



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

**WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2017 AT 10.00 AM
LARGE DINING ROOM, JUDGES LODGINGS, AYLESBURY**

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Buckinghamshire County Council

Minutes

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2016, IN MEZZANINE ROOM 1, COUNTY HALL,
AYLESBURY, COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM AND CONCLUDING AT 11.15 AM.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr R Pushman, in the Chair

Mr D Briggs, Mr J Elfes, Mr N Harris, Mr C Hurworth, Mr G Caspersz, Mr G Thomas,
Ms N Glover, Ms A Heath, Mr A Clark, Mr W Whyte and Mr S Thorns

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr J Clark, Mrs C Hudson, Ms J Taylor and Mr J Batt

OTHERS PRESENT

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Alan Lambourne and Ross Osborn.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MATTERS ARISING

It was noted on page 3 of the agenda pack that reference was made to highways in the Weedon and Padbury areas and that Mr Clark had provided Mr Thomas with a response to his enquiry from 20th July 2016 meeting about the regularity and extent of summer verge mowing provided by Transport for Bucks (TfB). For information, the response was as follows for rural grass cutting:

- Cut 1 – Junctions and vision splays across all road categories carried out between April – May
- Cut 2 – 1.2m swathe cut across all road categories.
- Cut 3 - Junctions and vision splays across all road categories carried out between July – August
- Cut 4 – Full Width cut on strategic routes = A & B with some C roads as per asset categorisation between August - December.

In addition to previous years TfB are also clearing vegetation from all central reservations and/or safety barriers on strategic routes as detailed above.

Rural Grass Work Type	Junctions	1.2M Swathe	Junctions	Full Width Cut A, B & C roads	Barriers
Timescale	April-May	May-July	July-August	August-September	

It was noted grass is cut in 'swathes of 1.2 metres', but vegetation outside 1.2 metres grows very high and falls towards the carriageway. It was commented that cutting the 1.2 metres at an angle could prevent grass falling as it would be supported by grass of similar, but slightly shorter length. The Chairman recommended that Mr Clark report this information back to TfB for consideration.

Mr A Clark pointed out on page 4 that attendance at the site meeting on 3rd June 2016 in Frieth was Mr J Clark and Mr A Clark, not Mr A Lambourne. This will be corrected.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then agreed as a correct record.

4. NEW ONLINE REPORT SYSTEM

Mr Jack Douglass, Business Improvement Officer from the county council's Transport Economy and Environment department was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. He provided the following information:

- It was noted that the current reporting system for Rights of Way was quite complicated, unattractive and not especially useful on mobile phones.
- The county council's Head of Digital chose to redesign the reporting system for potholes and street lighting, which is the busiest area for online reporting.
- The new system will go live in December 2016 and will allow issues to be reported directly onto a map showing specific streets, located by postcode. This will be called Maintain My Street. Updates will be loaded onto the system for the public to view and updated as matters progress. The location of problems on the map will enable the public to view defects on their street already reported and this will prevent double reporting.
- You can choose specific issues and view the status, such as progress on repairs. It will also be possible to upload photos and provide more information to a specific problem if the original report lacked detail.
- This service is currently being tested to receive customer feedback.

It was noted that there was no target date for Rights of Way to be added to the new system, but would be considered if the new system was to be expanded. The Report It system will still be available for uploading issues on the Rights of Way network.

One problem with the existing Report It system was transferring web data to the Countryside Access Management System (CAMS). This is the system rights of way

teams use to raise orders. Mr A Clark said the Report It system was registering the problem as resolved (or 'Job Done') when it has only been transferred from the web data to the CAMS GIS system. Mr Douglass said resolving this issue was not something he could resolve. Ms Taylor said this was to be addressed by TfB. Members were asked to check the system over the coming months to see if these problems were being eliminated and report back to us.

Ms Taylor explained that Exegesis had visited BCC last week to provide some updates on the latest CAMS system; and during that visit they provided a brief explanation of CAMS web. Volunteers can interact, log problems and track their reports. Parish councils can report issues and then take things back if appropriate, to resolve locally. It does seem to be an all singing, all dancing version of the Report It system specifically for rights of way.

Paul Harris, Oxfordshire County Council, was asked if they had adopted the Maintain My Street approach. He said yes, but rights of way were separate and had moved fully to CAMs Web. This system provides better public interaction and the web interface is much better than the old system. Mr Harris offered an open invitation to BCC or the LAF to come to Oxfordshire to see CAMs Web in action.

Mr Thorns asked how many members of the public access the system in a week. Mr Douglass said it can be hundreds, depending on the time of year.

Mr Worrell, member of the public, from the British Driving Society asked if the system would be postcode orientated. Mr Douglass confirmed, yes, and by street name, but not currently by parish, but they can look to develop. It was asked, what happens if you add 'Footpath 12'? Mr Douglass wasn't sure, but if/when rights of way are included in the new system, these are the conversations that needed to take place.

Mr Worrell also said the council should look at what Hampshire had done, combining the Lists of Streets and rights of way on one map. People who are looking up rights of way can see whether it's a highway or not. This is also a great help for people doing research into lost rights of way. The lady's name in Hampshire is Gale Johnson.

The chairman asked if footways on the vehicular highway network were being included in the Maintain My Street system? Mr Douglass was not sure at present.

Cllr Whyte noted that most residents were not aware of the technical difference between a footway and a right of way; they just want the count council to deal with it.

A LAF member asked if there were any plans to do a press release so the public know there is a new system in place which would assist them. Mr Douglass said, yes, absolutely and went on to explain that conversations had been had with parishes regarding soft marketing and the cabinet member for transportation, Cllr Shaw, would take the lead on communication after the development stage had concluded. Parishes will form an important consultee as many services are now devolved.

The Chairman concluded that the Forum would like Rights of Way to be included in the next 'Maintain My Street' upgrade so that all the benefits of the new system could be enjoyed by the many people who report problems on the rights of way network.

Mr Douglass confirmed this was 'work in progress'. They are looking to release what they are currently developing on the 5th December 2016 for public testing over a four week period for reporting street light and pot-hole defects. A decision will be made on what happens next in mid-January 2017.

The chairman confirmed the Forum would mark that up in the diary for future lobbying.

5. RIGHT OF WAY GROUP REPORT

Definitive Map

Mr Elfes said there seemed to be a fixed timescale of 2-3 years for doing Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMOs) yet when a development affects a route, suddenly they can be done in six months. This suggests they could have been done in six months to start with and the process could be speeded up.

It was advised that the 2-3 year timescale for the completion of investigations into DMMOs is due to investigative work being so time consuming and there was only 1 member of staff working on DMMOs at present, 4-days per week.

