

**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills - Executive Director - Development Services**

Report to: **Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum**  
Date: **9<sup>th</sup> October 2012**  
Subject: **Signage Of Unsurfaced, Unclassified County Roads**

**Summary:**

To provide information on LCC policy and current progress regarding the signage of UUCRs current situation regarding access within the Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park (LCCP) region.

**Recommendation(s):**

That the report be noted and a representative from the Mid-Lincolnshire LAF is nominated to represent the LAF on the LCCP Task Team.

## **1. Background**

Within Lincolnshire there are number of routes which are regarded to be unsurfaced unclassified county roads being that they do not appear on the definitive map and statement as carrying vehicular rights but do however appear on the schedule of routes prepared under section 36(6) of the Highways Act 1980, commonly known as the "List of Streets".

Whilst a route appearing on the List of Streets tells us that it is maintainable at public expense it does not refer to what status the highway may be and whilst there is a general assumption that vehicular rights exist these are not proven.

These routes are considered a valuable recreational resource particularly given that the lowest form of public rights, i.e. footpath rights, must exist over these routes.

At the Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> April 2005 the signage of these routes was discussed and the meeting informed that as these routes did not form part of the definitive map network they were invariably unsigned and as a consequence user confidence was likely to be low. A sub-group was formed and made recommendations to the Highways Policy Development Group of elected members regarding how routes should be signed and which routes were applicable.

The Policy Development Group took the comments of both the Local Access Forum and the Highways Managers Group and determined to adopt the proposed

policy subject to a number of revisions including signage style and that routes to be signed would be based on network value and not a blanket coverage.

The Policy Development Group determined that signage was to be discreet and of a style that matched the existing public rights of way waymarking posts and plaques. The plaques were developed with input from the Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum and the alternatives and final selection can be found in Appendix A to this report.

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## 2. Summary

Since undertaking to sign UUCRs where network value was demonstrated, a total of 68 routes have been signed with a number of routes in the Highways (South) area being also signed but with no schedule record to ascertain exact numbers.

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## 3. Consultation

### a) Scrutiny Comments

n/a

### b) Executive Councillor Comments

n/a

### c) Local Member Comments

n/a

### d) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

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## 4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Sample Design of Marker Plaque
Appendix B	Examples of signage in situ

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## 5. Background papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

<i>Document title</i>	<i>Where the document can be viewed</i>
<i>Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum Minutes and Reports on UUCR Signage (11/1/2005, 26/4/2005, 12/7/2005, 11/10/2005, 17/1/2006,</i>	<i><a href="http://aspapps.lincolnshire.gov.uk/committeerecords.asp">http://aspapps.lincolnshire.gov.uk/committeerecords.asp</a></i>

25/4/2006, 26/4/2007)	
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APPENDIX A – Options for Marker Plaque





APPENDIX B – Examples of signage in situ

