



**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE  
LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**

# Report

**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

**Title:** Rights of Way Group update

**A. MATTERS PREVIOUSLY DETERMINED**

1. **Hedgerley** – application to upgrade public footpath No. 14 to public bridleway status based on historical evidence. **Order made. Objection received, referred to the Secretary of State for determination.**
2. **Little Chalfont** - application to record a public footpath around Statters Field off Burton Lane. **Objection received. Referred to Secretary of state for determination. Public enquiry in preparation.**
3. **Chesham** – Application to add a Public Footpath to the Definitive Map between Fair Leas and Asheridge Road. **Claim accepted. Legal order to be made.**

**B. DEFINITIVE MAP APPLICATIONS TO BE INVESTIGATED (DMMO)**

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

Summary:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Applications received for Definitive Map Modification Orders	2	14	4	4	5	12	12	0
Application determined (accepted or rejected)					1		1 determined	4 (being prepared for determination)
Applications completed (order confirmed or not confirmed)					1	1	0	
					No data collected			

Applications for Definitive Map Modification Orders	
Apps. waiting to be investigated	43
Apps. under investigation	8
Orders waiting to be determined by PINS	2

- 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 are ongoing with developer regarding a potential Creation Agreement.**
  2. **Marlow** – application to record a public footpath from Cromwell Gardens to New Court. **Application dated 15 January 2016. Under investigation.**
  3. **Wooburn** – application to upgrade Public Footpath No. 3 between Princes Road Groves Close to byway open to all traffic. **Application dated 26 February 2016. Decision report being prepared.**
  4. **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. Decision report being prepared.**
  5. **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. Decision report being prepared.**
  6. **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. Decision report being prepared.**
  7. **Stokenchurch** - Application to add routes to the Definitive Map at East Wood, Stokenchurch. **Application received 9 October 2017.**
  8. **Penn** – Application to add a route to the Definitive Map between Public Footpath No. 36 and No. 44. **Application received 19 December 2017.**

9. **Whitchurch** – 3 new applications received to add footpaths to the Definitive Map and Statement – Awaiting acknowledgement and addition to the register of applications.
10. **Whaddon** – application to add a Public Footpath to the Definitive Map between Whaddon Hall and Public Footpath No.6. **Application received 21 December 2018.**
11. **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.**
12. **Chalfont St Peter** – application to add a Public Footpath to the Definitive Map at Windmill Farm connecting Public Footpath No 19 with Footpath no 55. **Application dated 17 July 2019.**
13. **Chesham** – application to add various routes south of Nashleigh Hill to the Definitive Map connecting with Public Footpath nos. 117, 37 and 67. **Application dated 27 August 2019.**
14. **Chesham** – application to add two routes to the Definitive Map from Lye Green Road connecting with footpath 37. **Application dated 27 August 2019.**
15. **Quinton** – application to upgrade public footpath No. 4 to public bridleway status. **Application dated 21 October 2014. Investigation not started.**
16. **Bledlow** – application to investigate the alignment of public footpath No. 52. **Application dated 19 December 2013. Investigation not started.**
17. **Hedgerley** – application to upgrade public footpath No. 11 and No. 12 to public bridleway status. **Application dated 25 June 2015. Investigation not started.**
18. **Whaddon** – application to modify the alignment of Public Footpath No. 6. **Application dated 4 February 2016. Investigation not started.**
19. **Lillingstone Dayrell** – application to upgrade Public Footpath No.1 to restricted byway status. **Application dated 15 February 2016.**
20. **Lillingstone Dayrell** – application to upgrade Public Footpath No. 2 to public bridleway status. **Application dated 15 February 2016.**
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.**
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.**
23. **Water Stratford** – application to add a claimed bridleway to the Definitive Map and Statement, Parish of Water Stratford **Application received 27/03/2017.**

