



AGENDA ITEM 8

Title: Rights of Way Group update

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 prepared for 13/09/2022 - 15/09/2022.**
3. **Chesham** – Application to add a Public Footpath to the Definitive Map between Fair Leas and Asheridge Road. **Order made.**

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Applications received for Definitive Map Modification Orders	2	14	4	4	5	12	12	3
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	7
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. **Under investigation.**
 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. **Quainton** – 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.**
48. **Weedon** – application to add public footpath along Northcroft. **Application received on 09/03/2022.**
49. **Latimer** – application to add Restricted Byway from Kiln Lane to Tylers Hill Road. **Application received 22/03/2022.**
50. **Little Missenden** – application to register circular footpath off Stoney Lane. **Application received 25/03/2022.**

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

Summary:

Applications for Public Path Orders	49
Apps. waiting to be investigated	1
Apps. under investigation/Orders made	19
Orders waiting to be determined by PINS	4
Cases closed	12
Awaiting works by applicant	13

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 – **CASE CLOSED.**
4. **Weston Turville** – Application to divert Footpath No. 33 – **Order confirmed. Cycle Track Order Made. Objections Received, to be sent to DFT 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 & 5 – **Order to be made. Footpath 5 added to proposal.**
9. **Aston Clinton** – Application to divert Footpaths Nos. 3, 4 and 6 under the Town and Country Planning Act – **CASE CLOSED.**
10. **Stoke Mandeville** – Application to divert Footpaths Nos. 3 and 14 – **Order confirmed. Awaiting works.**
11. **Stewkley** – Application to divert Footpath No. 19. **Order confirmed. Awaiting works to be completed.**
12. **Beachampton** – Application to divert Footpath No. 12. **CASE CLOSED.**
13. **Tingewick** – Application to divert Footpath No. 25. **Confirmed by PINS. Awaiting works to bring it into effect.**
14. **Hambleden** – Application to divert Footpath No. 44. **Order made.**
15. **Buckingham** – Application to divert Footpath No. 36. **Order to be confirmed. Awaiting works.**
16. **Waddesdon** - Application to divert Footpath No. 18. **Order confirmed, awaiting works.**
17. **Wexham** - Application to divert Footpath No. 2. **Under investigation.**
18. **Westcott** - Application to divert Footpath No. 30. **Order made and objections received. Submitted to Secretary of State.**
19. **Bierton** - Application to divert Footpath No. 3. **Order confirmed. Awaiting works.**
20. **Buckland** – Application to divert footpath No. 7 – **Order confirmed. CASE CLOSED.**

21. **Cuddington** – Application to divert footpath no 13 – **Order made. Objection received. Referred to Secretary of State.**
22. **Wingrave** – Application to divert footpath No. 11 – **Order Confirmed. CASE CLOSED.**
23. **Great Missenden** – Application to divert footpath No. 70 – **Order to be made. Objections received. Submitted to Secretary of State.**
24. **Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell** – Application to divert footpath No. 23-2 – **Order confirmed. CASE CLOSED.**
25. **Little Horwood** – application to divert footpath No.4 – **Order Confirmed. CASE CLOSED.**
26. **Chalfont St Giles/Chenies** – application to divert bridleway No.43 and 5 – **Order made. Awaiting works.**
27. **High Wycombe** – application to divert footpath No. 59 – **Order confirmed. CASE CLOSED.**
28. **Oakley** – application to divert footpath No. 29 – **Order Made. Awaiting works.**
29. **Chalfont St Peter** – diversion of footpath No. 14 – **Order to be made.**
30. **Kingsey** – diversion of footpath No. 1 – **Order to be made.**
31. **Steeple Claydon** – creation agreement connecting existing footpath with Queen Catherine Road – **Creation Agreement completed. CASE CLOSED.**
32. **Steeple Claydon** – diversion of footpath No. 6 – **Order to be made.**
33. **Stoke Mandeville** – Extinguishment of Footpath No.8 & 10 – **Order confirmed. Awaiting works.**
34. **Cholesbury-cum- St Leonard** – creation and extinguishment of footpath no. 48A – **Order confirmed. CASE CLOSED.**
35. **High Wycombe/Hughenden** – creation agreement off Brands Hill Avenue – **Order to be made.**
36. **Radnage** – Diversion of Footpath No.5 – **Application rejected. CASE CLOSED.**
37. **Kingsbrook** – Diversion of Footpath No.1 – **Under investigation**
38. **Oakley** – Diversion of footpath No. 7 – **Order confirmed. CASE CLOSED**
39. **Worminghall** – Diversion of Footpath No.2 – **Order to be made.**

