



## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

# Report

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### AGENDA ITEM 4

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Section 60 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 requires the county council to assess and review the ROWIP no more than 10 years after publication. The Buckinghamshire ROWIP (2008-2018) expires at the end of 2018 and the council would like to consult the Local Access Forum for advice on the structure and content of a review. The existing document can be found here:

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/public-rights-of-way/future-of-rights-of-way/rights-of-way-improvement-plan/>

This review will be an opportunity to highlight successes and short-comings of the council's performance over the plan period. Ultimately, the review should address the extent to which the rights of way network has been improved for walkers, cyclists, equestrians, the partially sighted or those with reduced mobility in the last 10 years; and to mark progress that will inform the development of the council's 2<sup>nd</sup> ROWIP.

Some questions the review might ask:

- How successful was the Plan in delivering the outcomes set at the end of each chapter and was the structure of the document helpful?
- To what extent were the targets set in the Plan ambitious and were these targets based on evidence?
- Which elements of the Plan were useful, successful and informative to the work carried out by the council / volunteers that could be included in ROWIP 2?
- Has the council sustained adequate investment to maintain and improve the county's rights of way network in the plan period?
- Has the council provided better information on rights of way; has it created useful new routes to address fragmentation; and have communities and voluntary groups been involved in improvements?

The council also seeks advice on a realistic target date for producing the review and who should be consulted?

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