24. **Little Missenden** - application to upgrade bridleway No. 42 and bridleway No. 29 to restricted byway. **Application received 17/01/2020.**
25. **Little Missenden** - application to upgrade bridleway No. 26 to restricted byway. **Application received 19/02/2020.**
26. **Little Missenden** - application to upgrade bridleway No. 24 to restricted byway. **Application received 07/03/2020.**
27. **Little Missenden** – application to upgrade bridleway No. 25 to restricted byway. **Application received 15/03/2020.**
28. **Water Stratford** – application to add a claimed bridleway to the Definitive Map and Statement. **Application received 1/05/2020.**
29. **Chesham** – application to add a footpath between Hill Farm Road and Pump Lane to the Definitive Map and Statement. **Application received 27/01/2020.**
30. **Denham** – application to add public footpath from Priory Close to Alderbourne Field. **Application received 23/10/2019.**
31. **Waddesdon** – application to upgrade a footpath and claim public bridleway through Eythrope Park. **Application received 7/12/2020.**
32. **Dinton with Ford and Upton** – application to add public footpath between Burgess Lane and footpath No. 53. **Application received 21/12/2020.**
33. **Dinton with Ford and Upton** – application to add footpath between Watery Lane and Moreton. **Application received 21/12/2020.**
34. **Great Marlow** – application to add public footpath around perimeter of Wycombe Air Park – **Application received 21/12/2020.**
35. **Marlow** – application to add public footpath off Liston Road. **Application received 20/12/2020.**
36. **Little Missenden** – application to add public footpath from Parish Piece to Watchet Lane. **Application received 03/03/2021.**
37. **Radnage** – Application to add Public Bridleway from Bottle Square Lane to Bowers Lane. **Application Received 17/05/2021**
38. **Chesham** – Claimed Footpath off Pednor Road. **Application received 21/06/2021**
39. **Dinton with Ford and Upton.** Upgrading to a restricted Byway, Water Lane to Marsh Hill Lane. **Application received 9/08/2021**

40. **Dinton with Ford and Upton.** Claimed Restricted Byway and Upgrading to a Restricted Byway, Moreton Road to Moreton Lane. **Application received 9/08/2021**
41. **Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell and Great and Little Kimble** – application to add public bridleway from Moreton Lane, Bishopstone to Marsh Hill Lane, Great Kimble. **Application received 14/09/2021.**
42. **Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell** – application to upgrade part of footpath no. 28 to public bridleway – **Application received 14/09/2021.**
43. **Little Marlow** – application to add public footpath around Roach Lane. **Application received on 02/12/2021.**
44. **Little Marlow and Marlow** – application to add public footpath along A404. **Application received on 02/12/2021.**
45. **Little Marlow/Marlow** – application to add public footpath along Crowne Plaza. **Application received on 02/12/2021.**
46. **Little Marlow/Marlow** – application to add public footpaths, west of Westhope. **Application received on 02/12/2021.**
47. **Little Marlow** – application to upgrade footpath no. 20 to public bridleway. **Application received on 02/12/2021.**

**C. PUBLIC PATH ORDERS (PPO)** – decisions made by officers through their delegated powers.

Summary:

Applications for Public Path Orders	
Apps. waiting to be investigated	2
Apps. under investigation/Orders made	22
Orders waiting to be determined by PINS	5
Cases closed	5
Awaiting works by applicant	16

1. **Quarrendon** – Application to divert Footpath No. 2. **Order made, awaiting completion of works.**
2. **Dorney** – Creation of footpath. **Awaiting signed creation agreement.**
3. **Tingewick** – Application to divert Footpaths Nos. 29(part) and 31 and Stop-Up Footpath No. 30(part) and create new Footpath and Bridleway – **Order confirmed. Creation order to be made.**

4. **Weston Turville** – Application to divert Footpath No. 33 – **Order confirmed. Cycle Track Order Made. Objections Received, to be sent to PINS for determination**
5. **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.**
6. **Mursley, Swanbourne and Little Horwood** – Application to divert Public Footpaths No. 19, 20 and 27. **Awaiting completion of works on site.**
7. **Shabbington** – Application to divert Footpath No. 5 –**Due to developer error, order to be revoked and new order to be made.**
8. **Quarrendon** – Application to divert Footpath No. 3 & 4 – **Order to be made.**
9. **Chesham** – Application to extinguish part of the width of Footpath No. 114 – **Order made and objection received and being considered. CASE ON HOLD.**
10. **Aston Clinton** – Application to divert Footpaths Nos. 3, 4 and 6 under the Town and Country Planning Act – **Order made, confirmed awaiting works to bring into effect.**
11. **Stoke Mandeville** – Application to divert Footpaths Nos. 3 and 14 – **Order confirmed. Awaiting works.**
12. **Stewkley** – Application to divert Footpath No. 19. **Order confirmed. Awaiting works to be completed.**
13. **Beachampton** – Application to divert Footpath No. 12. **Order to be confirmed.**
14. **Tingewick** – Application to divert Footpath No. 25. **Order Made. Objections received. Under investigation by PINS.**
15. **Hambleden** – Application to divert Footpath No. 44. **Order to be Made.**
16. **Waddesdon** – Application to divert Footpath No. 7A. **Order Confirmed. CASE CLOSED.**
17. **Buckingham** – Application to divert Footpath No. 36. **Order to be confirmed. Awaiting works.**
18. **Waddesdon** - Application to divert Footpath No. 18. **Order confirmed, awaiting works.**
19. **Wexham** - Application to divert Footpath No. 2. **Under investigation.**
20. **Westcott** - Application to divert Footpath No. 30. **Order made and objections received. Submitted to Secretary of State.**
21. **Bierton** - Application to divert Footpath No. 3. **Order confirmed. Awaiting works.**

