



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

**WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 2019 AT 10.00 AM
MEZZANINE ROOM 1, COUNTY HALL, 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 20 MARCH 2019, IN MEZZANINE ROOM 1, COUNTY HALL, AYLESBURY, COMMENCING AT 10.02 AM AND CONCLUDING AT 11.54 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr D Briggs in the Chair

Mr W Chapple OBE, Mr J Elfes, Mr A Lambourne, Ms A Heath, Mr A Clark, Mr B Worrell and Mr C Harriss

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr J Clark, Ms J Taylor and Ms E Hackling

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs S Bayne, Ms S Wright, Mr K Foster and Ms S Taylor

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr G Caspersz, Ms H Francis, Mr G Thomas and Mr R Pushman.

Mr D Briggs chaired the meeting in Mr Pushman's absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 MATTER ARISING / MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING TO BE CONFIRMED

The minutes and actions of the meeting held on 7 November 2018 were reviewed and the following points were noted:

Item 6 – LAF Members' Report; Mr B Worrell also attended the barbeque at Black Park to thank volunteers for their work in the county.

Item 7 – Any Other Business; Mr J Clark to follow on the action to recirculate the 'promoted routes spreadsheet' for comment.

ACTION: Mr Clark

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2018 were AGREED as an accurate record, subject to the minor amendment noted above,

and were signed by the Chairman.

4 RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2018-2028 UPDATE

Mrs S Bayne, Director, Blackwood Bayne Ltd attended the meeting and provided the following update:

- The Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) was midway through the engagement phase and would continue for a further 4-6 months.
- There had been an excellent response to the survey which would close on 31 March 2019; 1,180 full online responses and 233 part responses had been received.
- Mrs Bayne asked members of the Local Access Forum (LAF) to promote the survey.
- The results had not yet been analysed.
- 43 parish councils had responded. Mrs Bayne would be contacting the remaining parish councils to encourage a response by mid-April; a slightly later deadline to give them time to discuss the ROWIP at their parish council meetings.
- Stakeholder organisations had been contacted but not many had responded so far.
- Mrs Bayne had met with representatives from Colne Valley Regional Park and the Chilterns Conservation Board and was trying to meet people who were not traditional rights of way users.
- The LEAP organisation, whose role was to try to get people active, was taking part in the ROWIP process.
- Mrs Bayne had spoken to a number of organisations such Bucks Vision, Parkinsons UK, Chilterns Multiple Sclerosis Centre, Visit Buckinghamshire and Berryfields (a new community).
- Engagement would cease in early May and the responses would be analysed and presented at the extra ordinary LAF meeting on 21 May 2019 at Green Park.

The following key points were discussed:

- The Chairman stressed the importance of the LAF members attending the meeting on 21 May 2019 which would be solely on the ROWIP.
- In response to a question from a member of the forum Mrs Bayne confirmed that no analysis had been carried out to define the mix of the 1,180 respondents.
- A member of the forum stated he thought a priority should be to look at the missing links in the existing network; Mrs Bayne confirmed that comments could be added on the survey.
- Mr K Foster from Cycling UK highlighted the importance of the integration between the ROWIP and the [Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy](#), to help create a consistent flow between urban and country footpaths.
- In response to a question as to whether the Lost Ways Project could be restored and considered as part of the ROWIP, Mrs Bayne stated she would need to discuss this point with her team.
- Mr Foster advised that sometimes it was a more financially effective solution to do a creation order rather than go through the Lost Ways process.
- The draft ROWIP plan would be published in the autumn of 2019 for a draft consultation period and be adopted in early 2020.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Bayne for the update.

5 RIDGEWAY RIDING ROUTE

Ms S Wright, Ridgeway National Trail Officer and Mr K Foster, Cycling UK attended the meeting.

Ms S Wright provided a short presentation, appended to the minutes, on the circular rides and walks that were promoted by the Ridgeway National Trail and used part of the Ridgeway. Ms Wright highlighted the following:

- The Ridgeway Partnership was a group of organisations/people who decided a review of the circular walks/rides was required; also, some of the leaflets were very out of date.
- The Ridgeway Partnership recognised there was a real demand for cycling these days, and wanted to cater for cyclists, young people and families and provide an 'easy access' set of leaflets.
- The draft vision listed the criteria and the attractions to be incorporated to help decide which circular rides/walks should be promoted. Ms Wright asked the forum members to let her or Mr Clark know if anything was missing from the list.
- Slide 5 showed a list of highlights/landmarks which had been rated as tier 1 or 2.

During discussion the following key points were raised:

- Members of the forum suggested the monument on Aston Hill as it was used to trial Aston Martins; Whiteleaf Cross, the Kop Hill Climb and Halton Cycling Hub.
- It was suggested that cafes in towns such as Princes Risborough provide discount vouchers to encourage walkers/cyclists to visit.
- In response to a question on the next steps, Ms Wright stated that once the routes were decided and were in good order, they would be promoted on the website and leaflets would be produced.
- Ms Wright clarified that it was a way of investing in Buckinghamshire and that she would apply for funding if investment in a circular route was required.

