

# Peak District Local Access Forum

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**Item: 10**

**Title: Green Lanes Update**

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## **Purpose of the Report**

The report provides an update on progress with managing motor vehicle recreation in the National Park.

## **Action Plans**

The approved action plans for 2014/15 on green lanes, illegal use and communications are available on the website at [www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/vehicles](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/vehicles).

A meeting is due to be arranged for the LAF Green Lanes Sub-group to inspect the priority routes in the areas outside Derbyshire with a view to route summary reports being prepared.

## **Traffic Regulation Orders**

In May, the Authority made a traffic regulation order permanently prohibiting all mechanically propelled vehicles from Chapel Gate.

Derbyshire County Council works are due to commence at Long Causeway. The Authority is not able to make its order whilst orders are in force by the Highway Authority.

The responses to the consultation on the proposal to prohibit mechanically propelled vehicles at Leys Lane are being considered and will be reported to ARP committee later on this year.

## **Legislation**

DEFRA have reported that they will work with Natural England to organise the founding of a group with an independent chair and a secretariat, and will invite stakeholders with the relevant experience and expertise to join the group. The group will contain a balance of interests and cross all sectors, and will be expected to come up with its own terms of reference'. This will take place after the Deregulation Bill has been dealt with. Defra have confirmed that NPs will be represented.

## **Meeting with Vehicle User groups**

Officers have had two meetings with representatives from vehicle users (LARA, TRF, ProWI, GLASS and PDVUG) to discuss the management of recreational motor vehicle use in the National Park. The meetings have provided the opportunity to look at how we might work closely together to develop a more constructive working relationship.

## **Recommendations**

- 1. That the report is noted.**