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9 September 2013

Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum Meeting

A meeting of the Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum will be held on **Tuesday, 17 September 2013 at 2.00 pm in Committee Room Five, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YL** for the transaction of the business set out on the attached Agenda.

Yours sincerely

Tony McArdle
Chief Executive

Membership of the Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum

Councillor Denis Colin Hoyes MBE
Councillor Daniel McNally
Councillor I Colquhoun
Mrs Alison Healey
Mr Ray Shipley
Mrs Irene Unsworth
Dr Christopher Allison
Mrs Sheila Brookes
Mr Chris Padley
Mr Colin Smith
Mr Richard Graham
Mr Peter Skipworth

**MID-LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM AGENDA
TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2013**

Item	Title	Report Reference
1	Election of Chairman	
2	Election of Vice-Chairman	
3	Apologies for Absence	
4	Minutes of the previous meeting of the Forum held on 23 April 2013	4.0 (Pages 1 - 8)
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes (if not already on the agenda)	
6	Location of County Estate Farms - map to be tabled on the day of the meeting	
7	Past Chairman's Report (Chris Padley)	
8	Joint Annual Report 2012/13 (Andrew Savage)	8.0 (Pages 9 - 20)
9	North East Lincolnshire Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan (Nicola Hardy)	9.0 (Pages 21 - 22)
10	Lincolnshire County Council Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan Update (Andrew Savage)	10.0 (Pages 23 - 50)
11	North East Lincolnshire Definitive Map Modification Orders (Nicola Hardy)	11.0 (Pages 51 - 52)
12	Lincolnshire County Council Definitive Map Modification Orders - October 2006 - June 2013 (Chris Miller)	12.0 (Pages 53 - 62)
13	North East Lincolnshire Public Paths Orders (Nicola Hardy) (Nicola Hardy)	13.0 (Pages 63 - 64)
14	Lincolnshire County Public Path Orders (Chris Miller)	14.0 (Pages 65 - 68)
15	To consider the way District Councils consult on Rights of Way Planning Matters (Chris Padley)	

16 Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park Progress Report (Richard Graham and Colin Smith)

16.0
(Pages
69 - 70)

17 Dates and Times of Future Meetings

(It has been normal practice to arrange meetings of the Forum in the following months:-

October (because the July meeting of the Forum was postponed to 17 September, it is suggested that this meeting is not required this year)

January 2014 (during the day)

April 2014 (evening)

July (agm evening)

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**MID-LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS
FORUM
23 APRIL 2013**

PRESENT: MR C PADLEY (CHAIRMAN)

Representing Lincolnshire County Council: Councillor E N Bauer

Representing North East Lincolnshire Council: Not present

Representing Independent Members: C Allison, S Brookes, R Graham, R Shipley, P Skipworth and C Smith

Officers: Chris Miller (Countryside Access Manager), Andrew Savage (Senior Countryside Access Officer) and Steve Blagg (Democratic Services Officer)

53 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

In response to an enquiry in connection with the Higher Level Stewardship schemes, Chris Miller stated that the Government was examining the opportunities for access and read out details of an email from Andrew Mackintosh, Natural England, which outlined the action Natural England was proposing to take to protect these schemes. He added that the County Council was aware that two land owners had expressed an interest in continuing with the scheme.

54 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor I Colquhoun, Alison Healey and Ray Shipley.

55 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2013

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 January 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

56 CREATING FOOTPATHS ON GRASS VERGES TO LINK FOOTPATHS
(MINUTE 48(C))

In response to an enquiry, Chris Miller stated that the provision of routes behind hedges was being examined in consultation with Highways.

57 NICK WILLEY, RURAL CRIME OFFICER, LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE

Nick Willey, Rural Crime Officer, Lincolnshire Police, thanked the Forum for inviting him to the meeting and outlined his role. This included acting as a point of contact for rural crime, a responsibility for co-ordinating action to tackle rural crime, explained

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the issues of defining rural crime and gave a brief example of work being done to address rural crime in Lincolnshire. He stated that the questions asked by the Forum would be considered by the Police and a plan prepared. His role today was to listen and respond to comments made by the Forum.