Mr K Foster, National Off-road Cycling Adviser for the UK provided a presentation, appended to the minutes, and highlighted the following:

- The data on how people used the national trails showed that 89% arrived by car; the vast majority walked 0-5 miles or 6-10 miles; 7% of people cycled on the Ridgeway compared to 5% on the South Downs Way and 31% on the Pennine Bridgeway; which was probably due to promotion in the area.
- 90% of Ridgeway users were out for the day and long distance circular walks were important as people did not want to walk back along the same trail.
- Cyclists were the predominant users for six months of the year and there was clear evidence of demand for National Trail type routes, however, only half of the Ridgeway permitted cycling.
- There had been complaints regarding the lack of connectivity in the National Trail and that cycling was not permitted on the whole route.
- Gateway locations were important in order to improve the user experience e.g. car parks, railway stations, country parks, Forestry Commission properties etc.
- Thought needed to be given to how to encourage people to walk from home rather than drive a short distance.
- There were huge opportunities for the rural economy e.g. rural pubs, cafes, and B&B's, campsites and bunkhouse options.
- Mr Foster showed possible draft routes with identified interventions which may be of benefit and asked for feedback/comments. Ms Wright explained that

there were parts of the Ridgeway in Buckinghamshire that were footpath and these stretches needed to be looked at to see how to create a route that could be used by cyclists, horse riders and walkers.

The following key points were raised during discussion:

- A member of the forum emphasised the need for parking at any access points.
- In response to a member of the forum asking if there was any data on where people travelled from, Ms Wright offered to find out.
ACTION: Ms Wright
- It was suggested that a survey be carried out on Facebook by the British Horse Society for local riders in the area.
- Mr Foster advised there was potential for a rambler ticket to be provided by the rail networks.
- Walking on the Ridgeway should be promoted at Marylebone Station.
- Ms Wright stated she had met with Chiltern Railways and the Chilterns Conservation Board who were keen to have cycle hire available at Princes Risborough and Wendover railway stations.
- Ms Wright explained she would be surveying the routes which ran parallel to the Ridgeway e.g. the Swans Way which needed a large amount of maintenance (signage and surfacing) and the Icknield Way. Volunteers would also help survey the options.
- Ms J Taylor, Team Leader, Rights of Way, advised that The Swans Way was a critical route and stated she would treat any surface problems as a priority. As The Swans Way extended into Oxfordshire it was recommended Ms Taylor contact Mr Harris at Oxfordshire County Council to suggest they also treat it as a priority.
ACTION: Ms Taylor
- A member of the forum stated that the impact of the popularity of cycles with electric engines should be considered as cyclists could travel longer distances.
- Ms Wright asked members of the forum for suggestions on suitable gateways (places where people access the trail) e.g. rural car parks. Once the gateways were identified, facilities could be improved.

The Chairman thanked Ms Wright and Mr Foster for their presentations.

6 RIGHTS OF WAY GROUP REPORT

DEFINITIVE MAP

Ms E Hackling, Definitive Map Officer, stated that the latest update was contained in the agenda pack and that the Public Path Orders were up to date. There were some outstanding Modification Orders and these would be dealt with as quickly as possible.

RESOLVED: The Forum NOTED the report.

STRATEGIC ACCESS

Mr J Clark, Strategic Access Officer, provided the following update on HS2:

- HS2 were fencing off all areas where possession was being taken for construction e.g. Ellen Road in Aylesbury.
- In the area south-west of Aylesbury some fences had been cut in protest, but almost all the rights of way had been kept open; HS2 were working around the public footpath network and the main footpath closure was on Chalfont Lane, near Maple Cross and the M25; this would be closed for the entire

construction period.

- Preliminary discussions on bridge design had commenced: there would be approximately 60 new bridges in Buckinghamshire.
- Bi-lateral meetings with Heathrow Airport were taking place; it was hoped that funding would be obtained to improve the cycling routes around Iver, Black Park, Pinewood Studios and to Slough.

It was also noted that:

- The number of district council planning applications affecting rights of way had risen significantly in 2019; particularly in Aylesbury Vale.
- The Chilterns “Donate a Gate” scheme was continuing.
- A member of the forum mentioned that there were three bridleway bridges in the Grendon Underwood and Quainton area and expressed concern over the HS2 and the East West Rail organisations which would be working in the area and whether the bridleway would be incorporated into the new bridge. The Chairman suggested that a letter to the appropriate people, stating that there was general concern from the forum; it was felt that there needed to be a common-sense approach to the bridges. However, Mr Clark pointed out that the East West Rail project was still in the planning process.

ACTION: Mr J Clark

OPERATIONS

Ms J Taylor, Team Leader, Rights of Way, reported that Ms C Brownsell, the Bridging Inspector, was on maternity leave and was due to return to work in May 2019. There were currently six full time equivalent Rights of Way team members.

