



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

AGENDA ITEM 5

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Title: Rights of Way group update

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A. DEFINITIVE MAP UPDATE (HELEN FRANCIS)

A. MATTERS PREVIOUSLY DETERMINED BY RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

1. **Lower Winchendon** – application to record the route from Public Footpath No 10b to Public Footpath No. 3, Cuddington as Public Footpath. This application was accepted by the Committee at its meeting on 12 February 2014. Matter referred to the Secretary of State, a Public Inquiry was completed on 1 February 2016. **Order confirmed. CASE CLOSED.**
2. **Wooburn** – proposal to create a Public Bridleway by Order along the former railway. This application was accepted by the Committee at its meeting on 15 October 2014; Objections were received to the Order; case referred to the Secretary of State; Public Inquiry was to be held 15-16 December 2015 but adjourned to 10-12 May 2016. **Inquiry adjourned until 13 September 2016 with a possible Creation Agreement being explored before this date.**
3. **Edgcott** – application to record Lawn House Lane as a Public Footpath to Public Footpath 11 Edgcott. **Awaiting Legal Services to advertise the made Order.**

DEFINITIVE MAP APPLICATIONS TO BE INVESTIGATED AND REPORTED TO RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE.

All Definitive Map Modification Applications are dealt with in chronological order of receipt. However, where there is a particular need of an application to be investigated urgently, then the county council may exercise its discretion to deal with that application.

4. **Iver** – application to record route from Grange Way to Colne Orchard as a Public Footpath. **Application dated 10 September 2013. To be determined during 12 July 2016 Committee meeting.**

5. **Hedgerley** – application to upgrade public footpath No. 14 to public bridleway status based on historical evidence. **Application dated 5 December 2013. Investigation not started – scheduled for late-2016 Committee.**
6. **Bledlow** – application to investigate the alignment of public footpath No. 52. **Application dated 19 December 2013. Investigation not started – scheduled for late-2016 Committee.**
7. **Quinton** – application to upgrade public footpath No. 4 to public bridleway status. **Application dated 21 October 2014. Investigation not started – scheduled for early-2017 Committee.**
8. **Great Missenden** – application to record route across Widmer Field. **Application dated 10 October 2014. To be determined during 12 July 2016 Committee meeting.**
9. **Hedgerley** – application to upgrade public footpath No. 11 and No. 12 to public bridleway status. **Application dated 25 June 2015. Investigation not started – scheduled for early-2017 Committee.**
10. **Chepping Wycombe** – application to record route between public footpath No. 14 and No. 15 Parish of Chepping Wycombe. **Application dated 14 September 2015. Investigation not started – scheduled for mid-2017 Committee.**
11. **Thornborough** – application to record a public footpath around the field off Back Street. **Application dated 6 January 2016. Investigation not started – scheduled for late-2017 Committee.**
12. **Little Chalfont** - application to record a public footpath around Statters Field off Burton Lane. **Application dated 13 January 2016. Investigation not started – scheduled for early-2018 Committee.**
13. **Marlow** – application to record a public footpath from Cromwell Gardens to New Court. **Application dated 15 January 2016. Investigation not started – scheduled for mid-2017 Committee.**
14. **Denham** – application to upgrade Shire Lane from bridleway to restricted byway. **Application dated 23 January 2016. Application priority raised as affected by HS2 – scheduled for late 2016 Committee.**
15. **Whaddon** – application to modify the alignment of Public Footpath No. 6. **Application dated 4 February 2016. Investigation not started – scheduled for early-2018 Committee meeting.**
16. **Lillingstone Dayrell** – application to upgrade Public Footpath No.1 to restricted byway status. **Application dated 15 February 2016 - scheduled for mid-2018 Committee meeting.**
17. **Lillingstone Dayrell** – application to upgrade Public Footpath No. 2 to public bridleway status. **Application dated 15 February 2016 – scheduled for mid-2018 Committee meeting.**
18. **Wooburn** – application to upgrade Public Footpath No. 3 between Princes Road Groves Close to byway open to all traffic. **Application dated 26 February 2016 – scheduled for late-2018 Committee meeting.**

19. **Chenies** application to add Hollaway Road to the Definitive Map and Statement as a byway open to all traffic. **Application dated 29 February 2016 – scheduled for late-2018 Committee meeting.**
20. **Chenies, Chalfont St Peter, Denham** – application to record Shire Lane as part restricted byway and part byway open to all traffic. **Application dated 14 March 2016. Application priority raised as affected by HS2 – scheduled for late-2016 Committee meeting.**
21. **Hazlemere** - application to record various routes in the field adjacent to Public Footpath No. 8 and Public Bridleway No. 6, Parish of Hazlemere as Public Footpaths. **Application dated 23 April 2016 – scheduled for early-2019 Committee meeting.**
22. **Longwick-cum-Ilmer** – application to record the route through Wellington House passageway as a Public Footpath. **Application dated 23 May 2016. Application re-prioritised as affected by development – scheduled for late-2016 Committee meeting.**
23. **Leckhampstead** – application to upgrade Public Footpath No. 13 and 18 to Public Bridleway and add a route as Public Bridleway. **Application dated 26 May 2016 – scheduled for early-2019 Committee meeting.**