Mr Hurworth said that he believed Buckinghamshire were very good in getting their applications through in a relatively short time scale compared to many counties, some of whom have backlogs going back ten years or more. Mr Elfes concluded they were winners in a very slow race indeed!

It was raised that there was no timescale for determining Village Green applications. Mrs Hudson said these are very expensive due to inquiry costs, so only one is done annually.

Strategic Access

Mr Clark explained that £15 million of the £40 million available for local projects from HS2 would be made available within the 'central area' when the HS2 Bill receives Royal Assent, probably in January 2017. This will be called the 'Community & Environment Fund and Business & Local Economy Fund'. The council are currently compiling a spreadsheet of suitable ideas and LAF Members could make Mr Clark aware prior to January 2017 of any ideas for projects that could utilise this money.

Mr Clark also advised that a £500,000 grant had been secured for cycling improvements around the Wendover area from HS2 Ltd. The Ridgeway Partnership were aware of these funding streams.

Groundwork and the county council have worked together and secured £3 million from HS2 for the Colne Valley. This includes the area of Buckinghamshire around the M25, including Iwer, Denham and Grand Union Canal. Again, ideas for projects are welcome.

A member asked how these sums came about before projects has been identified. Mr Clark explained that counties had lobbied government through the Parliamentary Committee process to ask for mitigation to off-set having HS2 on the doorstep with none of the benefits that such a railway brings. The Wendover improvements are linked to the proposed National Cycleway and Grand Union Triangle. There may be money for path improvements, but not path maintenance.

Mr Thomas highlighted the money spent on up-grading of cycle ways/footpaths along the A413. There is now a good footpath in Weedon which will eventually deteriorate and only a small maintenance budget.

Cllr Whyte explained that the cycleway was a government grant, so if we didn't bid for it we wouldn't have had anything, so the debate about maintenance or no maintenance is very good, but it makes no difference to getting the path or not. It will be a challenge in the next five or ten years', but he wouldn't have wanted to stop the new path happening. It's a completely different budget from a different organisation. At least residents have an asset to think about maintaining, rather than no asset.

Mr Clark spoke of plans for the Stoke Mandeville bypass (A4010) where HS2 meets Network Rail's line to Princes Risborough. Further information on the footpath crossings will be provided at the next meeting.

ACTION: Mr Clark

Mr Clark outlined the multiple projects affecting Iwer village, though this did provide the opportunity to resolve the dead end Iwer Footpath 15 created by Crossrail. Further information in the agenda pack.

Maintenance

Ms Taylor outlined a joint maintenance project with the Thames Path National Trail Team to resurface 300m of riverside path at Marlow. Mr Thorns gave feedback, as a National trails volunteer, that many local walkers had said the contractor, Smallwoods, had done a good job.

Ms Taylor outlined a meeting that had been held with the county council's Devolvement Lead Officer regarding the 80 parishes involved in devolved services last year. They discussed improvements to managing the mowing list for 2017 and for parishes to provide feedback on their schedules and route clearance. Some routes could be removed where mowing is unnecessary.

Ms Taylor was still seeking a new rights of way officer for the central and south parts of the county; with interviews for the central role due to take place within a matter of days. Corinne Waldron's south officer post is still vacant. She thought she would have to look at organising the officer's areas, probably split in two: north and south.

Ms Taylor explained that the schedule of maintenance outcomes would be updated and circulated to members within the next few weeks.

ACTION: Ms Taylor

6. LAF MEMBERS' REPORT

The Forum noted the information contained within the agenda pack and the following points were raised:

A letter was issued to the landowner regarding the open access land at Frieth, following members' discussions in July 2016. This letter is in the agenda pack and concludes the matter from the Forum's perspective. The Open Spaces Society thanked the Forum for their efforts to try and resolve the problems.

The Restoring the Record project co-ordinator reported 53% coverage of the county, with most volunteers coming forward via parish councils. The Chairman noted the big gaps north of Wycombe and Aylesbury. Mr Clark said the volunteer co-ordinator had been working hard recently and was doing an excellent job.

Cllr Whyte asked if the project will address the gaps that exist between footpaths and the verge on the road. Mr Clark explained this is exactly what the project was about: connecting missing links.

Mr Clark was to write to the Open Spaces Society about hosting and sharing information from the Restoring the Record (RTR) project on their website. However, Mr Thorns had drafted a possible LAF website, circulated to members a few weeks ago, that could host this information for project volunteers to access. Mr Thorns said he can't maintain it, but could show people how quickly one can be created for free. The Chairman suggested perhaps Mr Clark could discuss with Jack Douglass, but Cllr Whyte said there was no budget to get teams involved and this has to be a volunteer effort. The Forum should use either a free website or Bucks Voice. Mrs

Hudson reminded the Forum that the county council needed to remain completely impartial from the RTR Project and the Forum was an independent body. The Chairman asked Mr Harris if Oxfordshire LAF had an independent website. He said the county council host their LAF's website. Wiltshire LAF did have an independent website until the volunteer with the skills left. It was concluded that without a volunteer the Forum will not have its own website.

Mr Clark outlined the correspondence from the British Horse Society (BHS) written to all LAFs in England regarding the Section 36 street list and how it's maintained. Mrs Hudson advised that any route shown on the List of Streets will be exempt from the cut-off date. It was the county's approach not to remove any route on the List of Streets without a legal Order through the Magistrate's Court. This is a public process subject to consultation. Mr Worrell, member of the public, asked about old lists and compared with new lists. Mrs Hudson said Transport for Bucks (TfB) administer the List of Streets, not the Rights of Way team, but a comparison could be made of old lists with new ones to ensure routes have not been lost. The Chairman asked for a briefing on how the list is maintained in Buckinghamshire for the next meeting. Mrs Hudson will respond to the BHS.

ACTION: Mrs Hudson

Mr Clark outlined the Chiltern and South Bucks Local Plan consultation and asked if members would like to follow a similar process of member consultation and input as done previously for the Wycombe and Aylesbury Vale plans. The Chairman agreed for the Draft Plan to be circulated for comments by members when available.

It was reported that the LAF training day at Maidenhead council was very useful and Mr Clark thanked Mr Osborn, Mr Thorns and Mr Caspersz for attending.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business to be discussed.

8. DATE OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will take place on 8th March 2017.

Chairman



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

AGENDA ITEM 4

Date: 8th March 2016

Title: Local Access Forum consultation:

Authors: Joanne Taylor & Jonathan Clark

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A. Consultation: Traffic Regulation Order for Byway 40 & 40A Great & Little Kimble

Please refer to the plan in Appendix 1 and the accompanying photos in Appendix 2.

