

Local Access Forum 11th June

Notes for the National Park Authority Meeting 11th July

The LAF showed their appreciation of Mike Rhodes who is leaving the NPA. Mike set up the LAF and has supported it throughout its existence.

The meeting started with a slide presentation complaining about suburbanisation of the countryside. Examples given included a cube concrete marker and galvanised steel gates replacing traditional wooden gates and styles. The main complaint was about the refurbishment of Dore station which is outside of the NP. Since no specific locations were given it is not possible to identify who was responsible for the other examples. The NPA should therefore note the concern expressed.

Comments were generally supportive of the PDNPA Visitors Charter and the NPA would be looking for member organisations to sign up to it shortly.

Members of the LAF stressed the importance of the forum in discussing access issues both with the NPA and between themselves, including it acting as a forum for feeding out as well as feeding in.

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Authority representative on the Local Access Forum.