

Agenda Item 6.A

Leicestershire Local Access Forum – 16 April 2015

Planning and Travel Committee Report

A number of planning applications are kicking about but nothing of a strategic nature. We are looking to have an input into some of these about the specifics.

One large one is Airfield Farm at Market Harborough which we have previously made comment on but we have since had another opportunity to comment on issues as new information has been provided by the applicants.

The biggest ongoing issue is the East Midlands Freight Gateway and I followed up our initial submission by attending the first meaningful hearing. Our Chairman also attended as did Stan Warren representing the Ramblers.

Specific matters regarding issues at individual locations were not to be discussed at this meeting but I took the opportunity to query the creation of a Permissive Right Of Way in substitution for footpath L57 nearby. The comment was permitted on the grounds of it being a drafting error as it appeared under a misleading column heading referring to 'Replacement Public Right Of Way'. At this point, the solicitors Marrons conceded that the heading was wrong and needs to be changed; a minor victory, but we contend it should be a right of way. The actual issue of this status will have to wait for a future meeting.

The actual drafting was rather damned by the inspector and it may be some time before Marrons can bring something back to the table which is actually in an acceptable form and only then can we start arguing about specific issues.

Once a date is set I intend barring other unavoidable commitments, to attend again and argue the issues we raised in our original submission.

Roy Denney