This route was upgraded from bridleway to 'byway open to all traffic' after a Definitive Map Modification Order was confirmed by an Inspector after a public inquiry in 2012. This winter has seen a growth in 4 x 4 vehicular use resulting in severe rutting and excessive mud, rendering the route through Pulpit Wood inconvenient for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. The rights of way team has very little funding to regularly repair damage of this nature.

The National Trust is the main landowner and they are able to access their land without using the byway. The Wildlife Trust also manage the Rifle Range which is part of the Grangelands SSSI on a 99-year lease from the county council. They have vehicular access along this byway. However, since they took over the site a few years ago The Wildlife Trust have not needed to make use of the byway.

The land also has important ecological significance: 570m passes through Pulpit Hill & Grangelands SSSI; 170m passes through Pulpit Wood Local Wildlife Site (mix of habitats: woodland, scrub, pond and grassland); 600m abuts a Special Area of Conservation (Chilterns Beech woods); and 230m sits next to a Local Wildlife Site (unimproved chalk grassland).

From a Heritage perspective, damage to the wood banks along the edges of the historic footpath is quite extensive, being damaged by rutting. This, combined with the risk of damage to unknown buried archaeological deposits, is enough to cause concern to the County Archaeology Service. They have suggested: *"this is an ancient landscape, designated an Archaeological Notification Site, and in order to protect it we would suggest closure of the byway to vehicles"*.

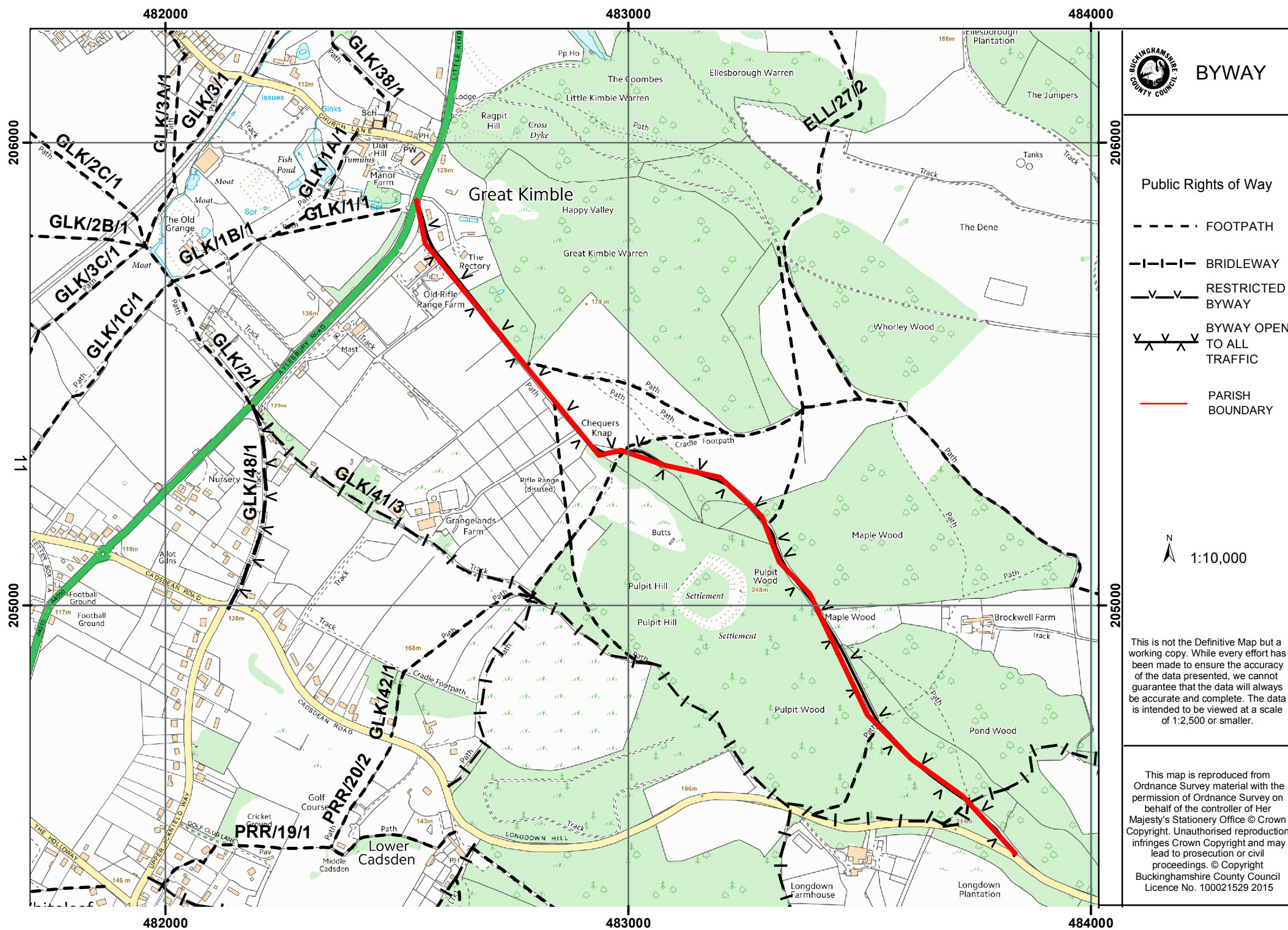
The council is therefore seeking the Local Access Forum's advice on the next course of action. A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is a legal order available to the

county council which can control certain types of traffic using a route. The council's thought is that a FULL CLOSURE all year round, for all motorised traffic (4x4 vehicles and motorbike) is required to protect the convenience of walkers, cyclists and horse riders, but also to protect ecological and historic environment interests. In such a scenario, bollards at both ends will physically prevent access.

Other options include:

- a) Seasonal Closure (November to May) for all Motorised vehicles (4x4s) and motorcycles;
- b) Full closure for motor cars, but seasonal closure for motorcycles November to May (access controls as above).

