



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

AGENDA ITEM 6

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Title: Rights of Way group update

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DEFINITIVE MAP TEAM – Outstanding Caseload

A. MATTERS PREVIOUSLY DETERMINED BY COMMITTEE

1. **Great Missenden** – application to record route across Widmer Field. **Application dated 10 October 2014. The Order was advertised and objections received; the Order and objections will be referred to the Secretary of State for determination. Awaiting permission from one of the landowners to allow an Inspector access to the land to walk the Order route.**
2. **Denham** – application to upgrade Shire Lane from bridleway to restricted byway. **Application dated 23 January 2016. Order made and advertised, objections received. Awaiting response from Objector. If objection not withdrawn the Order will be sent off.**
3. **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. Connected with No.2 above. Order made and advertised, objections received.**
4. **Great and Little Kimble and Ellesborough** – Prohibition Order along BOAT Nos. 40, 40A and 62. **Draft Order advertised, objections received and under consideration. Second report presented to Committee 26 February 2019. Committee agreed to implement an all year round Prohibition Order preventing access for motor vehicles. Motorcycles and quadbikes to be permitted 12 months of the year but must apply for a yearly permit to use the byway. The Prohibition Order will be reviewed after 12 months.**
5. **Hedgerley** – application to upgrade public footpath No. 14 to public bridleway status based on historical evidence. **Application dated 5 December 2013. Application accepted by Committee. An Order will be made and advertised.**

B. DEFINITIVE MAP APPLICATIONS TO BE INVESTIGATED AND REPORTED TO COMMITTEE.

All Definitive Map Modification applications are dealt with in chronological order of receipt. However, we will prioritise certain applications under the following circumstances:

- I. The evidence in support (either fully or in part) of the application is that of User Evidence
 - II. There is a threat of development affecting the claimed route
 - III. If the evidence in support of the application is shared with another application within the chronological list and it would be efficient to investigate the applications concurrently
1. **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, discussions with developer regarding a Creation Agreement.**
 2. **Marlow** – application to record a public footpath from Cromwell Gardens to New Court. **Application dated 15 January 2016. Under investigation – scheduled for mid-2019 Committee.**
 3. **Thornborough** – application to record a public footpath around the field off Back Street. **Application dated 6 January 2016. Rejected by Committee – 26 February 2019. CASE CLOSED.**
 4. **Little Chalfont** - application to record a public footpath around Statters Field off Burton Lane. **Application dated 13 January 2016. Under investigation – scheduled for mid-2019 Committee.**
 5. **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 mid-2019 Committee meeting.**
 6. **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 late-2019 Committee meeting.**
 7. **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.**
 8. **Chesham** – Application to add a Public Footpath to the Definitive Map between Fair Leas and Asheridge Road. **Application received 20 December 2016 – scheduled for early-2020 Committee meeting.**
 9. **High Wycombe** – Application to add a Public Footpath to the Definitive Map between Pinewood Road and Public Footpath No. 93. **Application received 3 October 2017 – scheduled for early-2020 Committee meeting.**
 10. **Stokenchurch** - Application to add routes to the Definitive Map at East Wood, Stokenchurch. **Application received 9 October 2017 – scheduled for mid-2020 Committee meeting.**

11. **Penn** – Application to add a route to the Definitive Map between Public Footpath No. 36 and No. 44. **Application received 19 December 2017 – scheduled for mid-2020 Committee meeting.**
12. **Whitchurch** – 3 new applications received to add footpaths to the Definitive Map and Statement – Awaiting acknowledgement and addition to the register of applications. **Investigations not started – scheduled for late-2020 Committee meeting.**
13. **Whaddon** – application to add a Public Footpath to the Definitive Map between Whaddon Hall and Public Footpath No.6. **Application received 21 December 2018 – scheduled for late-2020 Committee meeting.**
14. **Quainton** – application to upgrade public footpath No. 4 to public bridleway status. **Application dated 21 October 2014. Investigation not started – scheduled for late-2020 Committee.**
15. **Bledlow** – application to investigate the alignment of public footpath No. 52. **Application dated 19 December 2013. Investigation not started – scheduled for early-2021 Committee.**
16. **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-2021 Committee.**
17. **Whaddon** – application to modify the alignment of Public Footpath No. 6. **Application dated 4 February 2016. Investigation not started – scheduled for early-2021 Committee meeting.**
18. **Lillingstone Dayrell** – application to upgrade Public Footpath No.1 to restricted byway status. **Application dated 15 February 2016 - scheduled for mid-2021 Committee meeting.**
19. **Lillingstone Dayrell** – application to upgrade Public Footpath No. 2 to public bridleway status. **Application dated 15 February 2016 – scheduled for mid-2021 Committee meeting.**
20. **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 mid-2021 Committee meeting.**
21. **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 late-2021 Committee meeting.**
22. **Water Stratford** – application to add a claimed bridleway to the Definitive Map and Statement, Parish of Water Stratford – **scheduled for late-2021 Committee meeting.**

