

Nottingham City Council

Nottingham Local Access Forum

Draft Minutes of Meeting 15th April 2026, 6.30pm - Hybrid Meeting at Loxley House Station Street Nottingham and MS Teams

✓ Indicates in attendance

- Helen Hemstock
- ✓ Liz Cordle (Joint Chair)
- ✓ Laura Armitage (Joint Chair)
- ✓ Ian Bussey
- ✓ Nick Hynes
- ✓ Rob Kirkwood
- ✓ Dave Mackrory
- ✓ Hugh McClintock
- ✓ Nigel Sarsfield
- ✓ Chris Thompson
- ✓ Dora Kostiuik
- ✓ Olech Kostiuik
- ✓ Steve Shardlow
- ✓ Nuala Attwood (part of meeting and now retired)
- ✓ Andrew Cross
- ✓ Cameron Bonser
- ✓ John Machin
- ✓ Sara Davies (Joint Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Linda Woodings (on leave but attended first part of the meeting, now retired due to portfolio holder changes)

134 Apologies Received

Helen Hempstock and Bob Shield (Bob now retired)

Others in attendance

None

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Action: Agreed.

136 Chloe Langley, City Council Flood Risk Management, and River Leen Project

- Chloe had to send apologies, so this item was postponed until future meeting

MS Teams Chat copied from the meeting

Linda Woodings (Cllr)

I will highlight this to the local councillors to look at this for their Streets for People funding.

I will let them know about the walks, thank... by Linda Woodings (Cllr)

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Link <https://www.bikeability.org.uk/> by Nigel Sarsfield

Nigel Sarsfield

15/04 19:17

Cycle Training for Everyone - Deliver Safer Training | Bikeability

Bikeability is today's cycle training programme. It's about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle safely on today's roads.

John - I can't remember how it reached me but I did see the induction pack and thought it got the balance of providing an intro but not overwhelming pretty much spot on. I'd have found it very helpful had it been available when I first joined.

John M

15/04 19:40

Forgot that Fairham Brook is in the City, but that water course is fairly unique in having some decent stretches that are still in a natural condition. In fact kayakers use the lower reaches for slalom practice, as the rapids are good enough for that type of thing. Reckon Fairham Brook is also worth exploring for the River Walks project.

Meanwhile, the poor old Sneinton Beck in my... by John M

John M

15/04 19:47

Meanwhile, the poor old Sneinton Beck in my locality, remains the Cinderella of Nottm's water courses! Would like to see a project to rescue it in some way in the future!

Paul Horn <Paul.Horn@nottinghamcity.gov.uk>... by Nigel Sarsfield

Nigel Sarsfield

15/04 19:56

Paul Horn <Paul.Horn@nottinghamcity.gov.uk> Kerry Edwards <Kerry.Edwards@nottinghamcity.gov.uk>, Mon 9 Feb, 09:25

to Kerry, Keith, me, John

Hi Nigel,

The celebratory bridge walk sounds like a fantastic idea.

There is currently isn't a confirmed date for when the bridge will open to the public – however we are looking to arrange a 'fun' day one weekend in June and your walk would fit in with this nicely.

I've copied in Kerry from our comms team who is arranging the fun day. Kerry will be able to contact you in the next few weeks to confirm.

Thanks

Paul

Major Projects

Link <https://engageenvironmentagency.uk.eng...> by Nigel Sarsfield

Nigel Sarsfield

15/04 19:59

<https://engageenvironmentagency.uk.engagementhq.com/river-leen-strategy>

The River Leen Strategy

The River Leen is Nottingham's river Many people who live and work in Nottingham can recognise the River Leen as it crosses large parts of the city through Bestwood and Bulwell, onto Basford and Bo...

engageenvironmentagency.uk.engagementhq.com

1 Like reaction.

For those of you that haven't seen it, the ... by Unknown User

Dave Mack

15/04 20:00

For those of you that haven't seen it, the drone flight along the River Leen is well worth a look!