The Summary of Maintenance Carried Out table in the agenda pack showed the figures for the period from 1 April to 31 December 2018 were slightly up on last year on clearance and bridges completed. However, there was still a backlog of bridging problems to resolve, and there was also an increase in the number of outstanding issues on the network.

Capital projects – these were almost complete with two projects outstanding. 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 would reduce the amount of money available for capital projects for the year 2019/20 by the equivalent amount of overspend in 2018/19.

The Wexham project BW21 improvements had been put on hold due to a possible County Council planning application to carry out major groundworks on the site.

The clearance figure was up as an outside contractor had been employed which allowed the existing team to carry out the bridge works.

The launch of the new Rights of Way online reporting tool, CAMs Web, had been set back several months due to ‘accessibility’ compliance. However, testing was in the final stages and it was due to go live week commencing 25 March 2019. Ms Taylor showed the new reporting tool on screen, presentation appended to the minutes, and highlighted the following points:

- The map could be seen without logging in to the site.
- Any Parish Council or user group with links on their websites to the old system had received an email to advise the new system was in place.
- An email address and password would be required to log in and report an issue.
- Issues could also be reported via the contact centre.

- An explanation of what should be reported would be included and the reporting page would include a link to Fix My Street for issues relating to pavements/roads.
- The tool would only allow an issue to be reported if it was within 50 metres of a right of way.
- Reported issues would appear on the map instantly.
- Photographs could be uploaded.
- People could volunteer to be a footpath warden and be assigned work. However, it was agreed that discussion would be needed with the Chiltern Society as to how the process would work, for the path maintenance volunteers.

ACTION: Ms Taylor

7 LAF MEMBERS' REPORT

Mr J Clark, Strategic Access Officer, reported the following:

- The Buckinghamshire LAF Annual Report for April 2017 – March 2018 was almost complete and asked members of the forum to let him know if anything needed to be added; it would then be published on the website.
- There was an error on the front page of the agenda; the meeting on 24 July 2019 would start at 10.00 a.m.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A member of the forum requested an update on the Unitary Authority. Mr C Harriss reported that the court had refused the district councils' (Chiltern, Wycombe and South Bucks) request for a Judicial Review. A number of formal meetings would now take place; the officers on the various councils were working well together and the benefits would be seen in the future.

9 DATE OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

The extra ordinary meeting, solely on the Rights of Way Improvement Plan, would be held at the Stafford Room, Stables Block, Green Park, Stablebridge Road, Aston Clinton, HP22 5NE at 10.00 am on Tuesday 21 May 2019.

The next Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum would be held on 24 July 2019 at **10.00** am.

Chairman



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

AGENDA ITEM 4

Date: 24th July 2019

Title: Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2018 – 2028: emerging actions and priorities

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Information to support the ROWIP 2 was gathered from stakeholders and the public until the end of April 2019. Now that this information gathering phase is complete, an 'assessment' is now required, as set out in government guidance. This assessment includes understanding public need, plus reviewing the definitive map, condition of the network and relevant plans and strategies. This phase of producing the ROWIP 2 will continue until early September 2019. It is intended that public consultation on the draft ROWIP 2 will be held between from 1st October to 24th December 2019.

An extraordinary LAF meeting was held on 21st May 2019 to discuss emerging findings from the stakeholder and public engagement activities. Two of the topic areas discussed at the extraordinary LAF will be covered briefly at this meeting to invite comments from the full LAF. The next steps and timeline will also be discussed.

The draft report containing full results from the stakeholder and public engagement activities has been circulated separately as background material. The first ROWIP draft structure is enclosed in APPENDIX 1.

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Bucks ROWIP – Proposed Structure – Draft 1

Opening Foreword

- Bill Chapple, Cabinet Member for Planning & Environment

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't 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	

	Theme	Potential topics included in this theme	Thoughts / Priorities / Actions for ROWIP 2
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	

	Theme	Potential topics included in this theme	Thoughts / Priorities / Actions for ROWIP 2
		<p>groups (walkers, cyclists, equestrians, motorised vehicles)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to demographic changes • Responding to increased population and new communities (may also be covered in 'An Evolving Network') 	
6	Effective Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

AGENDA ITEM 5

Date: 24th July 2019

Title: Rights of Way group update

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Contact Officer: Christina Beevers (01296 382938)

DEFINITIVE MAP TEAM

The Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to update Members of the Forum with the outstanding Definitive Map caseload undertaken by the Definitive Map Team.