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Appendix 4









BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

AGENDA ITEM 5

Date: 8th March 2017

Title: Rights of Way group update

Authors: Helen Francis, Jonathan Clark and Joanne Taylor

Contact Officer: Christina Beevers (01296 382938)

A. DEFINITIVE MAP TEAM – OUTSTANDING CASELOAD (HELEN FRANCIS)

MATTER DETERMINED BY RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

1. **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 10-12 May 2016 and 13 September 2016. **The Order has not been confirmed by the Inspector.**
2. **Edgcott** – application to record Lawn House Lane as a Public Footpath to Public Footpath 11 Edgcott. **Order made, objection received so the matter has been referred to the Secretary of State.**
3. **Iver** – application to record route from Grange Way to Colne Orchard as a Public Footpath. **Order made, objections received so matter referred to the Secretary of State. Public Inquiry will be held 18 July 2017.**
4. **Great Missenden** – application to record route across Widmere Field. **Order made, objections received, matter will be referred to the Secretary of State.**

B. 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 urgently.

5. **Hedgerley** – application to upgrade public footpath No. 14 to public bridleway status based on historical evidence. **Application dated 5 December 2013. Under Investigation – scheduled for mid-2017 Committee.**

6. **Bledlow** – application to investigate the alignment of public footpath No. 52. **Application dated 19 December 2013. Investigation not started – scheduled for mid-2017 Committee.**
7. **Quainton** – application to upgrade public footpath No. 4 to public bridleway status. **Application dated 21 October 2014. Investigation not started – scheduled for late-2017 Committee.**
8. **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 late-2017 Committee.**
9. **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 early-2018 Committee.**
10. **Thornborough** – application to record a public footpath around the field off Back Street. **Application dated 6 January 2016. Investigation not started – scheduled for early-2018 Committee.**
11. **Little Chalfont** - application to record a public footpath around Statters Field off Burton Lane. **Application dated 13 January 2016. Investigation not started – scheduled for mid-2018 Committee.**
12. **Marlow** – application to record a public footpath from Cromwell Gardens to New Court. **Application dated 15 January 2016. Investigation not started – scheduled for mid-2018 Committee.**
13. **Denham** – application to upgrade Shire Lane from bridleway to restricted byway. **Application dated 23 January 2016. Application re-prioritised as affected by development – scheduled for early-2017 Committee.**
14. **Whaddon** – application to modify the alignment of Public Footpath No. 6. **Application dated 4 February 2016. Investigation not started – scheduled for late-2018 Committee meeting.**
15. **Lillingstone Dayrell** – application to upgrade Public Footpath No.1 to restricted byway status. **Application dated 15 February 2016 - scheduled for late-2018 Committee meeting.**
16. **Lillingstone Dayrell** – application to upgrade Public Footpath No. 2 to public bridleway status. **Application dated 15 February 2016 – scheduled for late-2018 Committee meeting.**
17. **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 early-2019 Committee meeting.**
18. **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 early-2019 Committee meeting.**
19. **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 re-prioritised as affected by development – scheduled for early-2017 Committee meeting.**

20. **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 mid-2019 Committee meeting.**
21. **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 early-2017 Committee meeting.**
22. **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 mid-2019 Committee meeting.**
23. **Leckhampstead** - Application to upgrade Public Footpath No. 5 (part) to Public Bridleway and add a route which connects with No.5 as Public Bridleway. **Application dated 21 June 2016 – scheduled for late-2019 Committee meeting.**
24. **Chesham** – Application to add a Public Footpath to the Definitive Map between Fair Leas and Asheridge Road. **Application received 20 December 2016 – scheduled for late-2019 Committee meeting.**

C. PUBLIC PATH ORDERS

25. **Quarrendon** – Application to divert Footpath No. 2. **Instructions sent to Legal to make an Order.**
26. **Quainton** – Application to divert Bridleway No 21. **Awaiting completion of works.**
27. **Biddlesden and Turweston** – Application to divert Public Footpaths No. 6 and 8. **Awaiting further details from the applicant, the application will then be consulted on again.**
28. **Buckingham** – Application to divert Bridleway No. 13 (part). **Under consultation.**
29. **Hambleton** – Application to divert Footpath No.17 – **Awaiting completion of works.**
30. **Tingewick** – Application to divert Footpaths Nos. 29(part) and 31 and Stop Up Footpath No. 30(part) and create new Footpath and Bridleway – **Order re-made, in objection period.**
31. **Aston Clinton** – Application to divert public footpaths No. 6 under the Town and Country Planning Act – **Order re-made, objection period finished 8 February 2017, awaiting completion of any works.**
32. **Little Missenden** – Application to divert Footpath No. 4 – **Order made. Awaiting completion of works.**
33. **Mentmore** – Application to divert Footpath No. 1 – **Under consultation.**
34. **Weston Turville** – Application to divert Footpath No. 33 – **in discussion with applicant and neighbouring landowner.**
35. **The Lee** – Application to divert Footpath No. 6 – **awaiting further information from the applicant.**

36. **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.**
37. **Steeple Claydon** – Application to divert Footpath No 6. **Order Made. ON HOLD until further notice.**
38. **Wing** – Application to stop up Footpath No. 14 – **Order re-made. Awaiting completion of work on site.**
39. **Mursley, Swanbourne and Little Horwood** – Application to divert Public Footpaths No. 19, 20 and 27. **Awaiting completion of works on site**
40. **Stewkley** – Application to divert Footpath No.21. **Awaiting decision on planning permission before progressing the matter.**

D. VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATIONS

41. **High Wycombe** – land at Meadow Close, Wycombe Marsh. **A Public Inquiry is being held 15th – 17th March 2017**
42. **Wooburn** – land off Cherwell Road, Bourne End. **Under investigation.**

Background Papers

None

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B. STRATEGIC ACCESS UPDATE (JONATHAN CLARK)

43. The HS2 Bill saw its 3rd reading in the House of Lords on 31st January 2017. Royal Assent should have been secured by 28th February 2017. The county council will then receive a works programme for the first 6-months of construction activities, which is likely to include works to undertake road realignments (for example, Calvert Road, Steeple Claydon); construct the Stoke Mandeville Bypass; setting-up construction compounds; surveying and ground investigations. The majority of the early works will be habitat creation. Enabling contractors have been appointed by HS2 for work to 2019, when the main railway works are likely to commence. The first draft works programme will be available mid-February 2017. Trains are due to be running in 2026.
44. Further to the presentation on the new Maintain My Street System for reporting highways defects (potholes), etc. at the last meeting, and the successful deployment of the 'CAMS Web' system in Oxfordshire, an officer from Exegesis is attending county hall to demonstrate the system to the definitive Map Team and Enforcement Team leaders. The new system will allow a more streamlined and interactive problem reporting system for both officers and users. If successful the target will be to bring the system online this year.
45. The pre-submission draft for the Aylesbury Vale Local Plan is likely to be open for a 6-week public consultation in April 2017 before submission to government. Currently, there is a proposal to reduce the housing target from 33,000 to 26,800. Similarly, the Wycombe pre-submission document is due around April 2017, but the Chiltern and South Bucks Local Plan pre-submission will not be due until late summer 2017. The Slough Local Plan is also out for public consultation and Alison may respond on behalf of the BHS over their desire for a crossing of the A412. Members may wish to make their own response.