Comments made by the Forum included:-

1. Damage to the "Drift" (Sewstern Lane) which was a SSSI, by 4x4s, enforcement issues, management by highways and education.
2. Natural England had requested that the County Council should remove scrub on the "Drift" because of its SSSI status.
3. Representatives of 4x4 groups had been invited to serve on the Forum but none had agreed to serve, to date.
4. Insurance issues of 4x4s on unofficial routes.
5. Provision of evidence to the Police and Highways authority of unauthorised use by 4x4s.
6. Use of cameras to collect evidence of illegal use by 4x4s.
7. Green Lanes were used for criminal activity.
8. Liaison with other Police Forces.
9. The action taken by other Police Forces to deter criminal activity..
10. Horse drawn carriage riding was popular in Lincolnshire and therefore the erection of barriers should not be permitted.
11. The need for the public to report crime or suspicious behaviour to the Police.
12. Categorisation of crime reported by the public to the Police.
13. Co-ordination between the Police and the local authority was important.
14. The importance of the Police helping the public to identify the relevant category an incident was reported.
15. PROW legislation was complex and difficult to understand.
16. There was a need to approach the 4x4 clubs to inform them of damage being caused by irresponsible users.

Nick Willey responded to comments made by the Forum:-

1. Agreed that there was a need for the public to record and report incidents which would help the Police to identify "hotspots" and help them direct resources to those areas. There was a need for agencies to co-operate with education and enforcement being considered in tandem.
2. Agreed to investigate insurance issues in connection with the use of 4x4s on Green Lanes.
3. If the public witnessed illegal activity they should be prepared to submit a statement to the Police. The use of a mobile telephone with a camera was welcomed and a warning letter could be sent to the offender. Should it be found that a vehicle was being used illegally on a regular basis then the Police could conduct a serious investigation.
4. Lincolnshire Police liaised with other Police Forces to share intelligence and he was a member of the Northern Strategy Group. He agreed to examine the current practice of sharing intelligence.
5. Agreed to contact Derbyshire Police in connection with action they had taken to tackle anti-social behaviour.

6. Explained the system of reporting incidents and the allocation of resources. Highlighted the importance of the public reporting incidents and receiving an "Incident Number" which helped identification of "hotspots".
7. Members could also contact him on his mobile.
8. PROWs were complex and the Police needed to work with Local Authorities.
9. There was a need for agencies to work together.

Chris Miller stated that the reporting of incidents by the public would allow the Council to manage "hotspots" and the passing of information between the Police and the County Council was important.

He stated that 4x4 clubs had been approached about the problems and it was acknowledged that it was only a minority of irresponsible 4x4 users not affiliated to the main clubs.

The Chairman thanked Nick Willey for his presentation.

58 SPA TRAIL PROPOSALS PRESENTATION

Andy Jee, Project Manager, gave a presentation on the development of the Spa Trail particularly that section from Woodhall Spa Town Centre to the Water Rail. He stated that funding was available for the route. The County Council had been working in close co-operation with Woodhall Spa Golf Club in connection with that part of the proposed route through their grounds. Following consultations with the Golf Club it was proposed to divert the route in the golf course to woodland near the northern part of the course.

He stated that the necessary Orders had been put in place to effect the changes. Best practice was to extinguish the current route and get a new route. Following the publication of the Orders, for consultation purposes, nearly 100 objections had been received about the new route. The matter was re-examined and consultations sought from Rights of Way, the Council's Legal Team and the landowner. The unusual number of objections and the fact that many of them were due to the loss of the existing footpath meant that the orders would be forced through an Inquiry. As the outcome of this was uncertain landowner support for the scheme was withdrawn, therefore it had been decided to abandon the proposals and examine the use of Sandy Lane and the verge on the west side of Horncastle Road to access the Town Centre. However, this latter route was not feasible due to the presence of utility infrastructure which increased costs beyond an affordable level. Therefore, in view of this and the fact that there were no alternative routes there were no plans to take the scheme forward.

At this point of the meeting, the Chairman, with the consent of the Forum, permitted members of the public, present for this item, to comment on the scheme, in addition to comments made by the Forum:-

1. Surprised at the abandonment of the scheme.
2. The funding of the scheme.

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3. As the golf course had a former railway track running through its grounds was it not possible to use this route?
4. The remaining part of the Spa Trail was very good.
5. An enquiry about the Trail in Horncastle.
6. As the footpath across the golf course would remain was it not possible for cyclists to use the road?
7. Was there any way to overcome the objections?
8. Objections to the route had been submitted very late which indicated a problem with the consultation process.