C. PUBLIC PATH ORDERS

1. **Quarrendon** – Application to divert Footpath No. 2. **Order Made, awaiting for completion of works.**

2. **Buckingham** – Application to divert Bridleway No. 13 (part). **Order made and advertised, no objections received, awaiting completion of works.**
3. **Dorney** – Creation of footpath. **Awaiting draft Order.**
4. **Tingewick** – Application to divert Footpaths Nos. 29(part) and 31 and Stop Up Footpath No. 30(part) and create new Footpath and Bridleway – **Order made, awaiting completion of works.**
5. **Weston Turville** – Application to divert Footpath No. 33 – **Awaiting draft Order.**
6. **The Lee** – Application to divert Footpath No. 6 – **Order advertised, objection received. The Order will be sent to the Secretary of State for determination.**
7. **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.**
8. **Wing** – Application to stop up Footpath No. 14 – **works completed, awaiting adoption of alternative route.**
9. **Mursley, Swanbourne and Little Horwood** – Application to divert Public Footpaths No. 19, 20 and 27. **Awaiting completion of works on site.**
10. **Lane End** – Application to divert Footpath No. 9 – **Order made, no objections received, awaiting for completion of works on site.**
11. **Shabbington** – Application to divert Footpath No. 6 – **Confirmed Order being advertised.**
12. **Shabbington** – Application to divert Footpath No. 5 – **Confirmed Order being advertised.**
13. **Chepping Wycombe** – Application to divert Footpath No. 47 – **Order confirmed. CASE CLOSED.**
14. **Coleshill** – Application to divert Footpath No. 1 – **Made Order to be advertised 8th February 2019.**
15. **Calvert Green and Steeple Claydon** – Application to temporary divert Footpaths No. 5 and 17 for quarry works – **Temporary Traffic Regulation Order to be made until works finished.**
16. **Quarrendon** – Application to divert Footpath No. 3 – **Investigation not started.**
17. **Tingewick** – Application to divert Footpath No. 2 – **Order confirmed. CASE CLOSED.**
18. **Chesham** – Application to extinguish part of the width of Footpath No. 114 – **Order to be made.**
19. **Aston Clinton** – Application to divert Footpaths Nos. 3, 4 and 6 under the Town and Country Planning Act – **Order to be made.**
20. **Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell** – Application to divert Footpath No. 6 – **Order to be made.**

21. **Great Missenden** – Application to divert Footpath No. 35 - **Investigation not started. NO FURTHER ACTION.**
22. **Weston Turville** – Application to divert Footpath No. 11 – **Investigation not started. NO FURTHER ACTION.**
23. **Fulmer** – Application to divert Footpath No. 2 – **Under investigation.**
24. **Stoke Mandeville** – Application to divert Footpaths Nos. 3 and 14 – **Awaiting a revised application.**
25. **Weston Turville** – Application to divert Footpath No. 21. **Made Order advertised. Order to be confirmed.**
26. **Stewkley** – Application to divert Footpath No. 19. **Made Order advertised. Confirmed Order advertised.**
27. **Aylesbury** – Application to extinguish Footpath No. 7. **Order to be made.**
28. **Little Missenden** – Application to divert Footpath No. 8. **Under investigation.**
29. **Slapton** – Application to divert Footpath No. 14. **Investigation not started.**
30. **Thornborough** – Application to divert Footpath No. 6. **Investigation not started.**
31. **Slapton** – Application to divert Footpath No. 6. **Investigation not started.**

D. VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATIONS

1. **Wooburn** – land off Cherwell Road, Bourne End. **Investigation not started.**
2. **High Wycombe** – land off Warren Wood Drive. **Investigation not started.**

Background Papers

None

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E. STRATEGIC ACCESS UPDATE (JONATHAN CLARK)

