



North York Moors Local Access Forum

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Our ref: 18RHG01
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Dear Ian

Recording of "lost ways"

At the last meeting of the North York Moors Local Access Forum, the subject of "lost ways" and the approaching deadline for additions to the definitive map was discussed at length. I was asked to write to you urging the Council to give sufficient resource and appropriate priority to the task of protecting this important public resource and heritage asset.

As you know, the 2026 deadline for recording these historic rights of way is set in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2001. Once this date has passed, the chance to record and protect them will be lost. This is a matter which greatly concerns the Local Access Forum and I am writing on their behalf, requesting that the Highways Authority review the resources and priorities in this area of work and ensure that sufficient are made available to make proper progress on the discovery of these historic footpaths and bridleways and the subsequent modifications to the definitive map necessary for their safeguarding for future generations.

We would be delighted if an officer from the Council was able to attend a meeting of the Forum to outline the approach being taken by the Council in this matter. Our next meeting is 13 June 2018.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Richardson', with a horizontal line underneath.

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Dear John

Thank you for your letter of 2 May. As you acknowledge, I am aware of the deadline for recording rights of way on the definitive map, and the duties of the Council relating to this deadline.

I understand that Ian Kelly has already been invited to attend your meeting on 13 June to discuss improved working on rights of way issues between the Council and the National Park, so he will be able to respond to the issues raised in your letter at the same time.

Best regards



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