



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

AGENDA ITEM 5

Date: 1st March 2023

Title: Rights of Way Group update

1. DEFINITIVE MAP

A. MATTERS PREVIOUSLY DETERMINED

1. **Hedgerley** – application to upgrade public footpath No. 14 to public bridleway status based on historical evidence. **Confirmed by Secretary of State with modifications. CASE CLOSED.**
2. **Little Chalfont** - application to record a public footpath around Statters Field off Burton Lane. **Confirmed Secretary of State. CASE CLOSED.**
3. **High Wycombe** – Application to add a Public Footpath to the Definitive Map between Pinewood Road and Public Footpath No. 93. **Application accepted, order to be made.**
4. **Marlow** – application to record a public footpath from Cromwell Gardens to New Court. **Application accepted, 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:

7. **Whitchurch** – 3 new applications received to add footpaths to the Definitive Map and Statement – Awaiting acknowledgement and addition to the register of applications.
8. **Whaddon** – application to add a Public Footpath to the Definitive Map between Whaddon Hall and Public Footpath No.6. **Application received 21 December 2018.**
9. **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.**
10. **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.**
11. **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.**
12. **Chesham** – application to add two routes to the Definitive Map from Lye Green Road connecting with footpath 37. **Application dated 27 August 2019.**
13. **Quainton** – application to upgrade public footpath No. 4 to public bridleway status. **Application dated 21 October 2014. Investigation not started.**
14. **Bledlow** – application to investigate the alignment of public footpath No. 52. **Application dated 19 December 2013. Investigation not started.**
15. **Hedgerley** – application to upgrade public footpath No. 11 and No. 12 to public bridleway status. **Application dated 25 June 2015. Investigation not started.**
16. **Whaddon** – application to modify the alignment of Public Footpath No. 6. **Application dated 4 February 2016. Investigation not started.**
17. **Lillingstone Dayrell** – application to upgrade Public Footpath No.1 to restricted byway status. **Application dated 15 February 2016.**
18. **Lillingstone Dayrell** – application to upgrade Public Footpath No. 2 to public bridleway status. **Application dated 15 February 2016.**
19. **Chenies** application to add Hollaway Road to the Definitive Map and Statement as a byway open to all traffic. **Application dated 29 February 2016.**
20. **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.**
21. **Water Stratford** – application to add a claimed bridleway to the Definitive Map and Statement, Parish of Water Stratford **Application received 27/03/2017.**

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

39. **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.**
40. **Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell** – application to upgrade part of footpath no. 28 to public bridleway – **Application received 14/09/2021.**
41. **Little Marlow** – application to add public footpath around Roach Lane. **Application received on 02/12/2021.**
42. **Little Marlow and Marlow** – application to add public footpath along A404. **Application received on 02/12/2021.**
43. **Little Marlow/Marlow** – application to add public footpath along Crowne Plaza. **Application received on 02/12/2021.**
44. **Little Marlow/Marlow** – application to add public footpaths, west of Westhope. **Application received on 02/12/2021.**
45. **Little Marlow** – application to upgrade footpath no. 20 to public bridleway. **Application received on 02/12/2021.**
46. **Weedon** – application to add public footpath along Northcroft. **Application received on 09/03/2022.**
47. **Latimer** – application to add Restricted Byway from Kiln Lane to Tylers Hill Road. **Application received 22/03/2022.**
48. **Little Missenden** – application to register circular footpath off Stoney Lane. **Application received 25/03/2022.**
49. **North Marston** - application to add public footpath off Quanton Road. **Application received on 19/07/2022.**
50. **Wooburn** – application to add public footpath along River Wye. **Application received on 23/08/2022.**
51. **Longwick-cum-Ilmer** – application to add Public Bridleway from Stockwell Lane to Bridleway No. 14 – **Application received on 21/09/2022.**
52. **Longwick-cum-Ilmer** – application to upgrade Public Bridleway No. 14 to restricted byway. **Application received on 21/09/2022.**

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

Summary:

Applications for Public Path Orders	46
Apps. waiting to be investigated	1
Apps. under investigation/Orders made	19
Orders waiting to be determined by PINS	1
Cases closed	7
Awaiting works by applicant	18

