

Inverclyde Local Access Forum

Minute of Quarterly Meeting

Held at 7pm on the 27th of June 2019 at Inverclyde Community Development Trust 7¹/₂ John Wood Street,
Port Glasgow

1. WELCOME: Shona welcomed everyone to Inverclyde Community Development Trust and thanked them for their attendance.

2. APOLOGIES:

Lorna McCartney (Water sport representative)

Yvonne Christie (Community Council Representative)

3. PRESENT:

Shona Morris (Cycling UK / Belles on Bikes) in Chair

Alex Wooler (On foot recreational user's representative)

Ash Hamilton (Inverclyde Council – Planning Policy)

Councillor John Crowther (Inverclyde Council Representative)

Kieran Wild (Active Travel Officer – Community Tracks)

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Approved

Proposed - John Crowther **Seconded** - Shona Morris

5 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Core Path 12 – Inverkip to Ardgowan via Bankfoot

Ash has visited the site and the signage has been changed to say “No Vehicle Access” which complies with the access legislation on a core path. The landowner has not changed the Network Rail owned sign that has been painted as they don't own it.

Members of ILAF

Shona has invited Ardgowan Estate who have shown some interest in attending the meeting, but are yet to confirm anything. There was a discussion about local farmers and others who had previously attended the access forum. There was a discussion about how to make the ILAF more appealing group to attend and the possibly having guest speakers.

ACTION: Ash will look through the file of minutes he has at Inverclyde Council and approach previous members of access forum if they would be interested in rejoining the access forum. Care will be taken not to breach the General Data Protection Regulation.

Request for full review of Core Path Network

A discussion was had about what would be involved in a full review of the core paths networks. Falkirk Council has recently conducted a review of their core path network.

ACTION: Ash to email details of Falkirk Council's core path network review.

Issue with litter between Lunderston Bay and Cloch Lighthouse

Ash has spoken to his colleagues in Inverclyde Council about getting a bin installed at this point and is waiting to see if this can be done.

6. ACCESS ENQUIRIES:

(a) Temporary path closure in Quarriers Village

SEPA have been granted permission to close a non-core path that runs alongside the river in order to install a fish pass. Work to take place over the summer into autumn.

7. NAF UPDATE FROM ATTENDEES

Ash reported on the National Access Forum. Overall the forum was very positive, there was an update on case law regarding access rights. Some access forums have been getting fewer access enquiries as long standing issues have been resolved, other groups are proactively looking for issues.

ACTION: Ash to circulate summary of the 2019 NAF.

8. ILAF FACEBOOK PAGE

The page was circulated via email but appears to be set to private so it is currently not visible. Discussion was had about the type of content that might be on the page and if there was sufficient capacity to moderate the page.

ACTION: Shona to research other Access Forums Facebook pages' and report back.

9. NEW CHAIR

Shona expressed a wish to step down as chair of the group. Please contact Shona if you would like to take over this role.