PUBLIC PATH ORDERS

24. **Aston Clinton** – Application to divert public footpaths No 5 & 6 under the Town and Country Planning Act – **awaiting a made Order.**
25. **Chartridge** – Application to divert BW21A – **awaiting a confirmed Order.**
26. **Hambleden** – Application to divert Footpath No.17 - **awaiting a made Order.**
27. **High Wycombe** – Application to extinguish Footpath No. 27. Wycombe District Council planning matter. Order made and confirmed by WDC. **Awaiting developer works before bringing Order into effect.**
28. **Little Missenden** – Application to divert Footpath No 4 – **Awaiting completion of works before Order can be confirmed.**
29. **Maids Moreton** – Application to divert Footpath No. 3. **Awaiting completion of works before Order can be confirmed.**
30. **Quinton** – Application to divert Bridleway No 21. **Awaiting a made Order.**
31. **Steeple Claydon** – Application to divert Footpath No 6. **Order Made. ON HOLD until further notice.**
32. **Swanbourne** – Application to divert Footpath No. 12/14. **Awaiting a confirmed Order.**
33. **Tingewick** – Application to divert Footpaths Nos. 29(part) and 31 and Stop Up Footpath No. 30(part) and create new Footpath and Bridleway – **Awaiting completion of footways before Order can be confirmed.**
34. **Wing** – Application to stop up Footpath No. 14 – **Awaiting completion of footway before Order can be confirmed.**

35. **Wingrave with Rowsham** – Application to Divert/ Extinguish Footpath No.1 (part). **Awaiting a confirmed Order.**
36. **Bierton with Broughton** – Application to divert Footpath No. 7B (part). **Under consultation.**
37. **Buckingham** – Application to divert Bridleway No. 13 (part). **Awaiting more detailed information from the developer.**
38. **Ashley Green** – Application to divert Footpath No. 2B (part). **In discussion with applicant.**

VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATIONS

39. **High Wycombe** – land at Meadow Close, Wycombe Marsh. **Further investigation required.**
40. **Wooburn** – land off Cherwell Road, Bourne End. **Investigation not started.**

Background Papers

None

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B. STRATEGIC ACCESS UPDATE (JONATHAN CLARK)

41. The HS2 Bill is likely to receive Royal Assent either in December 2016 or January 2017. Enabling works (construction of compounds, preliminary investigations) are likely to start in the spring of 2017, with the majority of works commencing in 2018. Trains are due to be running through Buckinghamshire in 2026. The county council appeared in the House of Lords on Monday 24th October 2016. At the time of writing additional mitigation for access was to be sought which included: walking/cycling routes north and south of Wendover; and funding to pay for a planning application for the realignment of the footbridge for Steeple Claydon Footpaths 7, 8 and 9.
42. The latest East West Rail draft plans have been received for the crossing with HS2 and the Stoke Mandeville bypass. These plans can be shared with the LAF as soon as the initial conversations have finished with the Highway Authority.
43. Comments were made on the Draft Wycombe and Aylesbury Vale Local Plans.
44. A number of projects are happening in the near future around Iver and Richings Park, which could result in increases in construction traffic on local roads and will affect Footpath 15 Iver. Advice has recently been provided on the WRATH (Western Rail Access to Heathrow) project and HEx (Heathrow Express) project and Cemex planning application to extract gravel at Richings Park (see Appendix 1). The HEx project aims to relocate the Heathrow Express depot affected by HS2.

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C. RIGHTS OF WAY OPERATIONS UPDATE (JONATHAN CLARK on behalf of JOANNE TAYLOR)

45. The team have worked in partnership with Oxfordshire county council to resurface a section of the National Trail through Marlow Parish. The footpath is currently closed in order to undertake these works costing £18,000, for which each authority is paying half.

46. Members of the Forum will recall the Devolvement Project made funds available to parish councils in order to undertake summer path clearance. In 2016/17 there will be 86 parishes undertaking rights of way summer clearance.
47. The current staff structure outlines positions for 7 FTE staff: 1 RoW Team Leader, 3 Area RoW Officers, 2 Assistant RoW Officer and a Bridge Structure Inspector. The team is currently down on 1 RoW Area Officer, as Rosie Taylor left in May 2016, and one bridge inspector, as Corinne has only just returned on light duties from long-term sick leave, working from home on a half-day basis.

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