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From: Gear, David (NE) [David.Gear@naturalengland.org.uk]
Sent: 27 November 2007 15:36
To: Kevin Clements
Subject: LAF MEMBERS INFORMATION HANDBOOK

Kevin,

On behalf of Natural England, may I respond to your e-mail of 23rd Nov (forwarded to me by Ros Taylor):

1. As her original e-mail (to all LAFs) explains, this consultation is merely about the scope of the proposed Handbook, not its detail, which is why she refers to the suggested contents.
2. As this project has already been delayed by at least one year (owing to the unexpected financial moratorium of 2006), the timetable for its progression is necessarily a little compressed.
3. Once the first edition of the Handbook is 'up and running' (hopefully next summer), Natural England will absorb and collate any feedback it receives from LAF members.

David

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kevin Clements [mailto:kevin.clements@dudley.gov.uk]
Sent: 23 November 2007 17:06
To: Ros Taylor
Cc: Mick Freer; Richard Jewkes
Subject: RE: Laf Handbook

Ros,

At its meeting on Wednesday 21st November, the Dudley Borough Local Access Forum resolved the following:

'We, the Dudley Borough Local Access Forum, believe that we have been presented with a wide-scoping document which is too thin on detail to enable proper discussion. We also feel that the short timescale allowed for this consultation in no way allows Members of the Forum to consider in any detail the important related issues. We would welcome a chance to discuss, with proper notice, a complete draft of this handbook, and therefore request that a full draft document be circulated in order to allow Local Access Forums the opportunity to formally discuss the relevant issues and make recommendations accordingly.'

Thank you.

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