1. **Quarrendon** – Application to divert Footpath No. 2. **Order made, awaiting completion of works.**
2. **Dorney** – Creation of footpath. **Awaiting signed creation agreement.**
3. **Weston Turville** – Application to divert Footpath No. 33 – **Order confirmed. Cycle Track Order Made. Objections Received, to be sent to DFT for determination.**
4. **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.**
5. **Mursley, Swanbourne and Little Horwood** – Application to divert Public Footpaths No. 19, 20 and 27. **Order abandoned. Diverted under Transport for Works Act. CASE CLOSED.**
6. **Shabbington** – Application to divert Footpath No. 5 – **Order revoked. New corrected order to be confirmed.**
7. **Quarrendon** – Application to divert Footpath No. 3 and 4 – **Extinguishment of FP 3 confirmed. Diversion awaiting works.**
8. **Stoke Mandeville** – Application to divert Footpaths Nos. 3 and 14 – **Order confirmed. Awaiting works.**
9. **Stewkley** – Application to divert Footpath No. 19. **Order confirmed. Awaiting works to be completed.**
10. **Tingewick** – Application to divert Footpath No. 25. **Confirmed by PINS. CASE CLOSED.**
11. **Hambleden** – Application to divert Footpath No. 44. **Order made. Awaiting works.**
12. **Buckingham** – Application to divert Footpath No. 36. **Order to be confirmed. Awaiting works.**

13. **Waddesdon** - Application to divert Footpath No. 18. **Order confirmed, awaiting works.**
14. **Wexham** - Application to divert Footpath No. 2. **Under investigation.**
15. **Westcott** - Application to divert Footpath No. 30. **Confirmed by Secretary of State. Awaiting works.**
16. **Bierton** - Application to divert Footpath No. 3. **Order confirmed. CASE CLOSED.**
17. **Cuddington** – Application to divert footpath no 13 – **Order made. Objection received. Referred to Secretary of State.**
18. **Great Missenden** – Application to divert footpath No. 70 – **Confirmed by Secretary of State. Awaiting works.**
19. **Chalfont St Giles/Chenies** – application to divert bridleway No.43 and 5 – **Order made. Awaiting works.**
20. **Oakley** – application to divert footpath No. 29 – **Order confirmed. CASE CLOSED.**
21. **Chalfont St Peter** – diversion of footpath No. 14 – **Order made. Objections received. Being submitted to Planning Inspectorate.**
22. **Kingsey** – diversion of footpath No. 1 – **Order made. Awaiting works.**
23. **Steeple Claydon** – diversion of footpath No. 6 – **Order confirmed. Awaiting works.**
24. **Stoke Mandeville** – Extinguishment of Footpath No.8 & 10 – **Order confirmed. Awaiting works.**
25. **High Wycombe/Hughenden** – creation agreement off Brands Hill Avenue – **Order confirmed. CASE CLOSED.**
26. **Kingsbrook** – Diversion of Footpath No.1 – **Order made. Awaiting works.**
27. **Worminghall** – Diversion of Footpath No.2 – **Order made. Objections received.**
28. **Maids Moreton** – Diversion of Footpath No.3 – **Order to be made.**
29. **High Wycombe** – footpath creation off Abbey Barn Lane with Berkeley homes – **Agreement signed. Awaiting works.**
30. **Great Horwood** – bridleway to be created off A421 – **Order confirmed. CASE CLOSED.**
31. **Lacey Green** – Diversion of Public Footpath No. 48 – **Under investigation.**
32. **High Wycombe** – Diversion of Public Bridleway No. 156 – **Under investigation.**