46. The Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2008 -2018 is due for renewal over the next 24 months. The first part of the process will be to look back and reflect on progress to deliver upon the aims and ambitions of the 2008-2018 Plan. A discuss will also be needed to identify areas where targets have not been met, but both will inform the process of producing a new Plan.
47. The number of new donors to the Chiltern Society's Donate-a-Gate scheme now stands at 350, an increase of 11 since the June 2016 meeting. The North Bucks Donate-a-Gate project, led by the rRIPPLE group, is progressing, with the rRIPPLE volunteers are installing around 1 gate per week.

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C. RIGHTS OF WAY OPERATIONS UPDATE (JOANNE TAYLOR)

48. The team are working in partnership with Oxfordshire county council and the landowner to replace a bridge on the county boundary between Chetwode and Godington. The bridge is on Chetwode Bridleway 24 which has been closed for 2 years in the interests of public safety. Costs of the repair are split 3 ways with each party paying one third of the costs of replacement. On completion the bridleway will be reopened.
49. Members of the Forum will recall the Devolvment Project makes funds available to parish councils in order to undertake summer path clearance. In 2016/17 there were 86 parishes undertaking rights of way summer clearance. There isn't likely to be an increase in the number of parishes undertaking devolvment for 2017/18. When available a list of the parishes involved for this summer will be published on the county council's web site.
50. 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. At the time of writing this report the team had 4 FTE, with 2 vacant posts and one member of staff on maternity leave.
51. Appendix 3 shows the Rights of Way Operations output from 1st April 2015 to 31 January 2017, and includes a break-down of works undertaken by volunteers.
52. Additional larger projects considered for completion during this spring are: 1. replacement of the deck on an equestrian bridge on Denham BW52 (currently closed in the interests of safety); 2. replacement of a footbridge on Wendover FP9 (currently closed in the interests of safety); 3. replacement of a footbridge on Preston Bissett FP18 (currently closed in the interests of safety); 4. repairs to a large 73 metre long bridge on Dorney FP1; and 5. repairs to the surface on Soulbury bridleway number 11, which has been damaged by water erosion.

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**Buckinghamshire County Council - Rights of Way
Summary of Maintenance Carried Out
Between 1/04/15 and 31/01/17**

TYPE	DESCRIPTION	Aprl 15 - Mar 16	Aprl16- Jan17
Alignment	Path Off Line - resolved issue	9	54
Clearance	Clearance - carried out-jobs/km	159km	135km
Bridge	Installed or repaired	61	71
Finger/post	Installed or repaired	233	139
Fly Tipping	Fly Tipping - removed	7	12
Gate	Gate repaired or installed	97	223
Intimidation + animal	Intimidation - resolved	30	28
Intimidating sign	Misleading Sign - removed	6	9
Obstruction - resolved	Barbed wire	4	16
Obstruction - resolved	Barrier - Fencing, wall or other	117	204
Obstruction - resolved	Electric fence	20	25
Obstruction - removed	Fallen Tree	193	230
Obstruction - resolved	Locked Gate	19	25
Obstruction - resolved	Ploughing and Cropping	133	119
Other	Delivery of materials	44	33
Other	Miscellaneous issues resolved	44	45
Stile	Installed or repaired	217	187
Stile	Stile To Gap	32	17
Stile	Stile To KG	76	40
Stile	Stile To PG	62	70
Terrain	Bank Steps	14	17
Terrain	Path Surface problem resolved	74	112
Waymark Post	Installed/Repaired	148	125
Authorisation	New Structure HA80 sec 147	2	4
Issues Signed off	Since 1st April 2015	2197	2098
Volunteer Hours	The Chiltern Society	1368	1330
Volunteer Hours	RA Only	445	430
Improvements	To aid mobility access	257	241
5% Survey Results	Paths Rated easy to use	64%	66%
5% Survey Results	Structures rated easy to use	90%	97%
5% Survey Results	Routes with Roadside Signs	95%	89%
Number on Database	No. of issues os 31/03/12	799	
Number on Database	No. of issues os 31/03/13	1150	
Number on Database	No. of Issues os 31/03/14	1085	
Number on Database	No. of Issues os 31/03/15	1423	
Number on Database	No. of Issues os 31/03/16	1531	
Number on Database	No. of Issues os 14/02/17		1121
% of issues in targ time	Category C issues on Matrix	72%	73%
% of issues in targ ave.	% Enf issues in targ time in mth	no data	74%

Above includes**Volunteer Jobs Completed**

Clearance direct from BCC	136 jobs/29km	149 jobs/36km
Miscellaneous Jobs	8	17
Waymarking and signs	105	79
Gates Repaired and installed	53	51
Bank Steps	5	5
Stiles replaced and repaired	74	61
Trees removed	47	61
Total Jobs	428 jobs	423 jobs
Hours	1813 hours	1330 hours



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

AGENDA ITEM 6

Date: 8th March 2017

Title: LAF members' report

Author: Jonathan Clark, Strategic Access

Contact Officer: Christina Beevers (01296 382938)

Membership

1. Brian Worrell joins the Forum representing carriage drivers. Brian belongs to the British Driving Society for Beds, Bucks and Herts and is a volunteer for the Buckinghamshire Restoring the Record Project.

Open Access

2. Natural England consulted the Forum under the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 on the renewal of two seasonal closures on land at Bledlow Ridge. Members responded in a letter dated 16th January 2017, a copy of which is enclosed in Appendix 4.

Stoke Mandeville Bypass

3. At the November 2016 meeting it was promised to outline more detail of the footpath crossings of the new Stoke Mandeville Bypass. These are highlighted in Appendix 5.

Restoring the Record Project

4. This aims to research lost rights of way on the basis of historical evidence before the definitive map cut-off date on 31st December 2026. The Project now has 112 volunteers covering 110 county parishes. The spatial spread of volunteers is illustrated in Appendix 6. Ross Osborn has been a keen and energetic volunteer co-ordinator since May 2016, but with the bulk of recruitment completed he has now retired from the project, moving onto volunteer with the Chilterns Conservation Board.
5. Alison Heath has been asked by Phil Wadey and Sarah Bucks to act as a reviewer for the 2nd edition of their book 'Rights of Way: Restoring the Record'. Alison's job is to highlight the parts readers may find difficult. The book is being thoroughly revised and Alison is about half way through the manuscript.

Joint LAF work

6. The Chairman of the Oxfordshire Local Access Forum raised the subject of 'access post-Brexit', at the joint LAF meeting in Maidenhead. Her aim is to raise the profile of access in any replacement for Rural Payments following the UK's exit from the EU.