10. UPDATES & AOB

(a) Greenock Ocean Terminal planning application

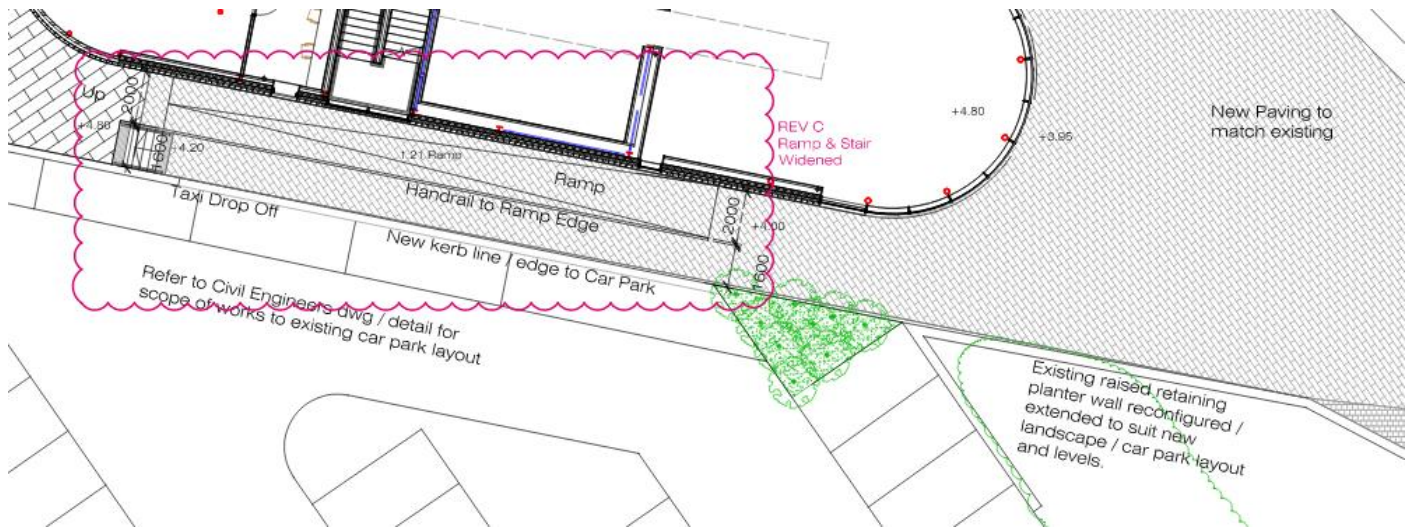
In April Inverclyde Council Planning Applications Committee granted approval of the Ocean Ferry Terminal (18/0258/IC) despite there being a formal objection submitted from Sustrans on the grounds that National Cycle Route 75 was rerouted along a 2m wide ramp. Inverclyde Council's Roads department did not object to the proposal so the planning department recommended approval.

The proposals show the route following a 2m wide ramp, segregated from 1.6m pedestrian path by a handrail. This at first appears to meet the absolute minimum width required for short lengths, however does not take into account additional width required for edge constraints of vertical wall and handrail (Sustrans Handbook for Cycle Friendly Design, Tables H9 & H2)

Table H.9 Widths	Cyclists	Pedestrians	Total
Preferred width	3.5m	3.5m	7m
Acceptable minimum	2.5m	2m	4.5m
Absolute minimum for short lengths	2m	1.5m	3.5m

Table H.2 Additional clearances to maintain effective widths for cyclists:

Vertical feature from 150 to 600 mm high:	Add 250 mm
Vertical feature above 600 mm high:	Add 500 mm



You can view all the documents at Inverclyde Council Planning Portal here: <https://planning.inverclyde.gov.uk/Online/> search for the planning reference code: 18/0258/IC

(b) Consultation on rerouting of Core Path 1E ‘Gourock to Greenock’

Inverclyde Council are now undertaking a 1 month consultation on the temporary diversion of the core path network during the construction of the Greenock Ocean Terminal and the new alignment of core path network once it is complete.

The proposed amendment is for the permanent diversion of a short section of Core Path 1E ‘Gourock to Greenock’, which runs along the Greenock waterfront between the leisure centre (NS28097652) and the cinema (NS28007660). The section of Core Path 1E to be removed and the permanent diversion (i.e. new route) are shown on a map, which is available to download from this page and can also be viewed in the Customer Service Centre, Municipal Buildings, Clyde Square, Greenock, PA14 1LY.