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 have been referred to the Secretary of State for determination.**
2. **Denham** – application to upgrade Shire Lane from bridleway to restricted byway. **Application dated 23 January 2016. Order made and advertised, objections received but have now been withdrawn so the Order will be confirmed.**
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 but have now been withdrawn so the Order will be confirmed.**
4. **Great and Little Kimble and Ellesborough** – Prohibition Order along BOAT Nos. 40, 40A and 62. **Draft Order advertised, objections received and under consideration. Amendments to the Order have been made and are awaiting comments before being made.**
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 late-2019 Committee.**
 3. **Thornborough** – application to record a public footpath around the field off Back Street. **Application dated 6 January 2016. Application presented to Committee and rejected. CASE CLOSED.**
 4. **Little Chalfont** - application to record a public footpath around Statters Field off Burton Lane. **Application dated 13 January 2016. Under investigation – report to be presented to this 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. Under investigation – scheduled for mid-2020 Committee.**
 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. Under investigation – scheduled for mid-2020 Committee.**
 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. Under investigation – scheduled for mid-2020 Committee.**
 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 late-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 late-2020 Committee meeting.**
 10. **Stokenchurch** - Application to add routes to the Definitive Map at East Wood, Stokenchurch. **Application received 9 October 2017 – scheduled for late-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 early-2021 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 early-2021 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 early-2021 Committee meeting.**
14. **Buckingham** – application to add a Public Bridleway to the Definitive Map following the dismantled railway walk from the A421 to Tingewick Road. **Application dated 14 May 2019 – scheduled for mid-2021 Committee.**
15. **Quinton** – application to upgrade public footpath No. 4 to public bridleway status. **Application dated 21 October 2014. Investigation not started – scheduled for mid-2021 Committee.**
16. **Bledlow** – application to investigate the alignment of public footpath No. 52. **Application dated 19 December 2013. Investigation not started – scheduled for mid-2021 Committee.**
17. **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-2021 Committee.**
18. **Whaddon** – application to modify the alignment of Public Footpath No. 6. **Application dated 4 February 2016. Investigation not started – scheduled for late-2021 Committee meeting.**
19. **Lillingstone Dayrell** – application to upgrade Public Footpath No.1 to restricted byway status. **Application dated 15 February 2016 - scheduled for late-2021 Committee meeting.**
20. **Lillingstone Dayrell** – application to upgrade Public Footpath No. 2 to public bridleway status. **Application dated 15 February 2016 – scheduled for late-2021 Committee meeting.**
21. **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-2022 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 early 2022 Committee meeting.**
23. **Water Stratford** – application to add a claimed bridleway to the Definitive Map and Statement, Parish of Water Stratford – **scheduled for early-2022 Committee meeting.**

C. PUBLIC PATH ORDERS – decisions made by officers through their delegated powers.

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, Order confirmed and brought into effect. CASE CLOSED.**
3. **Dorney** – Creation of footpath. **Awaiting signed creation agreement.**
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 – **Order made and advertised, no objections received, awaiting notice for confirmation and bringing into effect. Cycle Track Order to be made following diversion.**
6. **The Lee** – Application to divert Footpath No. 6 – **Order advertised, objection received. Ownership has now changed, awaiting clarification of proposed works from new landowner before proceeding.**
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 advertised. Awaiting works.**
12. **Shabbington** – Application to divert Footpath No. 5 – **Confirmed Order advertised. Awaiting works.**
13. **Coleshill** – Application to divert Footpath No. 1 – **Made Order advertised and confirmed. CASE CLOSED.**
14. **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. CASE CLOSED.**
15. **Quarrendon** – Application to divert Footpath No. 3 – **Investigation not started.**
16. **Chesham** – Application to extinguish part of the width of Footpath No. 114 – **Order made and objection received and being considered.**
17. **Aston Clinton** – Application to divert Footpaths Nos. 3, 4 and 6 under the Town and Country Planning Act – **Order made, awaiting works.**
18. **Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell** – Application to divert Footpath No. 6 – **Order made and advertised, no objections received. Awaiting works.**

19. **Stoke Mandeville** – Application to divert Footpaths Nos. 3 and 14 – **Under investigation.**
20. **Weston Turville** – Application to divert Footpath No. 21. **Order confirmed. Awaiting works to be completed.**
21. **Stewkley** – Application to divert Footpath No. 19. **Order confirmed. Awaiting works to be completed.**
22. **Aylesbury** – Application to extinguish Footpath No. 7. **Order made. Awaiting works to be completed.**
23. **Little Missenden** – Application to divert Footpath No. 8. **Application declined. CASE CLOSED.**
24. **Slapton** – Application to divert Footpath No. 14. **Order made, in objection period.**
25. **Thornborough** – Application to divert Footpath No. 6. **Under investigation.**
26. **Slapton** – Application to divert Footpath No. 6. **Order made, in objection period.**
27. **Lane End** – Application to divert Bridleway No. 14. **Under investigation.**
28. **Beachampton** – Application to divert Footpath No. 12. **Under investigation.**
29. **Stowe** – Application to divert Footpath No. 13. **Under investigation.**
30. **Tingewick** – Application to divert Footpath No. 25. **Under investigation.**
31. **Hambleden** – Application to divert Footpath No. 44. **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)

