

BHS Beds response to The Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ1): Issued on 5 May 2026

Q1.11.7	The applicant	Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [REP1-042] Paragraph 3.2.2 sets out examples of groups that are to form a community liaison group in relation to alterations to the PRow network. Are there any local PRow groups that should be included in this list?
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There are a number of PRow organisations that could sensibly be invited to participate in the community liaison group in relation to alterations to the PRow network:

The Local Access Forums (LAFs) are independent, statutory advisory bodies established under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. Their core role is to advise local authorities, Natural England, and other decision-makers on improving public access to land for outdoor recreation, enjoyment, and sustainable travel. At a minimum, in our view, the two LAFs covering the area – Borough of Bedford and Cambridgeshire – should be participants.

There are a number of individual user groups representing different user categories and the British Horse Society (equestrians) and the Ramblers (walkers) have participated in this examination. Certainly, the BHS would like to be included, and we assume that the Ramblers would too.

We are not aware of any cycling groups that have shown a particular interest – though there are cyclists within the membership of the LAFs.