33. **Biddlesden** – Diversion of Public Bridleway no. 5 – **Order made. Awaiting works.**
34. **Chalfont St Peter** – Diversion of Public Footpath no. 35 – **Application rejected. CASE CLOSED.**
35. **Great Missenden** – Diversion of Public Footpath no. FP1(F) – **Order to be made.**
36. **North Marston** – Diversion of Public Footpath no. 18 – **Order made. Awaiting works.**
37. **Marsh Gibbon** – East West Rail creation of Footpath No. 5 – **Awaiting signature.**
38. **Great and Little Hampden** – Diversion of Footpath no. 43 – **Order to be confirmed.**
39. **Stoke Mandeville** – Diversion of Public Footpath No. 16 - **Order to be confirmed.**
40. **Wexham** – Diversion of Public Footpath No. 7 – **Under investigation.**
41. **Worminghall** – Diversion of Public Bridleways 6 and 7 and Bridleway 38 and 39, Oakley – **Investigation not started.**
42. **Swanbourne** – East West Rail creation of public footpath No. 17 – **Under investigation.**
43. **Wendover** – Diversion of Public Footpath No. 18 – **Order to be made.**
44. **Great Missenden** – Diversion of Public Footpath no. 35 – **Order to be made.**
45. **Radnage** – Diversion of Public Footpath no. 5 - **Under investigation.**
46. **Whitchurch** – Diversion of Footpath no. 47 - **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 under considerations.**
3. **Princes Risborough** – land at corner of Shootacre Lane and Picts Lane. **Report to be written.**

4. **Chesham** – land in Lye Green. **Public inquiry arranged for March 2023.**

5. **Stoke Hammond** – land at Layton Road. **Public inquiry arranged for February/March 2023.**

2. STRATEGIC ACCESS

1. RAF Halton

Officers attended a planning meeting to discuss the high-level strategic layout for RAF Halton in preparation for a draft Supplementary Planning Document that shapes development for around 1000 new homes after the MOD vacates. Multi-user routes were discussed linking the development to existing communities at Halton village; the Wendover Canal; the John Hampden and John Colet Schools; and Wendover Woods.

2. The Buckinghamshire Greenway [Wendover section]

The length between Wendover and Great Missenden is currently being constructed and will be open mid-summer 2023. The requirement to divert Footpath GMI/70/4, which removes pedestrians from passing across the railway line at Road Farm, Great Missenden, has been confirmed by the Secretary of State and will be closed [and diverted towards Town End Farm, Aylesbury Road] when the greenway is brought into use.

3. East West Rail

Officers from rights of way maintenance, definitive map, and strategic access continue to work at pace to inspect and reopen ROW closed to allow construction work to proceed. The following routes are now open to the public and a map is available in Appendix E. *[All footpaths unless stated; from the top, listed west to east]:*

- Poundon POD/4/1
- Steeple Claydon SCL/1/5
- Verney Junction - Middle Claydon MCL/2/2 & MCL/3/4
- Winslow WIS/5/4 & Addington ADD/11/2
- Winslow WIS/6/1
- Swanbourne SWA/1/3
- Little Horwood LHO/20 & Mursley MUR18/1 *[restricted byway]*

4. OPERATIONS

1. The current staff structure

The structure allows for 7 FTE staff: 1 Rights of Way Team Leader, 3 Area ROW Officers, 2 Assistant ROW Officers and 1 Bridge Structure Inspector. Congratulations to Phill Fox on his appointment as the new Area Rights of Way Officer covering the south-east Buckinghamshire. Phill previously worked part-time on the ROW Capital Works schemes but is now full-time. Appendix F shows new ROW Area Map.

2. BVPI Rights of Way Condition Survey

The 5% network survey is ongoing with insufficient data to provide interim results.

3. Capital projects update - list of recently completed and current Rights of Way capital projects *[see Nov 2022 LAF report for works completed up to 1st Nov 2022]*.

Route No. & Parish	Works	Stage
Denham Bridleway 52 [DEN/52/1]	Large equestrian bridge replacement	Out for tender/ quotes for supply and build.
Stoke Poges Footpath 9 [STP/9/1]	Replacement Bridge Structure	Work ordered – completion imminent
Chesham Footpath 135 [CHS/135/1]	resurfacing	Works complete

4. Rights of Way revenue works 2022/23

It has been possible to fund a small number of winter clearance jobs to remove thick vegetation on several paths over the winter, and the replacement of a flight of concrete steps in High Wycombe.

5. Bernwood Jubilee Way [BJW] 61-mile Historic Trail

The web pages have been rebranded for the rejuvenated BJW route, as per the link below and the route re-waymarked. Any roadside signposts requiring new finger arms will be updated over the coming year. <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/>.

5. Balfour Beatty

From the 1st April 2023 the council's highways contract with Ringway Jacobs ends and a new contract will commence with Balfour Beatty. The two dedicated rights of way crews, working out of Amersham and Gawcott, will continue under the new contract.

6. Summary of Maintenance

See APPENDIX G.