

Rights of Way Committee
Definitive Map Schedule and Update
27 November 2014

This briefing note is aimed at providing an update on the case load of the Definitive Map Team and to also provide a schedule of cases for future Rights of Way Committee meetings.

NOTE: This report provides an idea of what applications are forthcoming. It is subject to change and dates should not be relied upon. For further information on the Rights of Way Agenda please click on the link below

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A. Cases to be determined by Committee and proposed timeframe

1. **Bledlow** – application to record the route from Footpath No 49 to Bridleway No 55 as Public Footpath - **scheduled for mid-2015 Committee meeting.**
2. **Bledlow** – application to investigate the alignment of Public Footpath 52 **scheduled for early 2016 Committee meeting.**
3. **Edgcott** – application to record Lawn House Lane as a Public Footpath to Public Footpath 11 Edgcott – **scheduled for mid-2015 Committee meeting.**
4. **Hedgerley** – application to upgrade Public Footpath No. 14 to public bridleway status based on historical evidence - **scheduled for early 2016 Committee meeting.**
5. **High Wycombe** – application to register the land at Meadow Close, Wycombe Marsh as a Town or Village Green - **It is planned that a report on this case will be presented to Committee at their meeting on the 4 March 2015.**
6. **Hughenden** – application to register the land at The Field, Bryants Bottom as a Town or Village Green. Application advertised and objections received. A Public Inquiry was held on 4 – 6 August 2014. The Inspector's recommendation will be presented to the Rights of Way Committee for the application to be determined by Members. **It is planned to present a report on this case to Committee at their meeting on the 4 March 2015.**
7. **Iver** – application to record various routes across land owned by Project Pinewood Property Limited as Public Footpaths. The land is known locally as The Fields and The Clump, Iver. **It is planned to present a report on this case to Committee at their meeting on the 4 March 2015.**

8. **Iver** – application to record route from Grange Way to Colne Orchard as a Public Footpath - **scheduled for late-2015 Committee meeting.**
9. **Wooburn** – application to register the land off Cherwell Road, Bourne End as a Town or Village Green - **scheduled for late-2015 Committee meeting.**

B. Forthcoming Public Inquiries / Public Hearing

10. None arranged.

C. Cases referred to the Secretary of State for determination

11. **High Wycombe** – application to record the route from Burnham Close to Whitelands Road, High Wycombe as Public Footpath. Committee decision was to accept the application in line with Officer recommendation. An Order was made and advertised. Objections to the Order were received and the matter was referred to the Secretary of State for determination. **A public inquiry was held on 1 October 2014 and we await the Inspector's decision.**
12. **Great Missenden** – upgrading of Public Bridleways Nos. 52 and 55 (part) to Public Byways Open to All Traffic. Original Committee decision was to reject this application but following an appeal to the Secretary of State, the Council was directed to make an Order. A Public Inquiry was held on 1 and 2 October 2013 and adjourned to 19 November 2013 and the Order was subsequently confirmed with modifications. The Order and modifications were advertised and further objections have been received. **Written representations were requested in relation to the objections to the modifications. This Order has been confirmed by the Secretary of State.**
13. **Great Missenden/Wendover** – upgrading Public Bridleways No. 1 Great Missenden and Nos. 45 and 61 Wendover to Public Byways Open to All Traffic. Original Committee decision was to reject this application but following an appeal to the Secretary of State, the Council was directed to make an Order. A Public Inquiry was held on 1 and 2 October 2013 and adjourned to 19 November 2013 and the Order was subsequently confirmed with modifications. The Order and modifications were advertised and further objections have been received. **Written representations were requested in relation to the objections to the modifications. This Order has been confirmed by the Secretary of State, with the exception of bridleway 45 which remains as a bridleway.**

D. Cases determined and in process

14. **Chepping Wycombe** – application to record the route from Elmshott Close to King's Wood as Public Footpath. **Committee accepted this application at their meeting on the 15 October 2014; an Order will be made and advertised in due course.**
15. **Lower Winchendon** – application to record the route from Public Footpath No 10b to Public Footpath No. 3, Cuddington as Public Footpath. Original Committee decision was to accept this application in line with Officer recommendation. **An**

Order has been made and advertised; one objection has been received. This matter will now be referred to the Secretary of State for determination, most likely by a Public Inquiry.

16. **Westbury (Route 1)** – application to record the route from Footpath No 14, Westbury (at the Oxfordshire county boundary) to Public Footpath No 11, Westbury as Public Footpath. The route is 90% in Oxfordshire. Discussions were held with Oxfordshire County Council with a view to their entering into an Agency Agreement with us in accordance with section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 to enable us to undertake investigations on their behalf. An Agency Agreement could not be agreed. Buckinghamshire officers are therefore only investigating the section within Buckinghamshire's boundary. **Committee accepted this application at their meeting on the 9 July 2014; an Order has been made and will be advertised until 19 December 2014.**
17. **Westbury (Route 3)** – application to record the route from the junctions of Footpath No 303, Mixbury, Oxfordshire to Fulwell Road, Westbury as Public Bridleway. Discussions were held with Oxfordshire County Council with a view to their entering into an Agency Agreement with us in accordance with section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 to enable us to undertake investigations on their behalf. An Agency Agreement could not be agreed. Buckinghamshire officers are therefore only investigating the section within Buckinghamshire's boundary. **Committee accepted this application at their meeting on the 9 July 2014; an Order has been made and will be advertised until 19 December 2014.**
18. **Wooburn** – Creation Order for a bridleway along the former railway line – **Committee accepted this proposal at their meeting on the 15 October 2014; an Order has been made and will be advertised from 28 November 2014 until 9 January 2015.**
19. In addition to the above caseload, we continue to work on the following:
 - **20 Public Path Orders and Creations at various stages** (including Diversions and Extinguishments). These applications are determined by Officers and not presented to the Rights of Way Committee.
 - Village Green and Common Land enquiries from the public and landowners; including statutory searches for Public Rights of Way and Common Land/Village Green
 - Definitive Map anomalies / drafting errors
 - Development and maintenance of specialist GIS software
 - Process Traffic Regulation Orders on Public Rights of Way – approximately 14 – 15 per year
 - Process and recording Landowner Deposits to protect their land from future Rights of Way / Town and Village Green applications – approximately 15 – 20 per year
 - Part 1 of the Commons Act 2006 likely to be implemented December 2014 across Buckinghamshire; awaiting further instruction from DEFRA and the setting of a charging schedule for applications; this is new legislation

therefore unclear on expected number of applications to be received;
these applications are likely to be determined by Committee