



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

AGENDA ITEM 4

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Title: Chesham to Misbourne valley walking and wheeling route

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Sustrans would like to consult the Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum on a proposed Two Rivers walking route [Appendix 1].

Background

Chiltern Society and Chilterns National Landscape have been working with Sustrans to identify a new and accessible walking routes around the River Chess catchment. This collaboration forms part of the Smarter Water Catchment Programme funded by Thames Water. In July 2023 Sustrans hosted a stakeholder workshop to look at options for new routes leading to a recommendation to develop a new, more accessible walking route between the River Misbourne at Old Amersham and the River Chess in Chesham called the Two Rivers Walk. Please see attached sketch map of the route.

Public engagement boards

These have been located in vicinity of Chesham Bois Common, and between Mayhall Lane and Howlett's Wood, providing information on the project and point users to the online survey. We returned 19th October 2024 to speak to people in person. The boards will be removed in early December 2024.

Online survey and next steps

An online survey, launched 10-10-24 and closing 30-11-24, is designed to gather feedback on the idea of the improved route from local people. The Two Rivers route would be accessible to all legitimate users all year round. We will continue to engage with the Smarter Water stakeholder partners, Chilterns National Landscape team and Chiltern Society. Survey link: <https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/sustrans/two-rivers-walk-engagement-survey>

Timeline

Produce concept designs based on feedback [November-December 2024] then produce design recommendations to Chilterns National Landscape team [February 2025].

Note: Buckinghamshire Council have no current policy or position on the proposals.