Andy Jee and Chris Miller responded to comments made by the Forum:-

1. While a former railway line ran through the golf course the Golf Club were only prepared to accept a route diverted away from the golf course.
2. Funding for the project came from the County Council and the EU. It was only possible to spend EU funding within a certain timeframe and it was possible to carry forward funding from the County Council. However, in future, funding for County Council capital projects would be held centrally and it would be necessary to bid for funding and compete against other bids.
3. The problem of the route in Horncastle was explained with the main issue the cost involved in dealing with drainage and utility services which the budget was unable to fund because of the cost.
4. The proposed route needed to include provision for both cyclists and walkers before any funding was released.
5. If the objections were withdrawn then the scheme could proceed. The public did not wish to lose the footpath.
6. The Golf Club had no objection to walkers only cyclists.
7. It was not possible to use the route of the former railway line because of its proximity to the golf course. Also, the Club did not wish to see this route used.
8. The proper legal process had been followed for consultation purposes. There had been a concerted effort to object to the proposals at a very late stage. The Orders had also been pre-advertised on site.
9. In the meantime, as an alternative, the use of the verge and signposting of off road routes was being investigated. NOTED.

59 COUNTY COUNCIL WORKING PRACTICES ON THE PROVISION OF
INFORMATION REGARDING UNAVAILABLE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Chris Miller presented a report on how the County Council could provide relevant information to the public regarding paths which were known not to be available and welcomed the advice of the Forum on the matter.

Comments made by the Forum included:-

1. The public planning walks wished to visit a website to check whether a footpath was accessible.
2. It was suggested that a working group of Members should examine the matter and provide advice to the Council.

4. The public should have an opportunity to add a comment about a footpath on the Council's website.

Chris Miller stated that the resource implications would need to be examined to see if it was possible to add information to the Council's website. He stated that it was not possible to install onsite signage as this involved the use of significant resources of officer time. He agreed to examine the opportunity for the public to add comments about a footpath to the website.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman, Colin Smith, and anyone interested from the Forum, in consultation with Chris Miller, examine the giving of advice to the County Council regarding the unavailability of PROWs to the public.

60 REVIEW OF COUNTY COUNCIL APPROACH TO RAIL CROSSINGS
 WITHIN LINCOLNSHIRE AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH NETWORK RAIL

Chris Miller presented a report in connection with the relationship between the County Council and Network Rail regarding rail crossings across the county. He stated that Network Rail was examining all at grade crossings where there was a perceived safety issue if there was an ongoing or proposed alteration to the speed and/or frequency of train movements on a railway line.

The Forum agreed that Network Rail's proposals represented an opportunity for PROWs to be linked up.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

61 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY ESTATE FARMS

Chris Padley stated that he thought that the County Council owned farms and suggested that the Council should have a policy on access to this land. He was not sure how PROWs were maintained on County Estate Farms.

Chris Miller stated that most of the County Farms were located in the south of the county and that the South Lincs LAF was already examining them. He was proposing to meet the Property Section of the Council to examine PROWs on these farms, adding that he had previously spoken to the Council about PROWs crossing County Farm land.

RESOLVED

That the South Lincs LAF be asked to keep this Forum updated of developments following their examination of PROWs across County Council owned farm land and that a map showing their location be emailed to the Forum and considered at the next meeting.

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62 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS AND RIGHTS
OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

North East Lincolnshire Council submitted a report in connection with their Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan update. NOTED.

63 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS AND
RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Andrew Savage presented a report on the County Council's Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan update (ROWIP). A list of completed schemes in ROWIP1 was detailed in the report. He was in the process of preparing ROWIP2 and welcomed comments from the Forum.

Comments made by the Forum included whether ROWIP2 was going to be generic or specific in its content and progress of the Parish Paths Project.

Chris Miller stated that ROWIP2 would be based on separate themes although there was no reason why specific examples for achievement could not also be included, resources were limited and it would be less aspirational. He stated that Members should continue to submit specific proposals for inclusion in ROWIP2.

Chris Miller stated that the Parish Paths Project had been completed. Parish Councils had submitted proposals but there was no budget outside of the Parish Paths Project to fund projects. The Parish Paths Project was protected in the budget and the Council wrote every year to the Parish Councils to inform them about the project.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

64 NORTH EAST LINGS PROGRESS OF DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION
ORDER REPORT

A report from North East Lincolnshire was submitted in connection with progress of Definitive Map Modification Orders. NOTED

65 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS OF DEFINITIVE MAP
MODIFICATION ORDER REPORT

Chris Miller presented a report in connection with progress of Definitive Map Modification Orders.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

66 NORTH EAST LINCS PROGRESS OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER REPORT

North East Lincolnshire submitted a report in connection with progress of Public Path Orders. NOTED.