22. **Fulmer** - Application to divert Footpath No. 2. **Under investigation.**
23. **Stoke Mandeville** – Application to divert Footpath No.3. **Order confirmed. CASE CLOSED.**
24. **Buckland** – Application to divert footpath No. 7 – **Order made. No Objections. Awaiting Works**
25. **Cuddington** – Application to divert footpath no 13 – **Order made. Objection received. To be referred to Secretary of State.**
26. **Wingrave** – Application to divert footpath No. 11 – **Order Confirmed. Awaiting works to be brought into effect.**
27. **Great Missenden** – Application to divert footpath No. 70 – **Order to be made. Objections received. Submitted to Secretary of State.**
28. **Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell** – Application to divert footpath No. 23-2 – **Order made. Awaiting works.**
29. **Little Horwood** – application to divert footpath No.4 – **Order Confirmed.**
30. **Chalfont St Giles/Chenies** – application to divert bridleway No.43 and 5 – **Order made. Awaiting works.**
31. **High Wycombe** – application to divert footpath No. 59 – **Order confirmed. Awaiting works to be brought into effect. Additional footpath creation agreed.**
32. **Oakley** – application to divert footpath No. 29 – **Order Made. Objections Received.**
33. **Winslow** – cycle track order to be made – **Order confirmed. CASE CLOSED.**
34. **Chalfont St Peter** – diversion of footpath No. 14 – **To be considered.**
35. **Kingsey** – diversion of footpath No. 1 – **Order to be revoked and remade.**
36. **Steeple Claydon** – creation agreement connecting existing footpath with Queen Catherine Road – **Creation Agreement completed. Awaiting works.**
37. **Steeple Claydon** – diversion of footpath No. 6 – **Order to be made.**
38. **Stoke Mandeville** – Extinguishment of Footpath No.8 & 10 – **Order Made. Objection Period.**
39. **Cholesbury-cum- St Leonard** – creation and extinguishment of footpath no. 48A – **Order to be confirmed.**

40. **High Wycombe/Hughenden** – creation agreement off Brands Hill Avenue – **In consultations.**
41. **Radnage** – Diversion of Footpath No.5 – **Objections received from User Groups in Consultation.**
42. **Kingsbrook** – Diversion of Footpath No.1 – **Investigation not started**
43. **Wing** – Diversion of footpath No. 29C – **Order confirmed. CASE CLOSED.**
44. **Oakley** – Diversion of footpath No. 7 – **Order to be confirmed.**
45. **Worminghall** – Diversion of Footpath No.2 – **Order to be made.**
46. **Maids Moreton** – Diversion of Footpath No.3 – **Investigation not started.**
47. **High Wycombe** – footpath creation off Abbey Barn Lane with Berkeley homes – **Agreement created, to be signed.**
48. **Great Horwood** – bridleway to be created off A421 – **Order to be made.**
49. **Brill** – Diversion of Public Bridleway No. 2 – **In consultation.**
50. **Lacey Green** – Diversion of Public Footpath No. 48 – **Under investigation.**

#### **D. VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATIONS**

Summary:

Applications for Village Greens	
Investigation on hold	1
Under investigation	4

1. **Wooburn** – land off Cherwell Road, Bourne End. **Investigation not started. On Hold.**
2. **High Wycombe** – land off Warren Wood Drive. **Advertised – objections received.**
3. **Princes Risborough** – land at corner of Shootacre Lane and Picts Lane. **Advertised – objections received.**
4. **Chesham** – land in Lye Green. **Advertised – objections received.**
4. **Stoke Hammond** – land at Layton Road. **Advertised – objections received.**