1. HS2 contractors are allowing for minor diversions while utility and ecological mitigation works are undertaken, and these are detailed on the council's website at the following location, 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/>
2. Only a few rights of way are closed with diversions as a result of HS2 works. Denham Bridleway 3 alongside the M25 near Maple Cross (Chalfont Lane) remains fully closed (estimated 7 years) in order to construct the Denham tunnel portal and Great Missenden 13 (GMI/13/3) is diverted to construct the Chilterns tunnel portal

access road. The majority of closures will be for two years while the main construction takes place. We are still waiting for detailed designs of individual bridges, but discussions have commenced with the contractor Effarge Kier from the Thames Viaduct at Aylesbury to the Calvert Depot. The council are also discussing leaving options open to connect Waddesdon and Claydon House with a cycle route running alongside HS2.

3. Members may recall a presentation to the LAF in March 2019 from Sarah Wright, the Ridgeway National Trail Officer, seeking comments on the first phase of a new Ridgeway Riding Route. This proposes additional horse riding and cycling connections following the Ridgeway through Buckinghamshire between Pulpit Hill and Chivery, near Aston Clinton. The project, which received support from Bill Chapple, Cabinet Member for Environment, in May 2018, now received funding from the HS2's Additional Mitigation Fund, managed by Chilterns AONB HS2 review group. APPENDIX 2 shows the proposed route map with locations around Wendover connecting bridleways together and linking with National Cycle Network Route 30 where blue = Ridgeway National Trail and the red = connecting riding routes on bridleways and quiet roads. Paperwork is being signed now and the project will run from July 2019 to July 2022.
4. The second formal consultation for Heathrow's 3rd runway is now open. Strategic connections from Heathrow to Iver, Black Park, Pinewood Studios and Slough have been suggested. Heathrow's studies indicate commuting walking and cycling is unlikely from the Ivers area and therefore not proposing new or improved connections. However, further representation is being made by the council with support of neighbouring councils. Improvements are sought along the Colne Valley Trail in light of the Colne & Crane Green Infrastructure Strategy out for consultation until 21st July 2019. https://www.colnevalleypark.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/CC-GI-Strategy-June-2019_-_Supporting-report-with-priorities_low-res_v2.pdf.
5. Oxford to Cambridge Expressway: you may recall from previous ROWLG reports a new road is proposed from Oxford linking Milton Keynes and passing through Buckinghamshire on the way to Cambridge. The next milestone in the Highways England programme is a route option consultation, due to take place mid Sept- early October 2019, lasting until Christmas. Highways England are likely to consult on around 6 route options in the preferred corridor (announced last year as 'Corridor B' – the central corridor).
6. Chiltern and South Bucks Districts are currently consulting on their combined draft Chiltern and South Bucks Joint Local Plan 2036 and draft schedule of the Community Infrastructure Levy. The council will be making a response with concerns there is no specific rights of way policy.
7. The Chiltern's Donate-a-Gate has seen 16 new donors since 1st January 2019 totalling 19 gates. The Ramblers Donate-a-Gate project through RIPPLE's (North Bucks) and now installing up to two gates per week and continue to provide significant funds to purchase new gates, including a recent payment of £2,500.

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F. ROW OPERATIONS UPDATE (Joanne Taylor)

32. The current staff structure is 6 FTE staff: 1 Rights of Way Team Leader, 2 Area RoW Officers, 2 Assistant RoW Officers and 1 Bridge Structure Inspector. The bridge inspection officer has returned from maternity leave. Phillip Fox started with the team

on a part-time contract up to the financial year end. Phillip will be helping to deliver the bridge and surface capital works.

33. APPENDIX 3 shows the Rights of Way Operations output from 1st April 2016 to the 31st March 2019, 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 March 2019.

