

## Borough of Bedford Local Access Forum

### Criteria for selection

Applications will be measured against the following:

Requirements	Essential	Desirable
<b>Knowledge</b>	Knowledge of an area of interest identified for representation at the forum	Experience of a range of interests to be represented at the forum and of the interaction and issues which exist between these different interest groups
		Knowledge of the Borough area and local groups relevant to that member's predominant interest
		Basic knowledge of Rights of Way and countryside legislation, including the CRoW Act 2000
<b>Skills &amp; experience</b>	Good communication and inter-personal skills at all levels	Previous experience as a member of a committee
	An ability to recognise the validity of the views of others and to seek consensus	~
<b>Commitment</b>	Willing to commit to attending and preparing for the majority of the LAF meetings per year for a membership term of one to three years plus occasional briefing/training events	~
<b>Equal opportunities</b>	Understanding of the broad principles of the Disability Discrimination Act	~
	Understanding of the broad principles of Equal Opportunities	~

To ensure a balance of interests which is representative of the area, it has been agreed that representation of the following interests is **desirable** (although not essential).

➤ Walking	➤ Ethnic minority groups
➤ Dog Walking	➤ Tourism
➤ Cycling	➤ Rural Business
➤ Equestrian (riding & driving)	➤ Conservation
➤ Motorised vehicle use	➤ Land-owning/managing; up to six members, to include individuals and organisations
➤ Disabled access	➤ Councillors; a maximum of two councillors in total from the appointing authority