32. HS2: at present there is little disruption to the rights of way network as a result of HS2 construction, with contractors allowing for minor diversions while temporary utility, fencing, archaeology and ecology works are undertaken. Any closures or diversions are advertised on the council's website at the following location, where a link can be found named 'HS2 Construction Closures and Diversions' with maps enclosed.
<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/public-rights-of-way/changes-to-public-rights-of-way/>
33. We continue to process applications under Schedule 4, Part 2 of the HS2 Act 2017 to grant permission for HS2 related works and attend monthly meetings with HS2 and their contractors as part of the Traffic Liaison Group. Denham Bridleway 3 alongside the M25 near Maple Cross (Chalfont Lane) remains the only route fully closed (estimated 7 years) in order to construct the Chilterns tunnel portal. Contractors have shared with us preliminary bridge designs for rights of way crossings and we have made early representations regarding surface construction

and legally recorded widths. We have also had our first meeting with HS2 contractor Eiffage Kier to discuss detailed bridge designs between Chesham Road, Great Missenden and Bowood Lane, Wendover.

34. Bilateral meetings are scheduled with Heathrow Airport Ltd throughout 2019 with regard to the 3rd Runway and associated development. We have suggested strategic connections from Heathrow to Iver, Black Park, Pinewood Studios and Slough. So far only proposals within the development's red line have been made (i.e. outside Buckinghamshire), but the council are lobbying for wider 'Blue' (flood storage) and Green Infrastructure improvements.
35. District Council planning consultations continue apace, with the number affecting rights of way remaining high, for example, 63 responses were made in January 2019, mainly to AVDC. Major development areas include the site named 'Land West Aylesbury', situated along the 'infill' between Ellen Road, Aylesbury and HS2, to include a new link road with the A418. Outline applications have also been submitted north-west of the railway line in Princes Risborough as part of the town's planned growth. This will potentially involve around 4 crossings being closed and diverted or provided with a bridge or underpass.
36. The Chilterns Donate-a-Gate scheme has had 30 new donors in 2019 totalling 55 gates. The Ramblers Donate-a-Gate project through RIPPLE's (North Bucks) continues to provide significant funds to purchase new gates.

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F. ROW OPERATIONS UPDATE (Joanne Taylor)

37. The current staff structure is 6 FTE staff: 1 RoW Team Leader, 2 Area RoW Officers, 2 Assistant RoW Officers and 1 Bridge Structure Inspector. The bridge inspection officer is currently on maternity leave, but is set to return in Mid-May.
38. APPENDIX 1 shows the Rights of Way Operations output from 1st April 2016 to the 31st March 2018, and it includes a break-down of works undertaken by volunteers. A third column has been added including work completed up to the end of December 2018.
39. Capital projects update:
 - Iver bridleway no 30 bridge replacement; Completed
 - Chesham FP107 bridge renovation; Work underway, additional work Id'ed
 - Great Missenden FP33 A413 bank steps; Completed
 - Bledlow BW59 surface works; Project on hold – Clearance undertaken
 - Thames Path Marlow 1 Surface/Bank stabilisation - Completed
 - Stewkley FP2/2 surface and drainage works - Completed
 - Great Marlow BW52 Gullied surface repairs – Completed
 - Ivinghoe FP37 - Bridge replacement – Ordered – commence March
 - Ellesborough BW51 surface works. – Completed
 - Hillesden BW11A – stabiliser badger setts – Completed
 - Fawley FP12 – Bridge Replacement – Ordered – commence March
42. Extra capital money was acquired for works to be carried out in this financial year on Hillesden Bridleway 11A, Great Marlow BW52, Ivinghoe FP37 and Fawley FP12. This will reduce the amount of money available for capital projects for next year 2019/20 by the equivalent amount of overspend in 2018/19.

- 43 Wexham BW21 improvements have been put on hold due to a possible County Council planning application to carry out major groundworks on the site.
- 44 The County Council commissioned additional works crews for clearance over the summer which enabled the RoW north Gang to carry out important bridge repairs and replacements, with 64 bridges completed so far this financial year. However there are now 84 bridges awaiting repair or replacement, a slight increase over the year.
- 45 Launch of the new Rights of Way online reporting tool CAMs Web has been set back several months due to 'accessibility' compliance. However, testing is in the final stages and hopefully it will be due to go live shortly.

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