Bucks ROWIP – Proposed Structure – Draft 1

Opening Foreword
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Introduction

- Outline of document
- Vision, aims
- Challenges ahead – less resource etc. Need for new ways of working, new partnerships, prioritising based on need.
- Reflections on first ROWIP and past 10 years (short summary of review)
- Policy context

The Public Rights of Way and Access Network

Summary, further detail provided in supporting document.

- PROW network, spatial coverage, higher status routes
- Accessible greenspace, CROW Act land, woodland (following Gov'nt guidance)
- National Trails and promoted routes

Meeting Buckinghamshire's Needs

Summary, further detail provided in supporting document.

- Health
- Active Travel
- Economy
- Major infrastructure
- Population growth and changing demographics, future demand, trends, needs of Bucks population in the future, new communities
- User groups (walkers, cyclists, equestrians, motorised)
- Under-represented groups – BAME, younger
- Visually impaired
- Those with disability or limited mobility

Delivering the Plan

- Short summary of delivery and challenges, new ways of working. Expanded in theme 6, 'Effective Delivery', which will include actions.

Themes

- 6 themes proposed (ROWIP 1 had 8).

	ROWIP 1 Theme	ROWIP 2 Proposed Theme	Summary of Content
1	Mapping the Network	Mapping the Network (unchanged)	Definitive map and statement
2	Looking after the Network	Looking after the Network (unchanged)	Maintenance of the network
3	Creating New Links	An Evolving Network	Focus on a network to meet future needs and demands, not just new links.
4	Knowing where to go	Knowing Where to Go (unchanged)	Promotion and information, visitor economy
5	Looking after you and the Environment	Combine into - Access for Everyone	Those with disabilities, PROW for health, addressing needs of users and sectors of population.
6	Rights of Way for Everyone		
7	Delivering the Corporate Agenda	Omit	Include in 'Introduction' under 'Policy Context'
8	Working in Partnership	Effective Delivery	Set actions for areas outlined in 'Delivering the Plan' section

Themes in More Detail

	Theme	Potential topics included in this theme	Thoughts / Priorities / Actions for ROWIP 2
1	**Mapping the Network**	• Definitive map and statement • Modification orders • Deregulation • s.147 permissions? Here or 'Looking after the network'? • Statement on permissive paths? • Lost Ways? If not the project at least unrecorded rights • Commons and Village Greens • Holding information and access to information	
2	**Looking after the Network**	• Matrix approach – with modifications? • Dealing with overgrown paths • Bridges • Volunteers and partnerships (also picked up in theme 6 'Effective Delivery') • Devolved parishes (also picked up in theme 6 'Effective Delivery') • Illegal use and abuse • Surveying and knowing condition of network and assets • Asset management • Advice and guidance to landowners • Landowner enforcement and compliance	
3	**An Evolving Network**	• Major infrastructure • Development, areas of growth, responding to planning, developer standards • Strategic improvements /changes to network • Missing links / connecting the network • Green infrastructure and access land	

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		• Higher status rights • Input into Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans • Supporting active travel, green corridor routes, linking to amenities • Safety of crossings (may also be under specific users, e.g. equestrians) • Future-proofing? Climate change e.g. increased flooding, supporting travel plans aiming to lower air pollution?	
4	Knowing Where to Go	• Linking to visitor economy – supporting rural business and economies, supporting growth of new markets • Supporting Chilterns and Bucks 'brands' • BCC promotion will cover clear gaps in provision - Reducing number of promoted routes but prioritising on those which meet identified gaps and needs and improving quality of those remaining • Working with partners to increase promotion and knowledge • Better user interface / easier for public to get information • Supporting National Trail partnerships • Promoting responsible use • Reducing conflict	
5	Access for Everyone	• PROW for health • Least restrictive access • Adopt a gate • Meeting needs of those with disabilities and visually impaired • Meeting needs of under-represented groups • Meeting the needs of particular user	

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		groups (walkers, cyclists, equestrians, motorised vehicles) • Responding to demographic changes • Responding to increased population and new communities (may also be covered in 'An Evolving Network')	
6	**Effective Delivery**	• Linking to wider agendas – health, tourism, active/sustainable travel, economy, green infrastructure, LEP • Working with new partners and better partnership working • Working with volunteers • Raising awareness • Parishes and devolved parishes • Increasing awareness of service (amongst public and stakeholders) • Improving customer service • Resources • S.106 agreements and £ • System for prioritising projects (scoring against CBR, need etc.?) • Funding bids • Operational structures • Charging structure and fees • Operational policies	