreed at the October meeting).

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