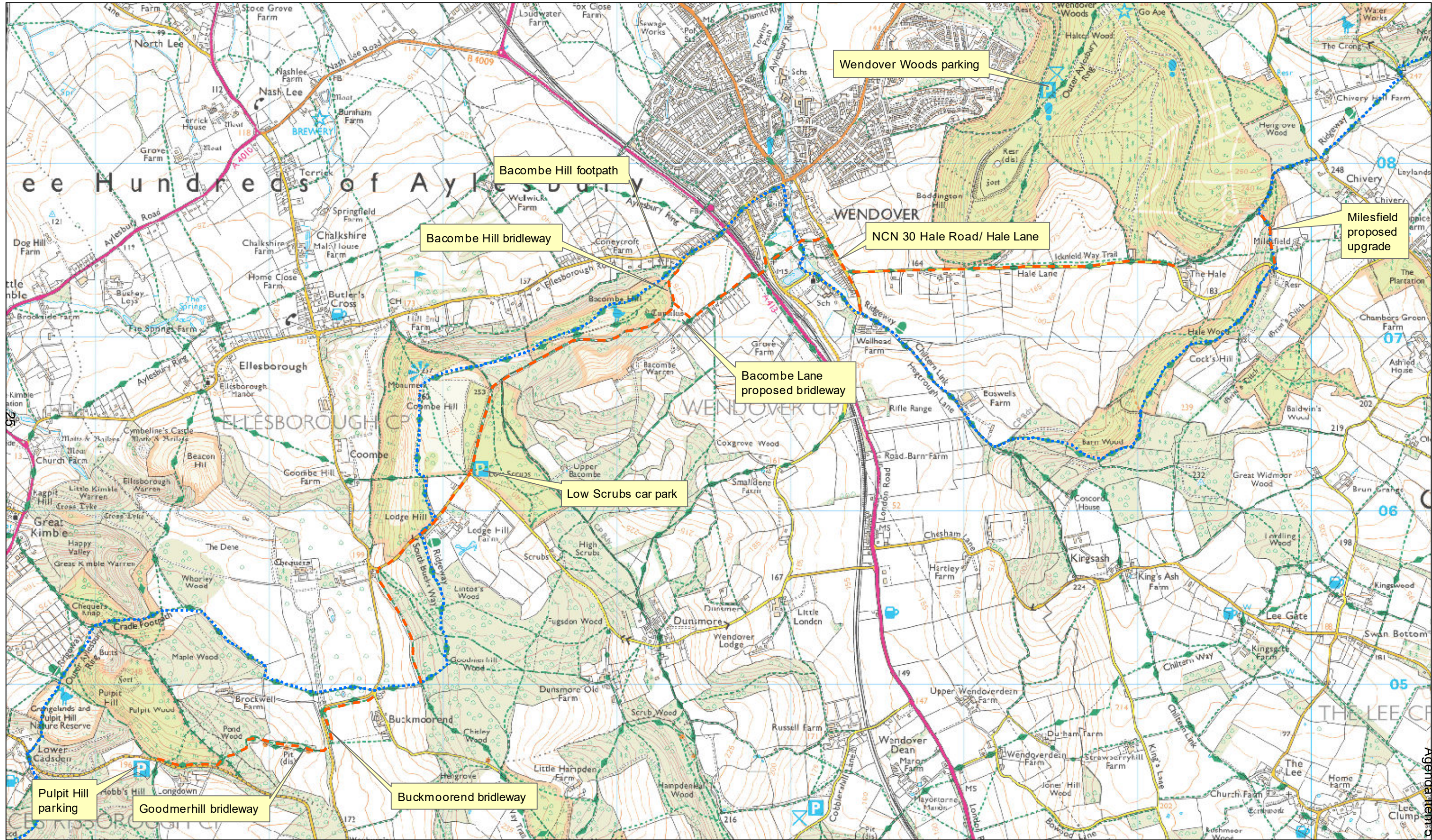
34. Capital projects update:

- Iver bridleway no 30 bridge replacement; Completed
- Chesham FP107 bridge renovation; Completed
- Great Missenden FP33 A413 bank steps; Completed
- Bledlow BW59 surface works; Project on hold – Completed
- 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 – Completed
- Ellesborough BW51 surface works. – Completed
- Hillesden BW11A – stabiliser badger setts – Completed
- Fawley FP12 – Bridge Replacement – delay due to Regatta – August start date.

35. Table of this year's Capital Projects (subject to any operational amendments)

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Ridgeway National Trail shown with blue dotted line. Proposed Ridgeway Riding Route sections shown with red dashed line.



**Buckinghamshire County Council - Rights of Way
Summary of Maintenance Carried Out
Between 1/04/16 and 31/03/19**

TYPE	DESCRIPTION	Aprl 16 - Mar 17	Aprl17- Mar 18	1 Aprl18- Mar 19
Alignment	Path Off Line - resolved issue	55	8	41
Clearance	Clearance - carried out-jobs/km	135km	90km	112KM
Bridge	Installed or repaired	82	33	70
Finger/post	Installed or repaired	139	186	137
Fly Tipping	Fly Tipping - removed	17	18	16
Gate	Gate repaired or installed	95	75	80
Intimidation + animal	Intimidation - resolved	28	18	14
Intimidating sign	Misleading Sign - removed	10	7	6
Obstruction - resolved	Barbed wire	17	6	13
Obstruction - resolved	Barrier - Fencing, wall or other	211	91	123
Obstruction - resolved	Electric fence	30	8	11
Obstruction - removed	Fallen Tree	277	260	299
Obstruction - resolved	Locked Gate	27	12	17
Obstruction - resolved	Ploughing and Cropping	131	96	131
Other	Delivery of materials	45	32	39
Other	Miscellaneous issues resolved	45	27	62
Stile	Installed or repaired	226	159	188
Stile	Stile To Gap	17	8	8
Stile	Stile To KG	56	47	45
Stile	Stile To PG	79	38	34
Terrain	Bank Steps	19	7	9
Terrain	Path Surface problem resolved	117	66	93
Waymark Post	Installed/Repaired	171	147	207
Issues Signed off		2443	1668	1999
Volunteer Hours	The Chiltern Society	1717	1341	1416
Volunteer Hours	RA Only	698	717	1034
Improvements	To aid mobility access	247	168	167
5% Survey Results	Paths Rated easy to use	66%	76%	74%
5% Survey Results	Structures rated easy to use	97%	91%	86%
5% Survey Results	Routes with Roadside Signs	89%	92%	91%
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 31/03/17	1114		
Number on Database	No. of Issues os 31/03/18		1498	
Number on Database	No. of Issues os 31/03/19			1740
Number on Database	No. of Issues os 1/07/2019			1908
% of issues in targ time	Category C issues on Matrix	73%	47%	74%
% of issues in targ ave.	% Enf issues in targ time in mth	74%	69%	74%