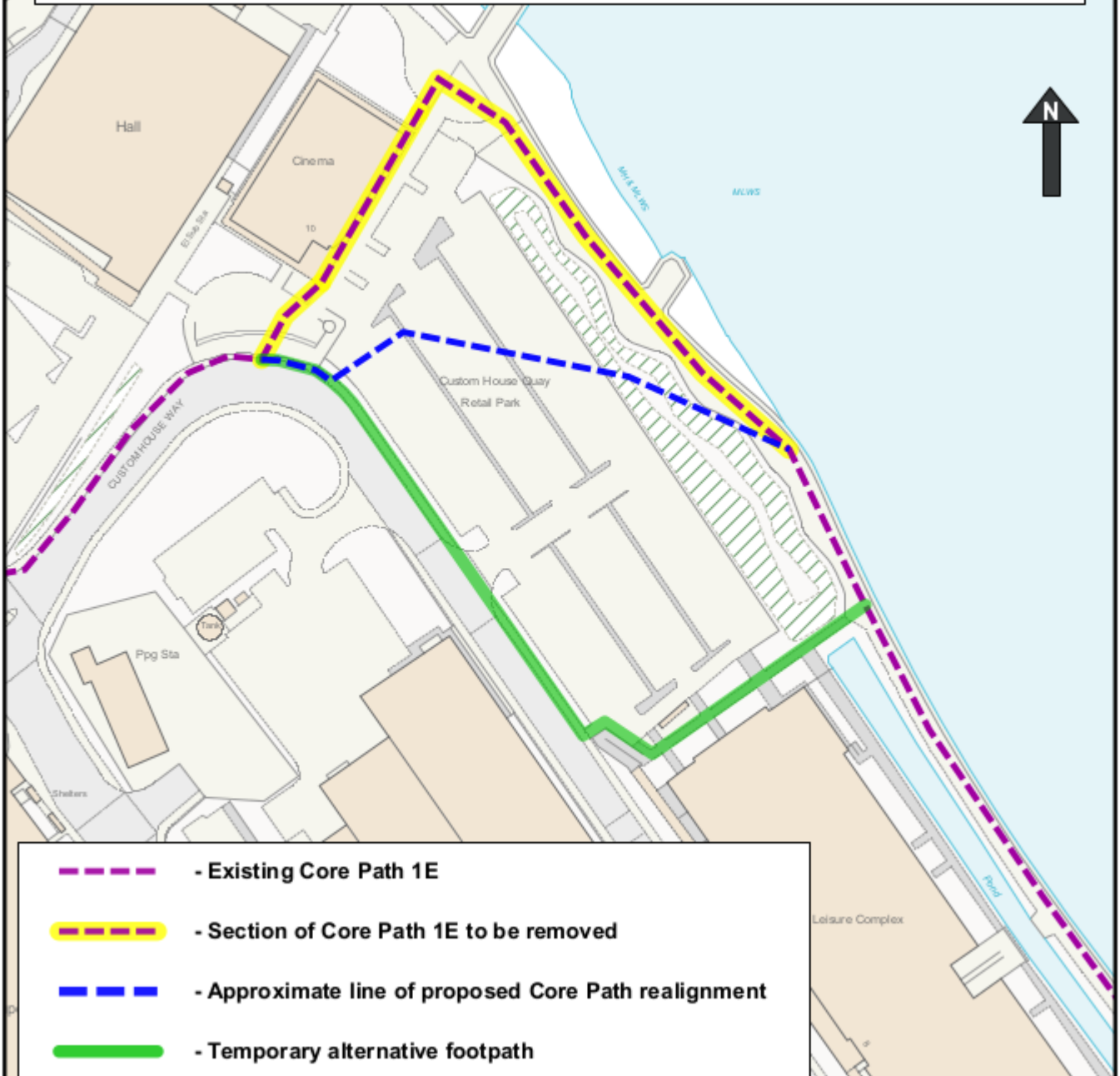
The amendment to Core Path 1E is due to the future redevelopment of the cinema and waterfront car park site, as approved under planning permission 18/0258/IC

The proposed amendment is hereby published on 27 June 2019 for a 1 month consultation period, which runs until 5pm on 27 July.

Consultation responses can be submitted by the following means:

- e-mail to ldp@inverclyde.gov.uk (please use Core Path 1E as the subject title)
- writing to the Planning Policy Team, Regeneration and Planning, Inverclyde Council, Municipal Buildings, Clyde Square, Greenock, Inverclyde PA15 1LY

Map showing Proposed Amendment to Core Path 1E 'Gourock to Greenock'



Next meeting of ILAF: 26th of September 2019