40. **Maids Moreton** – Diversion of Footpath No.3 – **Under investigation.**
41. **High Wycombe** – footpath creation off Abbey Barn Lane with Berkeley homes – **Agreement created, to be signed.**
42. **Great Horwood** – bridleway to be created off A421 – **Order made. To be advertised**
43. **Brill** – Diversion of Public Bridleway No. 2 – **Order made. Awaiting works.**
44. **Lacey Green** – Diversion of Public Footpath No. 48 – **Under investigation.**
45. **High Wycombe** – Diversion of Public Bridleway No. 156 – **Under investigation.**
46. **Biddlesden** – Diversion of Public Bridleway no. 5 – **Under investigation.**
47. **Chalfont St Peter** – Diversion of Public Footpath no. 35 – **Under investigation.**
48. **Great Missenden** – Diversion of Public Footpath no. FP1(F) –.
49. **North Marston** – Diversion of Public Footpath no. 18 – **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. **Public inquiry to be arranged.**
5. **Stoke Hammond** – land at Layton Road. **Public inquiry to be arranged.**

E. Strategic Access Update

4. The Chiltern Society's **Donate-a-Gate** volunteer resigned on 27th April 2022. The scheme has been running under Stuart Gulliman's stewardship since 2007 and has seen well over 600 privately funded gates installed from 473 donors. Gift Aid has been used to fund over 100 additional gates along the Chiltern Way and elsewhere. While the council considers the shape of the new scheme and possible increased

donation prices to reflect the rising cost of steel gates, the Chiltern Society are seeking a replacement volunteer.

5. The **Ramblers Donate-a-Gate** project The North Bucks RIPPLE team have recently been in a position to contribute £5,000 to the council from their Donate-a-Gate funds in order to buy new gates. This will help fund further stile replacements in the coming months.

F. ROW OPERATIONS UPDATE (Joanne Taylor)

- 1 **The current staff structure** allows for 7 FTE staff this is 1 Rights of Way Team Leader, 3 Area RoW Officers (one vacant post), 2 Assistant RoW Officers and 1 Bridge Structure Inspector; the recruitment process to fill a vacant post for another Rights of Way Officer has commenced. Additionally, we have a part time temporary post covering the capital work programme.
- 2 **BVPI Rights of Way Condition Survey** –the 5% network survey was carried out over the winter and the results are:-

Percentage of paths rated 'Easy to Use'	- 73.5%
Percentage of structures rated 'Easy to Use'	- 92.7%
Percentage of paths signed from road	- 92.6%
- 3 **Capital projects update: List of recently completed and 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- broken bridge now removed - replacement expected summer/autumn 2022 subject to budget
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	BW47 underway – with contractor
Chesham FP114	Resurface 60 M	Completed
Chartridge BOAT 38A	Resurface 100 M	Completed
Chartridge BW 20A	Level and resurface 150 M	Completed
Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards BW51	Insert Channel Drains	Completed

Gt Marlow BW23	Level and resurface 150M	Completed
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	Completed
Hambleden FP28	Approx. 200M missing handrail	Completed
Wing FP19	9.5 M footbridge replacement	Completed
Vale Bridges	5 x larger footbridges to replace in AV area	Completed (additional bridges found for 2022)
Chalfont St Giles BW60	Resurface works	Awaiting badger licence
Buckland FP7	Drainage issue/surface	Completed
Gawcott FP16A – Oxlane Padbury	8 metre bridge replacement	Completed

- 4 **Berry Hill Footbridge, Taplow Public Footpath TAP/12/1 – Capital Programme**
The 37 metre mid-section of Berry Hill footbridge across the Jubilee River in Taplow was removed in December 2021. The structure has been closed to the public since May 2021 after suffering unforeseen structural deterioration. Work has been ongoing to finalise the design and start the prefabrication of the replacement section using the capital money allocated. The Council's contractor is currently seeking design/programme approvals from the Environment Agency (EA). Early indications from the EA are that it is undertaking its own major works on the Jubilee River this year, which may impact the timetable for replacing and reopening.
- 5 **Rights of Way Capital Programme 2022/23**
The priority works on rights of way for this financial year is currently under review and will be finalised shortly; projects identified, apart from ongoing projects - as outlined above - include bridge replacements in Stoke Poges, Wexham, Gerrards Cross and Ashendon and surface repair works in Stewkely and Penn.
- 6 **Summer Clearance** – work on the summer clearance schedule commenced mid-May 2022 and we currently have 4 work teams undertaking this clearance. NB a large percentage of summer clearance on RoW is undertaken by parish councils as part of Parish Devolvment Agreements.
- 7 **Rejuvenating the route of the Bernwood Jubilee Way [BJW] 61-mile Historic Trail**
In this year of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Ramblers' volunteers are undertaking a condition survey and renewing signage along the route of the BJW. Additionally, work has been undertaken to produce new social media pages and to reformat the

BJW maps and these are now available online at

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/cycling-and-walking/walking-and-cycling-routes/walking-and-cycling-route-map/bernwood-jubilee-way-walking-routes/>.

8 Summary of Maintenance – see APPENDIX 1.