



- 4.3 Junction 10 non-motorised users. As of currently unclear if any action has been taken on the Highway red line. **Action:** Reach out to Jonathan Wade/Dave Pearcey to discuss the matter at a future meeting.

## **5. MoD presentation on Access – Kathleen Letch-Macmillan and Dean Howard**

- 5.1 Kathleen introduces Dean Howard, who is Security and Public Access manager for MoD training estates in the southeast, including Aldershot, Barossa, Deepcut, Minley and Hawley, Pirbright, Bramley, Longmoor, Hankley and Bordon; to give a presentation on safe and responsible access to MoD areas.
- 5.2 Training Safety Marshals, Military Police and other units may be present at these sites, members of the public should obey their instructions at all times.
- 5.3 There is a booking on and off procedure with a roll of wardens who are informed of activity ongoing in the training areas. The South East Operations room has a 24/7 contact number for general enquiries and emergencies.
- 5.4 For excavation works, highlighted safety issues

junctions and information boards along the route. Breaking ground for the trail is due to take place in May 2024, for an anticipated Summer 2024 opening.

5.12 Neil asks about route for reduced mobility users on Thursley Common. Kathleen wants the MoD to look at this further she points out that funding is required from Natural England to help resolve the drainage issues. This is on the to do list.

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but the team is better able to priorities issues and deal with some of the smaller problems that impact user experience on the network.

- 7.4 Approximately 500km or surface vegetation clearance was carried out in summer 2023. Well used and utility paths such as the North Downs Way received 2 cuts, less well used 1 cut. At least 20% of the network cut. 24 jobs, almost 14km of path clearance are out with contractors under a Winter Vegetation Clearance programme, a new initiative to clear overgrown paths with dense vegetation that can only be tackled outside of bird nesting season.
- 7.5 Nearly 400 signage installations and repairs across the county since April 2023, with more waiting to go out before the end of the financial year. 2800 issues have

9.2 The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of National Parks in the UK is coming up this year. This has been identified as an opportunity to look back and see the changes in the AONB and the way it is managed, and project this forward to the future with a mind to how to steward the landscape for future generations.

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