

Broads Authority

25 September 2026

Agenda item number 7

Summary of actions and outstanding issues following discussions at previous meetings

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Haven Bridge	02/04/2024	Rob Rogers	The Great Yarmouth Ports Leisure Users meeting on 2 April had a long discussion regarding the problems with the Haven Bridge. There is a dispute between Peel Ports and Norfolk County Council regarding opening the bridge which is having an adverse impact on commercial and private boat owners based in the Broads.	Historical updates (date range April 2024 to March 2025) have been removed. All historical updates can be found in previous versions of the Summary of Actions and Outstanding Issues available via the committee papers on the Broads Authority website . March 2025: The Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer met with Peel Ports on 19 February and covered a range of issues. November 2025: A Port Users Group meeting will be held on 4 December 2025. December 2025: Norfolk County Council has given notice that Haven Bridge would be closed for two weeks from 1 December 2025 to carry out further repairs which included the replacement of barriers and repairs to the paths, parapets, and all timber blocks on the bridge deck. February 2026: Norfolk County Council has given notice that Haven Bridge would be closed for five nights from Monday 9 February 2026 to carry out resurfacing works. April 2026: On 1 April, the Broads Authority was notified by Peel Ports that Haven Bridge was non-operational until further notice. As at 21 April 2026, the bridge was operational. June 2026: Haven Bridge is operating as advertised, alongside Breydon Bridge by Peel Ports, the latest information can be found using this link: Bridge Information and Booking Bridge Lifts. Herring Bridge, operated by Norfolk County Council, can be booked for an opening using: Herring Bridge information and booking - Norfolk County Council. NCC will continue to	Ongoing

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				manage the Herring Bridge until the 'snagging period' is over, with the ambition for Peel Ports to also take over the management of the Herring Bridge. September 2026: No updates to report.	
Landscapes Connections	24/01/2025	Andrew Farrell	To track the progress of the submission of an expression of interest to the National Lottery Heritage Landscape Connection Scheme and the subsequent development of an initial bid ready for submission at the end of 2025.	January 2025: Members authorised the submission of the expression of interest to the National Lottery Heritage Landscape Connection Scheme. March 2025: Further advice given from senior officers at the Heritage Fund on the timings of development funding application and Expression#LC of Interest. Initial application for development funding to cover officer costs to develop the Landscape Connections Partnership bid being in the next few weeks. April 2025: Work continues to develop the development funding application. This is incorporating recently arising needs to further develop our work to support small local heritage partner's organisational sustainability, which is one of the key funding priorities of the Heritage Fund. We are also having key conversations with partners around the needs to meet our cash-match funding needs next year. June 2025: Continuing to meet with Heritage Fund and partners to scope out overall project. Speaking with potential funders to cover initial match funding requirements for development stage. September 2025: An initial application for resilience funding to the Heritage Fund has been submitted to build capacity to support building the partnership. November 2025: We have been awarded a grant of £129,312 in resilience funding for a project titled "#LC Broads Heritage Partnership: A Vision for the Future". This funding will allow us to bring together the new partnership, through funded officer time, to develop and submit the first round bid to the Heritage Fund. We will be recruiting a new externally funded Partnership Develop Officer to lead in this work. In the first week of Nov. we hosted a visit with the regional director of the Heritage Fund and one of the Senior engagement managers where we discussed our plans for developing our schemes for the programme. February 2026: We have begun delivery of the project and have appointed a Partnership Development Officer to lead	Ongoing

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				on this work. We have also appointed consultants to work with the partnership ,including ourselves, to identify gaps and needs within the partnership, potential funding opportunities and to develop the next phase of funding for the scheme. They will deliver a report evidencing the needs of the partners in the landscape which will be a foundational piece of evidence with our next funding bid. We have continued to meet with the engagment team from the Heritage Fund to discuss the development of our plans for the next phase. April 2026: On 5 March 2026, we held our first partnership workshop to begin the co-development of the next phase of theLandscape Connections project. On April 30th we held the second workshop with the partnership. These are funded by the Heritage Fund as part of the the #LC Broad's Heritage Partnership: A Vision for the Future" project. Our consultants are identifying new stakeholders for the partnership to help us "Review and expand The Broad's Authority's partnership network" which is one of the approved purposes of this funding. They will soon begin 1 to 1 support with selected partners to identify future areas of support to ensure the resilience of the partnership. We are currently developing a new partnership website that will become the digital home of this current Landscape Connections project, and the developing next phase. We are on track to complete this strand of funded work in October 2026. June 2026: To date we have held the first 3 workshops with one more to be held in July. These have all focused on the Heritage Fund's 4 strategic priorities around: Saving Heritage; Protecting the Envriionment; Inclusion, Access & Participation; and Organisational Sustainabliity. Our consultants have identified more than 300 organisations locally that have the potential to work with the project in the future. Some of these organisations have the potential to help us address identified partnership gaps around access and inclusion. We have received our mid-point evaluation report from our external evaluator, who has shown that we are on track to complete this intial phase of the project this autumn. We are still in discussions with the Heritage Fund,	

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				and other supporting funders, in the development of the next phase of the scheme. The new website is under development and we have begun some early social media engagement to record and promote the ongoing partnership work. August 2026: In July we completed all four of the originally planned workshops with the new partnership. We have completed the interim claim to the Heritage fund and have now been paid the 80% of the grant total, with the remaining 20% of the grant to be paid upon completion of the project. This has allowed us to agree with the Heritage Fund to extend the project until January 12th, 2027 to allow for the total spend of the allocated grant. During this extension, we will be holding three additional partnership events, including: an inperson partnership workshop in Acle with a smaller cohort of local Heritage organisations identified by our consultants, an evaluation workshop to better incorporate our evaluative methodology [Theory-of-Change] within the partnership, and a launch event in November with the new partners for our Vision for Heritage in the Broads.	
Broads Plan progress update	24/07/2026	Lorraine Taylor	To track the process of the timetable and process for the development, consultation and publication of Broads Plan 2028. At the meeting on 24 July 2026, a progress update was provided and it was agreed by Members that regular updates would be provided through the Summary of Progress report to each meeting.	September 2026: One-2-One Meetings with key organisations at work in the Broads continued throughout August. These included NFU, Natural England, Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Anglian Water, and Nature City Norwich (Norwich City Council) . Meetings with Norfolk Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) and Environment Agency are still outstanding. A summary of the key issues arising from these meetings, once all have been concluded, will be published at the end of September/early October. General themes emerging include: a) a renewed commitment to partnership working and collaboration; b) a collective understanding that the impacts of climate change and sea level rise will be significant better understood during this period and that this may require new approaches;	31/12/2027

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				c) Access in all its forms (to water, to land and to information) needs to be better represented in the new Plan; d) scope for better recognition in the plan of the variations between different geographical parts of the Broads; e) a general theme of resilience and recovery; and f) a renewed appetite for monitoring.	

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