

## Status of Actions arising from the Fuzzy Drove Conservation Group Public Meeting Held 29th June 2015

This document provides an update on the status of actions noted at the Fuzzy Drove Conservation Group public meeting held on the 29th June 2015.

This status was prepared on the 4th August 2015.

Minutes ref.	Action	Current status
1 (1)	Make a request to the Tree Officer for the relevant map and TPO list for Fuzzy Drove	<p>A short document containing answers from the Council on a number of questions raised about Trees, including a link to the map that shows protected trees, can be found via a link on our Public Meeting webpage.</p> <p>It has been confirmed there are no trees in Fuzzy Drove that are currently subject to a TPO.</p> <p>The Group plans to begin a tree survey shortly and it was decided that we will consider making recommendations to the Tree Officer about specimens that we think ought to be protected as part of that process.</p>
1 (2)	Confirm whether or not there is any mechanism for individuals to appeal against the removal, coppicing or pollarding of trees	<p>A short document containing answers from the Council on a number of questions raised about Trees, including a link to the map that shows protected trees, can be found via a link on our Public Meeting webpage.</p>
2	Continue to communicate with supporters, users and residents	<p>Communication with supporters, users and local residents is ongoing. We have already emailed our supporters list to inform them of immediate plans. We have decided to publish a quarterly electronic newsletter, summarising committee decisions, progress and plans to all our supporters and volunteers. The first newsletter should be circulated in September. As stated at the meeting we will also communicate directly with individual residents when work is planned directly outside their property.</p>

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3	Visit the amenity land behind Auklet close with the Council, to look at the scale of the task and assess who should take it on	<p>The FDCG chairman and Zoe Channon visited this amenity land on the 17th July 2015.</p> <p>The land is owned by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. It had been recently mown and therefore is on the Council's operations schedule.</p> <p>The Group will continue to litter pick in this area when they hold Fuzzy Drove Litter picking session, however we won't plan to do any more in this area, as our focus is the Drove itself.</p> <p>If residents require any other Council operations support for this area, Zoe has confirmed the most effective route would be to raise the request through the contact centre. This way a reference number can be produced for you to track. The request then gets formally raised with the Operations team. They can be contacted on either <a href="mailto:contactcentre@basingstoke.gov.uk">contactcentre@basingstoke.gov.uk</a> or 01256 844 844.</p>
4	Schedule consultation activities ahead of working parties that will take place on pedestrian access points (as opposed to outside individual residents boundaries).	Public access land where the Drove meets residential roads will be the subject of appropriate consultation before working parties attempt any clearing or re-planting. This will be achieved by leafleting the houses in the relevant road and, where we have email addresses associated with individual addresses, directly emailing residents in the relevant road. It is not anticipated that commencing working parties on these pedestrian access points will be a near term activity.
5 (1)	Research appropriate surfacing materials for improvement of winter conditions. Check permission from B&DBC/HCC to carry out the work.	Following discussions and obtaining appropriate expert advice, it was agreed that wood chippings will be the most appropriate material to help reduce muddy patches in the bridleway section of the Drove. It will be in keeping with the woodland path style and is environmentally friendly. The Group will pilot this approach in due course and invite feedback.

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5 (2)	Ask HCC to consider other options than Fuzzy Drove for contractors' machine access when maintaining the cycle path	Zoe has sent this request to HCC but we have not yet had visibility of a response.
5 (3)	Confirm whether or not motor cycles should be driven along a bridleway.	No vehicles should be using that section to churn up the mud. A document explaining the rights of way for Fuzzy Drove can be found via a link on our Public Meeting webpage.
8	See if it is possible to define the precise width of Fuzzy Drove	It is not possible for the Group to precisely define the boundaries of individual properties which share a fence with Fuzzy Drove, and from this define the precise width of Fuzzy Drove. Residents should refer to their title deeds or Land Registry records for an accurate description of their property boundaries.
9	It was noted in the meeting minutes that FDCG does not have copies of submissions from local Councillors which either support or object to the proposal that Fuzzy Drove could become an access road to serve the potential new housing estate. If anyone wishes to know details of Councillors' views, they should approach individual Councillors direct.	<p>We are aware that an attendee at the public meeting has corresponded with the Councillor Hayley Eachus in relation to the access road question - and he has his query and her response are available on Streetlife at the following link</p> <p><a href="https://www.streetlife.com/conversation/30uy69l15k95y/">https://www.streetlife.com/conversation/30uy69l15k95y/</a></p> <p>The Group has agreed that concerns over the future use of Fuzzy Drove are not our main business at the moment. We are focussing the limited time and effort we have available on planning and delivering our conversation activities. We believe that maintaining and enhancing Fuzzy Drove, and growing even more local support for it as a valuable nature resource, are important to securing its long-term future. However we are grateful that other people are committing the time right now to raising awareness about the access road question with people, such as Councillor Eachus, who would be able to oppose the proposal, if it comes to that.</p>