

Some of the feedback received from the delegates

Although the agenda is essentially set by NE and not by LAFs - we need the EAF or steering group of LAF reps to help set the agenda - As 1 LAF rep not possible to cover all workshops - compounded as I volunteered to run 1 of the workshops - we should have been allowed a second delegate
Could possibly be longer - a bit rushed at times
Felt rushed - Running a workshop, an hour not enough to get across objective
Good that it was led much more by LAF members
Good use of microphone - appreciated when speakers and delegates have soft voices
Good venue and pre-conference info. Interesting speakers and good networking opportunities
Good venue/facilities - sessions could do with more pre-notification of host's presentation in advance to speed sessions up
Great venue, good facilitators, 100% better than last year - hard act to follow
Useful for networking and sharing good practice for solutions to problems
If you come with open mind anything is possible - Level floors - can it be outside - type face on questionnaire comic sans - acoustics
It would be great to have a board where people can display questions which hopefully can be answered
It would have been useful to have more information about hotel parking charges
Locate conference nearer city centre or consider a more central location. Chairs uncomfortable - smaller workshop sessions might be better.
Main hall had 2 workshop sessions and sometimes difficult to hear - perhaps too many workshops going on as difficult to choose - wanted to attend them all
Maybe an evening event night before to lessen time rush - invite Minister
Minister attendance
More from Defra and Natural England
Need access to jugs of water in main room and at lunch. Venue excellent - lots of room to move for workshops
No coffee/water in rooms as stated though available centrally - water at least should be in workshop rooms
Opportunity to network with similar LAFs - short summary beforehand identifying issues, problems successes etc
Perhaps Birmingham would be a more central location
Perhaps the current implications of the 2026 cut off date could have been mentioned - there is confusion apparent with Defra and LAs on the current legal situation. Perhaps the LSG and LOS debate could have been included.
Please provide soft drinks and water for delegates
Plenary - good to keep short with limited questions - members came out of sessions buzzing and not tired - repeat for next conference
Suggest 2 feeding areas for such large numbers - very well organised otherwise. Interesting venue though difficult to find even with instructions
Talk to other members from around the country valuable and useful
Thanks - v well organised by RL etc
Thought the conference was well planned and managed - Location good and central
V good to have all LAFs represented in one place - good to see/hear from NE - lovely venue apart from disabled access - very good planning for event
Very good day - keep up the standards
Very interesting and informative day
View of screen blocked by people in front for main sessions
Worked better having accommodation/conference in same building - last year's in Newcastle in different places. This conference more stimulating - roll on 2014

Clearer brief for workshop presenters and more dynamic management of them e.g. global cafe style, speed networking
Disappointed that the suggested health workshop format was not followed - would have liked to know more about the delegates and given them more chance to contribute
Don't have 2 workshops in the same room - too much cross talk interference
Excellent organisation - look forward to the next thank you
Good central location for conference
Good engagement with NE staff - thank you. Thank you to everyone that was involved as I thought the event was extremely successful. Let's hope that people do take forward some of the actions and learning. An enjoyable

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and fulfilling day.
Great conference and congratulations to everyone involved. It was good to meet my fellow regional co-ordinators and I made some excellent LAF contacts for the future. The planning chap and disabled lot were especially good.
Well located and organised I think
It was a great day and full of new and exciting ideas. Thoroughly enjoyable and very useful!
Could the conference run over two days?
I thought the conference was very good and the cuts workshop that I attended was fine. I think that NE should be spending conference money on getting ALL LAs to have sufficient DM officers.
I'm a new member so had higher expectations of Rowips talk knowing less about the current scene - do not feel I know much about Rowips for the future. Very good format for the day.
Just a note to say thank you for organizing a successful conference which I very much enjoyed.
LAs should be informed of the statutory importance of LAFs - in particular obligation to follow Par 75 of NPPF - mentioned at planning workshop
Location of GI workshop in same room as another workshop and was competing with it
Many contributors requested info on good practice, would help to also have info on alternative sources of funding that could be used for access projects
Many thanks to everyone involved in organising - a very worthwhile event
MENE - relevant and interesting - balance of plenary and workshops good - workshop leaders to circulate summary 2 weeks in advance
MENE - surprised by lack of knowledge about MENE - LA example would have demonstrated potential for LAF use - Thank you - well organised and appreciated by LAF members
MENE talk too generic - too many participants at workshops. Facilitation of Urban LAFs session was outstanding and it was useful.
Much better conference than last year - all speakers as one
National support and explanation vital to our work
NE providing travel, accommodation v much appreciated. Could NE consider how they brigade and provide info to LAFs to help them navigate the wider agenda and interests (new political approach) to create LAF narrative.
Nice venue
Overall most worthwhile - well Chaired and marshalled - good speakers and workshops worked well - will be interested in the feedback - thank you
P4C - very complicated application form - getting landowner's permission practically impossible. Money would be better spent splitting between LAFs so they could decide where they need multi-use routes
Strongly support the need for and England Access Forum to deal with common issues
This was an excellent day - thank you
Was able to pick up leaflets from other LAFs - useful learning tool. Supply of such materials should be encouraged. Please use bigger more readable name badges
Would like events to continue in this format - enjoyed problem solving aspect of planning workshop - would like to invite minister to next one