Above includes

Clearance direct from BCC
Miscellaneous Jobs
Waymarking and signs
Gates Repaired and installed
Bank Steps
Stiles replaced and repaired
Trees removed
Total Jobs
Hours

Volunteer Jobs Completed

149 jobs/36km	99 jobs/26km	129/26.6km
	17	4
	121	102
	67	79
	7	
	75	62
	69	82
536 jobs	432 jobs	451
2415 hours	2335 hours	2450 hours



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

AGENDA ITEM 6

Date: 24th July 2019

Title: LAF members' report

Author: Jonathan Clark, Strategic Access Officer

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Promoted Routes along the Ridgeway

1. Members may recall the presentation from the Ridgeway Officer, Sarah Wright, in March 2019 regarding Item 5 on the agenda regarding Circular Routes along the Ridgeway and members fed back comments on these proposals during the meeting and separately to Sarah in writing. There was also an 'Action' to circulate the Ridgeway's working spreadsheet of promoted routes to members at the March 2019 meeting. Sarah has suggested this document, which lists 80 promoted routes, with officer's notes, is an internal working document not useful for LAF members. The Ridgeway Officer has instead recommended I circulate a list of the Buckinghamshire Promoted Routes alongside the Ridgeway (APPENDIX 4). The long-term plan is to remove the older, out-of-date leaflets from their website, while remainder will either stay unedited or work will be undertaken with partners to update and improve them. Sarah states, 'it is important the routes being promoted are monitored and maintained adequately'.

Events

2. Andrew Clark and Gavin Caspersz jointly worked on a project to deliver 2 disabled access gates in Hockeridge Wood, Ashley Green. A successful funding bid to Chesham Town Council provided funding to the Chiltern Society's Donate-a-Gate scheme, and with approval from the Royal Forestry Society, as landowner, the gates were installed early 2019 and launched at a ceremony on 2nd July 2019 – see map and photos in APPENDIX 5 and 6.

Unitary Update

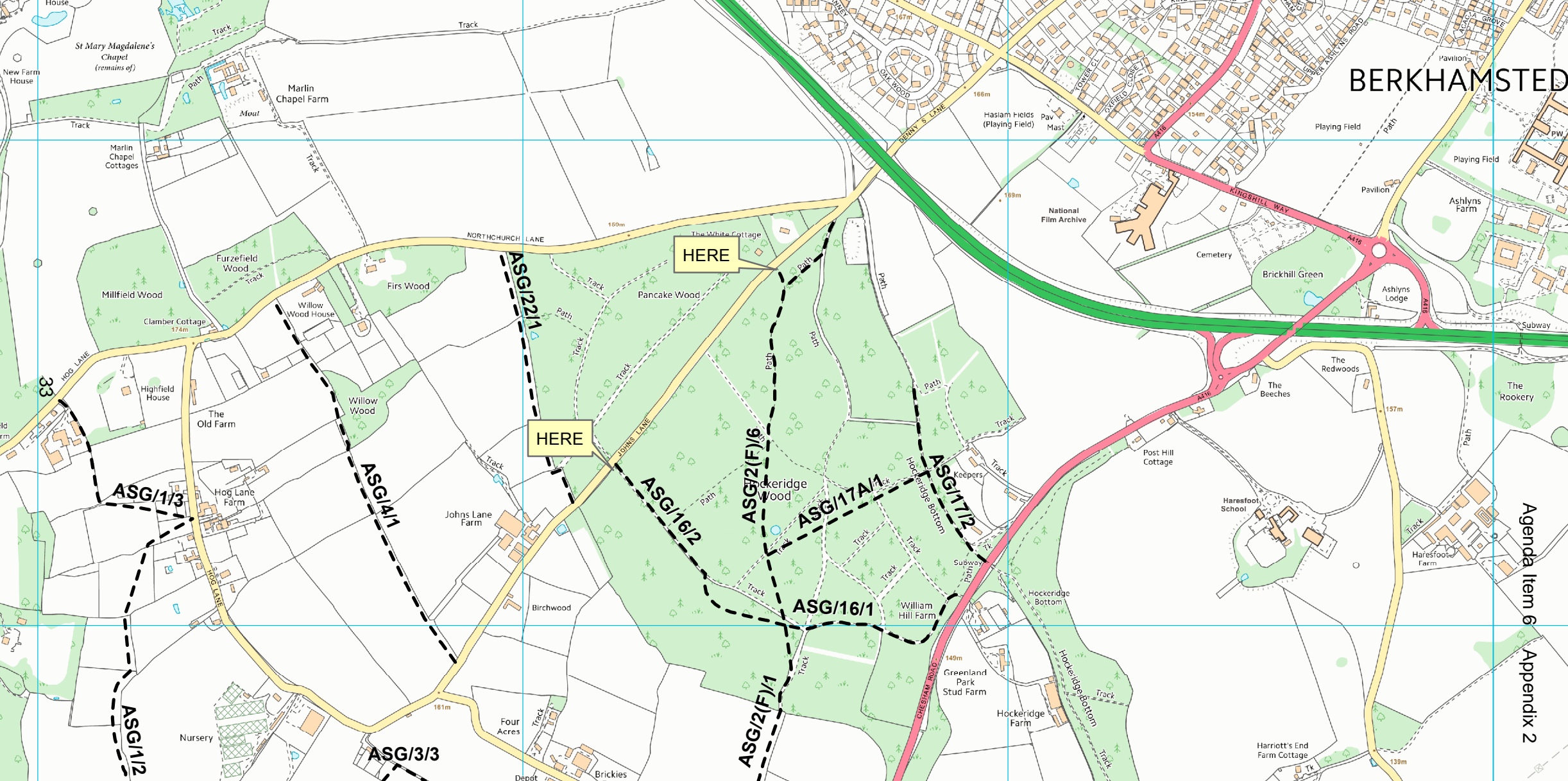
3. A Shadow Authority and Shadow Executive have now created with their own decision-making powers. Work continues organising a staff structure for the new authority, which will formally commence on 1st April 2020.

