

# Broads Local Access Forum

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## Integrated Access Strategy update

Report by Waterways and Recreation Officer

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### For information

This report gives an update on some of the strategic priorities identified in the Integrated Access Strategy.

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. Every year, as part of the Integrated Access Strategy (IAS), we identify a number of strategic priority projects to be delivered by the Broads Authority and its partners.
- 1.2. Setting these priorities helps us target resources and external funding sources. Many of these projects cannot be delivered without working with external partners and securing external funding. Where partnerships are already identified, the project will be scored higher in the priority scoring matrix.
- 1.3. A progress update on the highest priority projects is in Table 1.
- 1.4. It may be possible for a number of the identified IAS projects to be funded through the new Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) scheme, which is expected to run for three years. The list of potential projects for year 1 are listed in Table 2.

**Table 1**

Integrated Access Strategy priorities 2020/2021 – progress update Aug 2021

<b>Project</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Partners</b>
Broads Mills Trail	Status: <b>On track</b> Initial project work will begin Sept 2021, with delivery expected Autumn 2022.	Broads Authority Norfolk County Council
Bure Valley Path	Status: <b>On track</b> <b>Awaiting update from NCC</b> BA involvement is advisory only, but ties in with other projects taking place in Hoveton.	Norfolk County Council Broadland District Council Broads Authority
Wherryman's Way Hardley Flood	Status: <b>On track</b> Dredging commences winter 2021, with the sediment being deposited onto the existing footpath ready to be re-shaped in 6-18 months. NCC, in partnership with the BA, has also submitted an external funding application to fund the new bridges and install the new bank stabilisation.	Broads Authority Norfolk County Council
Wherryman's Way – Bramerton to Surlingham	Status: <b>On track</b> External funding application submitted in partnership with NCC to stabilise the riverbank and restore the footpaths.	Broads Authority Norfolk County Council
Hoveton Riverside Park	Status: <b>Delayed</b> Dredge programme delayed as a result of Covid-19. Land raising will not begin until winter 2022/23.	Broads Authority
GIS Recreation Maps	Status: <b>Delayed</b> No further progress.	Broads Authority
Discovery Hubs	Status: <b>Delayed</b> External funding applications were not successful. Plans being	Broads Authority Broads Charitable Trust

Project	Progress	Partners
	developed to seek funds elsewhere, including FiPL.	
Geldeston Canoe Pontoon	Status: <b>Delayed</b> Project still progressing; however, additional bank work is required before installation can go ahead. Aim is to be completed by end of this financial year.	Broads Authority Broads Charitable Trust The Canoe Foundation River Waveney Trust

**Table 2**

Potential IAS projects to be funded through FiPL (subject to approval of the Board) (Year 1)

Project	Progress	Delivery
Additional permissive routes around Strumpshaw	Application submitted: <b>No</b> Discussions with land manager ongoing.	2021/2022
Restoration of Gillingham FP14	Application Submitted: <b>No</b> Application is being finalised; waiting for quotes.	2021/2022
Herringfleet Hills (new paths & furniture)	Application Submitted: <b>No</b> Discussions with land owner ongoing.	2021/2022
Halvergate – Wickhampton to Polkey’s missing path	Application Submitted: <b>No</b> Initial discussions with landowner required.	2021/2022
Bungay Staithe – Re-instate circular walk	Application Submitted: <b>No</b> Requires a new access bridge and match funding due to the large cost. Likely to roll into year 2.	2021/2023

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