Her idea is to draft a letter to the Conservative MP Richard Banyan suggesting that farmers receive pro-rata *additional* rural payments if they have rights of way crossing their land. This would act as compensation for the inconvenience of the public accessing their land (e.g. crop removal) and aid the creation of new rights of way. Do the LAF have any thoughts on this idea to feed back to the Oxfordshire chairman?

Other relevant items addressed at the meeting were:

- installing mounting blocks and signage along the Jubilee River to allow horses to be led under the low and narrow M4 motorway bridge, and arranging a joint meeting with the Environment Agency (Sarah Bowbrick) to discuss other Jubilee River improvements;
- including the A412 cycling and equestrian bridge crossing between Black Park and Langley Park in the Slough Local Plan; and
- a note that Nick Farthing taken over from Peter Challis at Sustrans

Chilterns Walking Festival

Details of this event are in Appendix 7. Ideas or feedback for the Chilterns Conservation Board would be welcome.

Trail Rider's Fellowship

Chris Hurworth would like to highlight some joint work the Fellowship are doing with Hampshire county council to improve a byway (Appendix 8).

LAF dates for 2017

7. Dates of the next meetings are at 10am in Mezz 1, on 12th July 2017; and 8th November 2017.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

The Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum is an independent, statutory advisory body on all matters relating to countryside access, with members representing a wide range of interests including farmers, landowners, walkers, cyclists, equestrians, parish councils, National Trust and those with disabilities.

16th January 2017

Dear Rob,

Open Access Consultation at Chawley Manor (Reviews for cases - 2012026254, 2006070033 and 2006040177)

Open Access Consultation at Lower Horseshoes -Wayside Farm (Review case 2006100011)

Thank you for your letter of 13th December 2017 and I apologise for the delay in responding. Unfortunately, your consultation fell over the Christmas period and outside our normal meeting times. Nevertheless, members have been consulted and the Forum has the following comments, applying to both reviews.

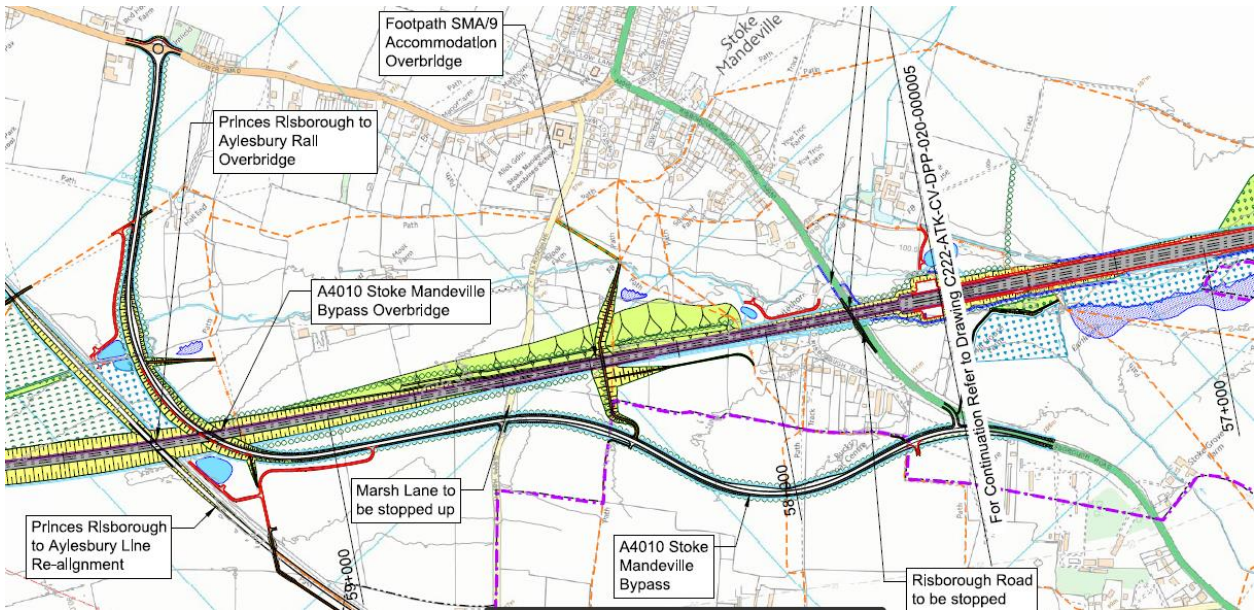
It doesn't seem necessary from the information provided that it is necessary to close the land for a 'block period' as the area could be shut off on shoot days only.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Richard Pushman', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Richard Pushman (Chairman)