Next meeting dates (10am Mezz 1)

4. 6th November 2019; 4th March 2020; 15th July 2020; and 4th November 2020.

Leaflet ref no.	Action 2017	Name of leaflet (click on name to open webpage)	Produced by
12	Check with CS and then promote	Wendover 2 day excursion along Ridgeway and Chiltern Way	NT, CS and CCB
13	Check with CS and then promote	Ivinghoe Ridgeway and Chiltern Way walk	NT, CS and CCB
15	Confirm monitor and then promote	Beacon View	Chilterns Conservation Board
16	Confirm monitor and then promote	Box Wood Walks: northern loop	Chilterns Conservation Board
17	Confirm monitor and then promote	Box Wood Walks: southern loop	Chilterns Conservation Board
20	Confirm monitor and then promote	<u>Views of the Vale walk: Wendover Woods</u>	Chilterns Conservation Board
21	Confirm monitor and then promote	<u>Views of the Vale: Coombe Hill walk</u>	Chilterns Conservation Board
22	Confirm monitor and then promote	<u>Princes Risborough Circular route</u>	NT, CS and CCB
28	Funding bid	Swans Way	Bucks CC
29	Funding bid	Ridgeway Link	Chilterns Conservation Board
43	Review with partner	CS 50 walks in the Chilterns	Chiltern Society
46	Review with partner	Disabled Ramblers routes	Disabled Ramblers
53	Review with partner	Ramblers Routes - Aston Rowant, Radnage and Icknield Way	
56	Review with partner	Ramblers Routes - Outer Aylesbury Ring - Princes Risborough to Ellesborough	
57	Review with partner	Ramblers Routes - Princes Risborough to Tring linear	

58	Review with partner	Ramblers Routes - Wendover to Great Missenden linear	
59	Review with partner	Ramblers Routes - Wendover Circular	
60	Review with partner	Ramblers Routes - Ivinghoe Beacon	
61	Review with partner	<u>Ickneild Way Path</u>	??
62	Review with partner	Ickneild Way Trail (Rider's route)	Ickneild Way Association
68	?	Judges ride	OCC
70	?	Itinerary: Chequers and the Chilterns - Princes Risborough to Wendover	National Trails
71	?	Itinerary: Along the ridge of the Chilterns - Berkhamstead/Tring/Ashridge/Ivinghoe	National Trails
74	Review with partner	Bledlow circular ride	Bucks CC
76	Reject	<u>Ivinghoe Beacon</u>	??
77	Reject	Watlington	??
79	Reject	<u>Ellesborough & Kimble Circular Walk</u>	Bucks CC
80	Reject	Two Ridges link (Ridgeway to Greensand Ridge)	Bucks CC
82	Reject	Chilterns rides	Chilterns Conservation Board?
91	Review with partner	Bledlow circular ride	BHS



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Launch of disabled access gates at Hockeridge Wood, Ashley Green on 2nd July 2019



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