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Meeting Title:	Northamptonshire Local Access Forum (NLAF)		
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 25 th September 2018	Location:	The Oak Conference Room, Brixworth.

Members in attendance:		Apologies	
John Shenfield (Chair) - JS		Cllr Ian Morris	
Bob Entwistle - BE		Paul Henson	
Chris Shaw - CS		Richard Taylor	
Andrew Knapman - AK		Lisa Fell	
Bob Martin - BM		Steve Fowler	
Tony Hoyle - TH			
Chris Glasspool - CG			
Joy Tripp - JT			
Steve Rockall - SR			
Visitor:			
Lucy Hawes (East Northamptonshire Council) - LH			
Officers in attendance:			
Leon Jolly - LJ			
Martin Sockett - MS			
David Grindley - DG			
Matt Hammon - MH			
Chris Bond - CB			
Jacqui Williams (Minutes)- JW			

Minutes			
		Actions	Action Deadline
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions:</p> <p>JS welcomed all to the meeting and offered apologies for those listed above. Round-table introductions were facilitated for the benefit of guests and newcomers.</p> <p>JS advised that he had recently met with Chris Heaton-Harris, M.P. to discuss funding and the future of Parish Councils. It was suggested that rural parishes may wish to band together to form planning committees. Further information to follow.</p>	<p>Note</p> <p>Note</p>	
2.	<p>Review of Minutes of Last Meeting – JS:</p> <p>RoW Improvement Plan: BE queried the use of the word ‘deadline’ with regard to requests for comments and feedback on the draft RoW Improvement Plan. Following discussion it was agreed that the wording reflected the conversation at the meeting but that comments and feedback would continue to be forwarded until the draft plan</p>	<p>Note</p>	
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	is agreed. Great Doddington Byway over Hardwater Crossing: JW to discuss the proposed pedestrian walkway with Sara Grindley and secure the safety assessment.	JW	
3.	<p>Presentation on Local Issues: East Northamptonshire Greenway Project – Lucy Hawes (East Northamptonshire Council) - Lucy Hawes presented An Introduction to and Overview of the Greenway Project (copy attached). Following review, the following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is hoped that the Greenway will be used by walkers, cyclists and horse-riders. • The surface will be black-top in urban areas. Elsewhere the surface will consist of crushed stone. • Wellingborough B.C. is responsible for development of the embankment and is looking at linking up with Rushden Lakes. • There are currently 18 different Nenescape projects in development including the Nene Valley festival and other schemes designed to celebrate the history of the Nene. • A feasibility study into Greenway North is ongoing but is very reliant on the co-operation of landowners. • JS suggested that the Countryside Stewardship Scheme could help persuade landowners to work with East Northamptonshire Council. • The Consultation Process begins with the Greenway Board and then is referred to Natural England. <p>NLAF extends its thanks to Lucy Hawes for the presentation.</p> <p>s106 Process and Funding – Chris Bond, Northamptonshire Highways – Chris Bond presented an Introduction and Overview of the s106 Process (copy attached). Following discussion, the following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL) is more flexible and there are fewer restrictions on what it can be used for. • There is no automatic return of CiL monies to developers if unspent. • Parish Councils must have a Neighbourhood Plan in place to qualify for a share of CiL. • Viability Assessments are undertaken at Planning stage to ascertain the financial viability of a development although Planning Authorities do not generally have the experience to query very technical studies. • s278 monies are to facilitate works within an existing highway • NCC retains a list of s106 and s278 funds and what the money is used for although pre-application 	<p>Note</p> <p>Note</p> <p>Note</p>	
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	<p>enquiries are treated in confidence. All Planning Applications are printed in local newspapers etc.</p> <p>Following a request from BE, CB advised that he does not presently have sufficient resources to produce evidence of retrospective s106 spend.</p> <p>With regards to current s106 funds, CB advised that Joint Core Strategies in each district can provide details of planned developments and associated 106 works.</p> <p>MH reminded all that papers will shortly be available for the October Cabinet Meeting and it is anticipated that ongoing budget challenges and planning applications will be discussed.</p> <p>Rights of Way Improvement Plan – DG / MS: DG advised that the RoW Improvement Plan is still in draft format as corrections are required and there is little point in circulating a working version of the document. Further discussion points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Morris is drafting a foreword to the RoW Plan. • It is unlikely that the Walking Strategy will be updated before the transition to Unitary status. • It was agreed that a ‘statement of inaction’ will be inserted into the document to clarify NCC’s position on Lost Ways. • It was agreed that section 4.1.9 Harnessing Growth will be revised to include a reference to s106 funding. <p>DG confirmed that once the draft is finalised, it will be sent to NLAf members for comment and details published in local newspapers and the NCC / NLAf web page. This will satisfy the requirement for public consultation.</p>	<p>Note</p> <p>Note</p> <p>Note</p> <p>Note</p> <p>Note</p>	
4.	<p>Other Issues: Following discussion, it was agreed that SF will ascertain how many cases have been raised with the Definitive Map team and how many were resolved.</p> <p>It was stated in the original RoW Improvement Plan that government grants may be available as part of the local Transportation Plan. LJ to discuss with Chris Wragg.</p> <p>JS confirmed that he had received a satisfactory report regarding the Sulgrave Bridge extension and extends his gratitude to all involved.</p>		
	Next meeting - TBC		

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