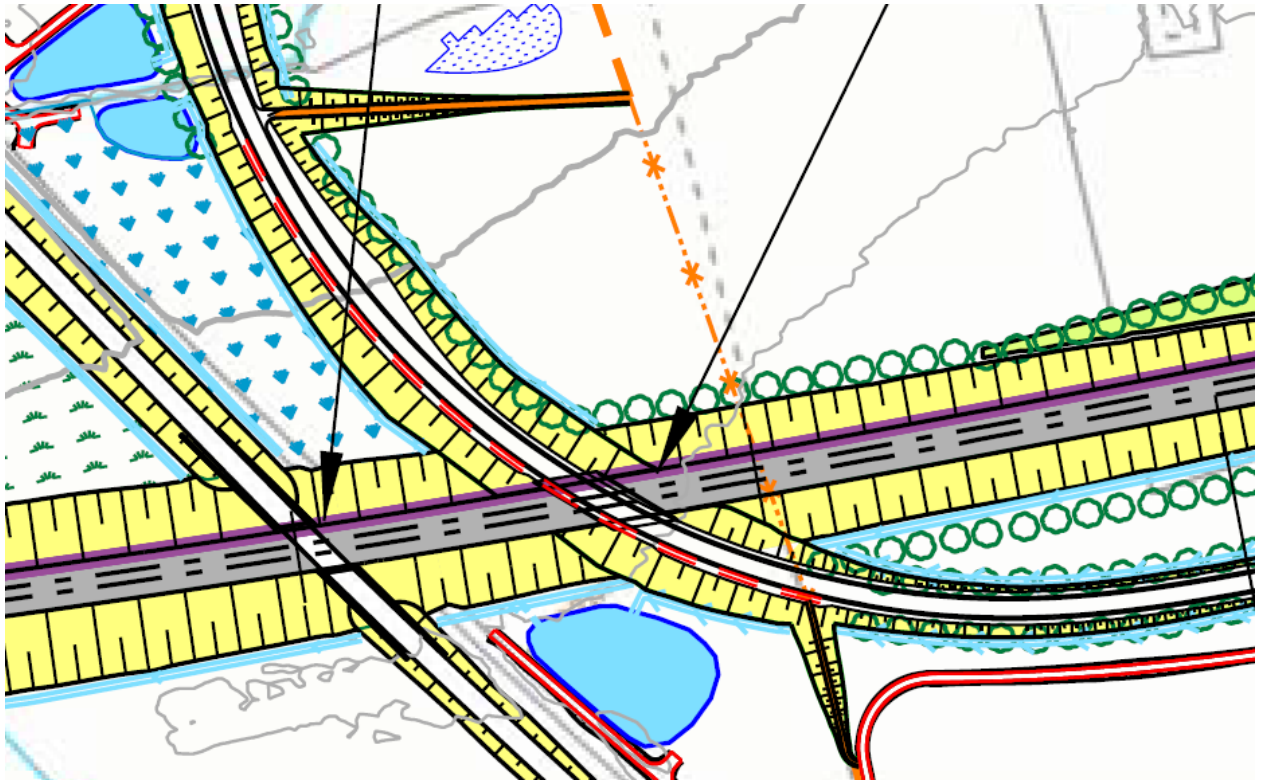
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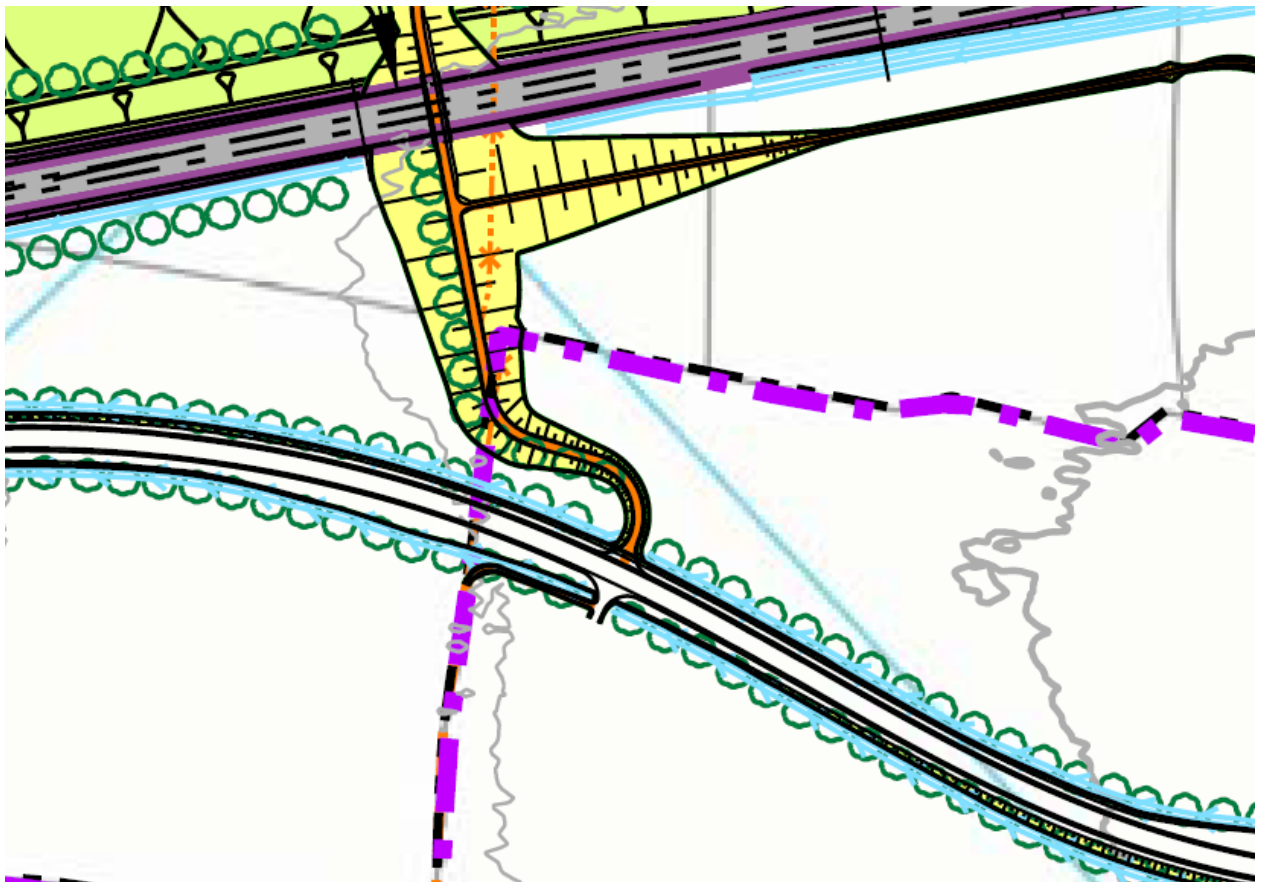
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EXTRACT 1



