



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

AGENDA ITEM 5

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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 Order made and advertised, objections received but have now been withdrawn so the Order will be confirmed.**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 Order made and advertised, objections received but have now been withdrawn so the Order will be confirmed.**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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