## E. Strategic Access Update

5. The **Aylesbury Gardenway** is a proposed orbital park and cycleway around Aylesbury, to include landscape enhancements, surfacing, greater public access, community benefits and environmental improvements knitting together existing and emerging communities around the town. A report and design brief of the nine delivery parcels is due to be completed imminently. It is expected that several of the Gardenway parcels will come forward through negotiations with developers and landowners. In addition, the government's 'levelling up' agenda is identified as a potential funding source as new bidding rounds open. The LAF will continue to be consulted and updated on this route. For further information visit: [www.aylesburygardentown.co.uk](http://www.aylesburygardentown.co.uk)
6. The **Buckinghamshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)** will be a county-wide walking and cycling strategy, developed by the Transport Strategy Team. It will establish a high-level walking and cycling network across the Council area and identify future investment priorities for walking and cycling infrastructure in Buckinghamshire. Engagement activities will be undertaken as part of the development of the LCWIP. It is anticipated that public consultation on a draft version of the LCWIP will be undertaken later in 2022/2023.
7. The **High Wycombe Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)** focuses on High Wycombe and its links to surrounding settlements and is also being developed by the Transport Strategy Team. The LCWIP is intended to form a supporting plan to the High Wycombe Transport Strategy. The draft High Wycombe LCWIP and Transport Strategy will be consulted upon before being put forward for adoption as Council policy. Consultation timescales are currently being confirmed.
8. The Chiltern Society's **Donate-a-Gate** partnership scheme with the council has seen 6 new donors since the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 LAF meeting, bringing the total to 470 donors and 619 gates. The first tranche of Gift Aid money has been used to fund 5 new gates east of Amersham College.
9. The **Ramblers Donate-a-Gate** project The North Bucks RIPPLE team have recently engaged with Brill parish council's chairman in their efforts expand work replacing stiles with gates, seek more private income and finding willing landowners to take part.

## F. ROW OPERATIONS UPDATE (Joanne Taylor)

- 1 **The current staff structure** allows for 6.5 FTE staff: Currently in post we have: 1 Rights of Way Team Leader, 2 Area RoW Officers, 2.6 Assistant RoW Officers and 1.5 Bridge Structure Inspectors, with extra resource for Capital Project works.
- 2 **BVPI Rights of Way Condition Survey** –the 5% network survey is being carried out this winter [2021/22] and results will be collated as soon as possible.
- 3 **Capital projects update: List of current Rights of Way capital projects**

Route No. & Parish	Works	Stage
Claydon Bridleways	6 plastic Bridges	Completed
Denham Bridleway number 52	Large equestrian bridge replacement	Design Engineer engaged- remove broken bridge winter – full replacement spring/summer 2022
Fawley Footpath No 12 Bridge Replacement	Accessible bridge to replace landowner's structure	With the Landowner
Waddesdon Footpath 10	Sluice bridge renovation	Completed
Marlow - Thames Path	Surface works and bridge renovation	2021 work complete. Assessment of 2022 works underway
Wendover Ridgeway	Clearance and resurface works	Bacombe completed BW47 underway
Chesham FP114	Resurface 60 M	Project scoped – contractor engaged
Chartridge BOAT 38A	Resurface 100 M	Project scoped – contractor engaged
Chartridge BW 20A	Level and resurface 150 M	Project scoped – contractor engaged
Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards BW51	Insert Channel Drains	Project scoped – contractor engaged
Gt Marlow BW23	Level and resurface 150M	Project scoped – contractor engaged
Pitstone FP2	Adjust surface levels 60M	Completed
Westcott BW26	Level and resurface 90M	Completed
Halton FP8A	Adjust surface levels install handrail 150M	Completed
Taplow BW2	200-400M of clearance and surface works	Project scoped – contractor engaged
Hambleden FP28	Approx. 200M missing handrail	Completed
Wing FP19	9.5 M footbridge replacement	Completed
Vale Bridges	3 x larger footbridges to replace in AV area	Completed (additional bridges found)
Chalfont St Giles BW60	Resurface works	Awaiting badger licence
Buckland FP7	Drainage issue/surface	Completed
Denham BW46	Resurface works	Held
Marsworth FP8	Resurface works	Held
Stokenchurch BW7A	Resurface works	Held

<b>Little Missenden - Featherbed Lane BW24</b>	<b>Resurface works</b>	<b>Held</b>
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- 4 **Fawley Bridge** - in December 2019 the landowner installed a temporary replacement structure. Discussions are still ongoing regarding replacement of this bridge with a wider structure.
- 5 **Winter Clearance** - clearance works reported by the public including winter clearance works will continue over the autumn and winter.
- 6 **Summary of Maintenance** – see APPENDIX 1.