

Broads Local Access Forum

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Agenda item number 6

Broads Angling Strategy Group Update

Report by Duncan Holmes (Chair of BASG access group)

Summary

Project updates and requirements from the Broads Angling Strategy Group (BASG)

Recommendation

That the BLAF supports these projects and Broads Authority officer input to them is either established as sufficient or requested through a formal proposal for the forum members to approve.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The following is a list of projects considered by the BASG Access Committee on the 28th July.

2. Projects

- 2.1. Rollesby Broad Platforms asset transfer as a community asset
 - This is more about the complexity of land management within the Broads
 - This asset has taken 2 years to transfer from the BA
- 2.2. Beccles Fen Quay and Angling Access
 - This is a live issue now and demonstrates that revenue is an important element going forward.
 - Beccles Fenland Charitable Trust was formed for this very reason, with records of angling taking place since WWII.
- 2.3. South Walsham Slipway
 - Currently closed by the Parish Council.
- 2.4. Development of existing EA bank assets (Northern Broads)
 - BASG will scope these venues for the next meeting.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1. These projects all meet the criteria of delivering the Broads Integrated Access Strategy, with the access element relevant to the BLAF

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[Broads Plan](#) objectives: 6.1, 6.4

Appendix 1 – Project specific details

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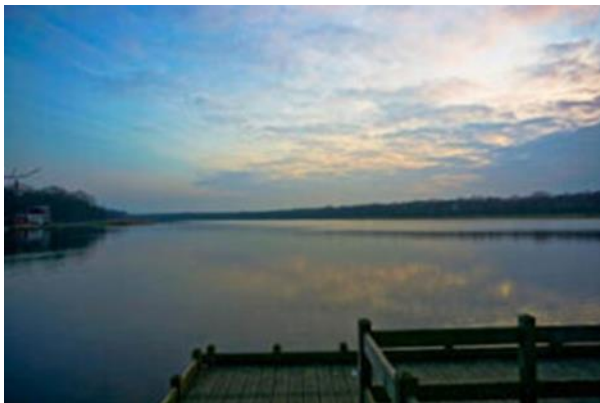
Rollesby Broad Platforms Secured for the Future

BASG has almost completed the transfer of assets from the Broads Authority namely the access platforms on Rollesby Broad.



These have become a community asset owned by BASG.

It is the first asset to become owned by the Community Interest Company formed in late 2018 and takes its formation to a new level protecting and securing the future of Broads Angling, as set out in the Broads Angling Strategy.



The transfer deed is from the Broads Authority to The Broads Angling Services Group, land owner Northumbrian Water Ltd and access via the footpath owned by Rollesby Parish Council. With a management agreement contained in the Trinity Broads Management Plan, overseen by Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

Like most assets across the Broads, management and ownership are complex and the key is building partnerships with others.

BASG will now need to ensure these assets are both maintained and safe for the angler's benefit, with the associated liabilities.

However now we are being asked about fishing rights on a venue that's being fished for decades, under Essex & Suffolk Water ownership.

But what a stunning location to go fishing!

Beccles Fen Quay and Angling Access

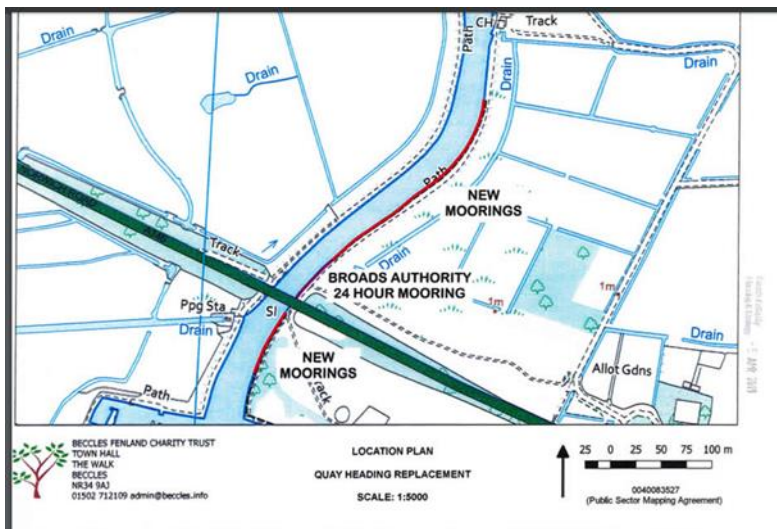
BA/2019/0134/FUL | Renewal of 85m of piling and quay heading along the eastern bank of the River Waveney to the south of the A146 Road Bridge | The Quay Fen Lane Beccles Suffolk NR34 9BH



This is the first phase of a larger wider scheme as the plan below shows in red.

The applicant states that these “new moorings” are intended for “permanent” mooring holders, as part of a scheme to fund all moorings back into use.

BASG has continued discussions with the landowner and anglers to find a way forward



South Walsham Slipway

This is a Broads Authority asset that is currently controlled and closed by the Parish Council. In order to obtain access, you have to pay a £100 deposit and a £25 annual fee. It also appears to be extremely difficult to apply and the amount of keys issued are limited to just 8 keys.



Development of existing EA bank assets (Northern Broads)

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