137 Chair and Vice Chair (Expressions of Interest)

- Liz and Sara have agreed to take on the position of Joint Chair and Laura will check whether there is a professional conflict of interest before agreeing to support Liz and Sara

138 Feedback on New Members Induction Pack

- Members feel this was helpful and about the right level, and some had already responded
- Would be helpful if this could be sent to all members

ACTION: John to send to all members

139 Subgroup Updates

a) Walking Subgroup

Update circulated ahead of the meeting. Other updates at the meeting

- All members were invited to help lead the organised LAF walks
- Obtaining information on The National River Walks programme and how to nominate the River Leen walk proving difficult (since meeting further information obtained from Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, see DEFRA letter dated 23.04.2026)
- Improving parts of the River Leen route and whether Streets for People funding could be used
- Linby Trail affected by flooding
- Good to see the widening of paths connecting to the River Trent Waterside Bridge

- Members asked to take part in the Notts Big Transport Challenge Survey [New Nottingham Travel Challenge aims to get everyone active - Transport Nottingham](#)
- City Hospital entrance needs tactile paving installing for blind and visually impaired
- Recent walkabout with Councils Road Safety team and another planned for summer
- Invite from Lincs and Rutland Joint LAF for access survey at Attenborough Nature Reserve
- Gregory Boulevard cycle improvement scheme, and why this route was selected and whether the scheme would reduce pavement widths (after meeting, formal consultation sent to members)

Action: All for noting.

b) Planning Subgroup

- Currently not operating fully due to resources
- NOSF planning lead has agreed to help the LAF with introductory training, including setting up a WhatsApp group for Q&A's
- Subgroup are making comments on applications flagged by John

Action: John, and all for noting.

c) Definitive Map Subgroup Update

- Bob has now retired
- Guidance notes provided for making applications for modification orders
- Applications received for checking / validation including Old Colwick Road, River Crescent and Ferrers Walk.

Action: John, and all for noting

d) E-Scooter Subgroup Update

- Still safety issues so hopeful Government will issue legislation at some point
- E-bikes that can travel above 15mph are being seized by the Police
- Training and education are essential

140 Local Rights of Way Issues, Problems and Opportunities

- Dave gave an update on CRT's access proposals
- John summarised a wish list of rights of way schemes, and following feedback, will include this at future meetings
- Fly tipping has now been cleared from Hucknall Road Linear Walkway / public footpath

Action: All for noting

141 Items for Future Agendas

Includes suggestions carried over from previous meetings

- Broadmarsh road changes and Homes England development proposals
- Walking Strategy City and County
- North - South cycleway

- Active Travel / Social Prescribing Fund / Public Health
- Active Travel England
- East Midlands Combined County Authority update
- Street design, see example Lambeth Council Kerbside Strategy
- Alan Simpson, Sustainable Travel Ambassador for East Midlands
- Nottingham Design Quality Framework, [Design Quality Framework](#)
- Road Safety team, safer schools, parking issues
- Constitutional Services and the Councils governance framework
- Next meeting (15th April) Sara to give a presentation on Walk Notts
- Transport Strategy update on walking / cycling active travel schemes, how routes are selected, budgets allocated and completed schemes monitored
- Flood Risk Management / River Leen project
- Constitutional Services, the Councils governance model
- Road Safety / Nottingham's Road Safety Strategy

Action: For noting, and where relevant, individual members to contact / arrange guest speakers

142 Any Other Business

- Everyone thanked Helen for chairing the LAF
- Waterside Bridge official opening 2nd June with celebration event planned for 14th June
- Planned City and County LAF walk on 14th June
- More funding possible for grass root ideas, including learning to ride / cycle safely and promoting local walking routes

Action: all for noting

143 Meeting dates 2026 (all meetings start at 6.30pm with the option to join face to face at Loxley House or via MS Teams)

- Wednesday 7th January
- Wednesday 15th April
- Wednesday 24th June
- Wednesday 7th October

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