EXTRACT 2

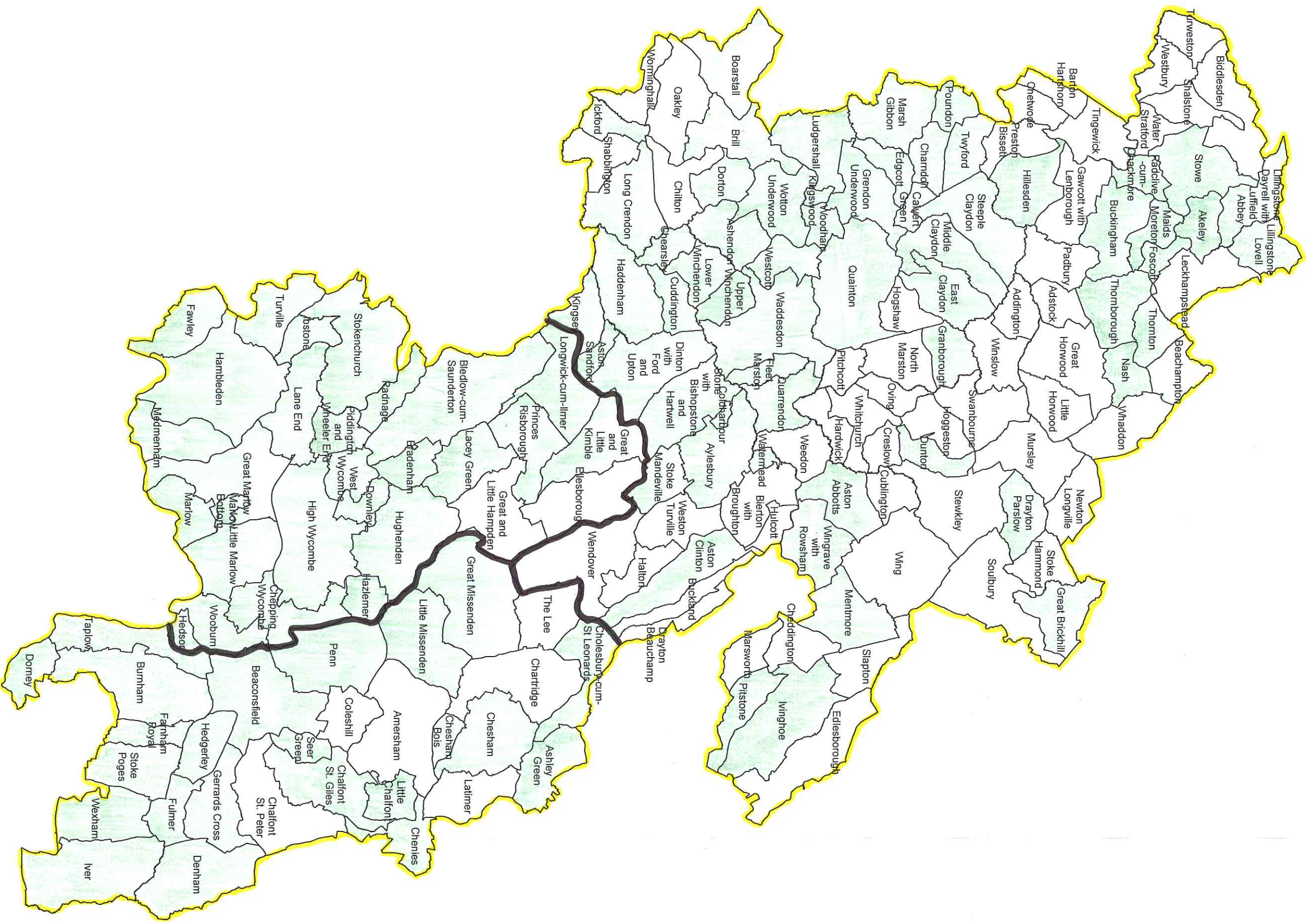


EXTRACT 3



EXTRACT 4

RESTORING THE RECORD PROJECT: VOLUNTEER COVERAGE





New for 2017, the **Chilterns Walking Festival** invites people to explore the landscapes, locations and legends of The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The spring festival runs from **15 – 29 May 2017**, with an exciting programme of walks, talks and special events.

The Chiltern Society, The National Trust, Ramblers groups and a variety of other local groups and organisations are working together to deliver an exciting programme which offers plenty of choice as well as opportunities to take part in interesting walks and events, meet new people, learn about the area and gain an appreciation for the Chilterns.

The Spring festival is the first of six, being run by the Chilterns Conservation Board, made possible by funding from LEADER (www.leader-programme.org.uk/areas/chilterns.html). The festivals aim to showcase what the Chilterns have to offer to new visitors, increase visitor spend and overnight stays, as well as provide local residents with a variety of leisure activities in our beautiful countryside. Here's a taste of the events confirmed so far:

- **Henley and it's Midsomer Murders Locations - Sat 20th May & Sat 27th May**
A walk discovering Midsomer Murders filming locations & Henley history, starting and finishing at The Argyll Pub. Led by The Henley Hosts.
- **Stokenchurch and Crowell - Sun 21st May**
A short 7.5 mile route from Stokenchurch up Kingston Wood before heading down on the Oxfordshire side and back up in a circuit. Led by the Oxon & Chilterns 20s-30s Ramblers.
- **Butterflies and Blooms - Thu 18th May & Sat 20th May**
A walk around Aston Rowant Nature Reserve to explore butterflies and flora and fauna of the season. Led by Natural England.
- **Boat and Walking Tour - Tue 16th May & Tue 23rd May**
This special event combines cruising and gentle walking along the River Thames & Thames Path between Henley and Hambleden lock. Led by Hobbs of Henley and expert walk leaders.
- **Checkendon Walk & Lunch - Sat 20th May**
A pleasant circular walk exploring the woods and landscape around the attractive village of Checkendon. Led by the Chiltern Society.
- **Chalfont St Peter graveyard walk and talk - Fri 26th May**
A short circular walk around the church and St Peter's Garden, whilst hearing about some of the famous and fascinating folks who are buried there. Led by Denise Beddows, researcher & local author.
- **Discovering Wild Medicine - Sat 20th May**
A walk around The Sunnyside Trust's Hemel Food Garden, discovering what plants can be used for medicinal purposes. Led by Sunnyside Trust and Lucy Bluden, wild medicine expert.
- **The Box Moor Trust Guided Walk - Mon 15th May**
The Blue walk route, including a history of the area and information on The Bulbourne restoration project. Led by The Box Moor Trust.

And there are so many more fantastic walks and events to come! Walks are being confirmed all the time - for full information and to book, go to www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest

To get involved in the festivals, whether you have a walk to offer, a sponsorship opportunity, or would like to publicise the festival, please contact Anna Foster, Project Manager, on afoster@chilternsaonb.org or 07779 643849.

Langrish Boat 23 Pidham Lane East Meon Five Ways Maintenance and Repairs

Loddon Vale Trail Riders Fellowship & Hants CC joint co-operation





Langrish 23 Repair Scope (July 2016)

large pools + fallen trees



Access for horse riders and walkers is becoming difficult due to large pools forming in several areas and falling trees.



Pools require draining, filling with hard core and new surface formed with scalpings. Trees require to be cut up and cleared. Drainage can be improved to reduce water damage.



Langrish 23 Repair Site Visit (21Jan17)

3 large holes and rutting



Large holes are still evident from water damage/drainage issues, but rutting due to use / field access has increased since July 2016.



Suggestion to increase quantities of materials by 50% to ensure the scope can be fully completed and drainage improved. Any excess materials can be used 50m further up the byway.



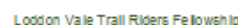
Langrish 23 Method Statement and Risk Assessments (Devon)

- Outline method statement drafted based on initial site discussion.



Microsoft Word
7 - 2003 Document

- 3 risk assessment forms created
 - Manual handling
 - Small hand tools
 - Working around site machinery



Risk Assessment	
ACTIVE	POTENTIAL INJURIES AND RESPONSE
TOP CONCERNS 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.
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Timeline

- Initial site visit with HCC 1st July 2016
 - Grant Application submitted 20th October 2016
 - Grant application approved 10th November 2016
 - HCC Contract received 10th December 2016
 - HCC – TRF Contract approved 10th January 2017
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- Detailed site visit 21st January 2017
 - Announced workparty date 22nd January 2017
 - Materials contract TBC
 - Machinery contract TBC
 - Materials delivery 1 week before ?
 - 1 day workgroup repair 4th March 2017