67 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER REPORT

Chris Miller presented a report on progress of Public Path Orders.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

68 DEFINITIVE MAP AND PUBLIC PATH ORDER REPORTS

Chris Miller asked whether the Forum had any views in connection with the content of the reports as the same content seemed to be presented to every meeting of the Forum. He stated that the current process for considering Definitive Map and Public Path Orders had been in existence since 2006 when the legislation had changed. However, major changes in the system of processing the Orders were imminent and when the details were known he would report to the Forum.

The Forum stated that the reports in their present format were satisfactory and it was noted that a lot of research went into the process of resolving Orders.

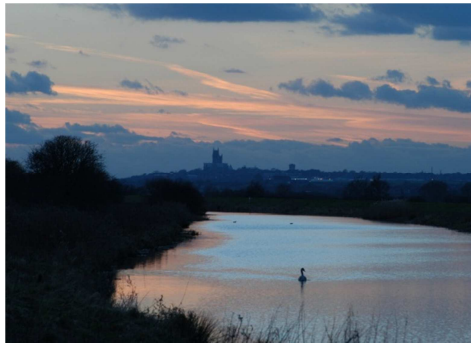
69 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was agreed for 6.30pm on Tuesday 2 July 2013, at the Discovery Centre, Cleethorpes.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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Mid Lincolnshire and South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local (Countryside) Access Forums Joint Annual Report 2012/ 13



Chairmen's Introduction

Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum

The LAF's job of advising its local authorities on improving rights of way is bound to be difficult during a period of severe public expenditure restraint, such as we are in now, since lack of funds very much reduces their freedom to act on any advice. On the other hand, not all improvements require extra funds, and everyone involved in rights of way work, whether voluntarily or professionally, must look at ways of cutting out waste and inefficiency, and also put an emphasis on those aspects which save money in the long run. Chief amongst these is surely health. People have always known that fresh air and exercise are good for physical health, and that getting away into a peaceful and beautiful environment is good for the mind. But a growing body of evidence is demonstrating that encouraging and facilitating walking in particular, but other forms of outdoor recreation is a sound investment which will save far more money to the health services than it costs. The Social Care Act has created Health and Well Being Boards by which local government is charged with taking a broad view of improving health, in a "joined-up" approach across all services. In Lincolnshire, the "walking for health" programme, has already been very successful, and has involved an element of improving rights of way. In the LAFS, we believe that the latent value and opportunity that rights of way have as part of the process of getting the nation fit in body and mind, and thereby saving far more money than needs to be spent, is enormous. It is a question of getting the message over to local and national government.

The LAF is only a small advisory body meeting only quarterly, but what have we done to the above end during the year? I feel two themes have dominated the year, one is what might be called the usual ongoing issues concerning things like path maintenance, legal orders, the other is the concerns over illegal motor vehicle use (I emphasise that not all motor use is illegal or a problem, and we are here talking of the illegal use). I feel that both sides found it a very useful meeting, raising awareness of the problem to the police, and establishing lines of contact.

Christopher Padley

Chair

Mid Lincolnshire

Local (Countryside) Access Forum

South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum

Welcome to the Joint annual report of the Lincolnshire Local Access Forums. You will see that it has been another busy year for the South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF with the usual round of meetings and consultations.

Over the past 12 months we have held four meetings and discussed and debated numerous topics concerning Public Rights of Way and the use of the Lincolnshire and Rutland countryside.

The South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF covers a wide geographical area and members often have to travel long distances to attend meetings. Despite heavy travel commitments members have shown a great deal of commitment and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their contributions and continuing support. I am sorry to see George Keeping leave us but welcome Barbara Smitheringale and the interest and experience that she will bring to our debates.

During the year significant discussion has taken place concerning the use of motor vehicles in the countryside. Members have worked closely with officers and user groups to identify the key issues and members have provided constructive feedback to find a suitable and appropriate way forward.

John Law has continued to work with Parish Councils throughout the county to raise awareness of the routes which may be lost when Higher Level Stewardship agreements come.

RoWIPs continue to be a vital tool in shaping the future of access to the countryside. Both Rutland and Lincolnshire County Council have made good progress in the delivery of the first RoWIP and the LAF are looking forward to assisting in the development of the second RoWIPs during the coming year.

The coming year will continue to represent challenges for all those who are involved in countryside access. We're conscious that resources are finite and it will be necessary to carefully prioritise resources to best possible affect. It will also be important to build partnerships and engage with people in order to achieve improved access to the countryside.

County Councillor Ray Wooten

Chair

South Lincolnshire and Rutland
Local (Countryside) Access Forum

Role and Purpose of Local Access Forums

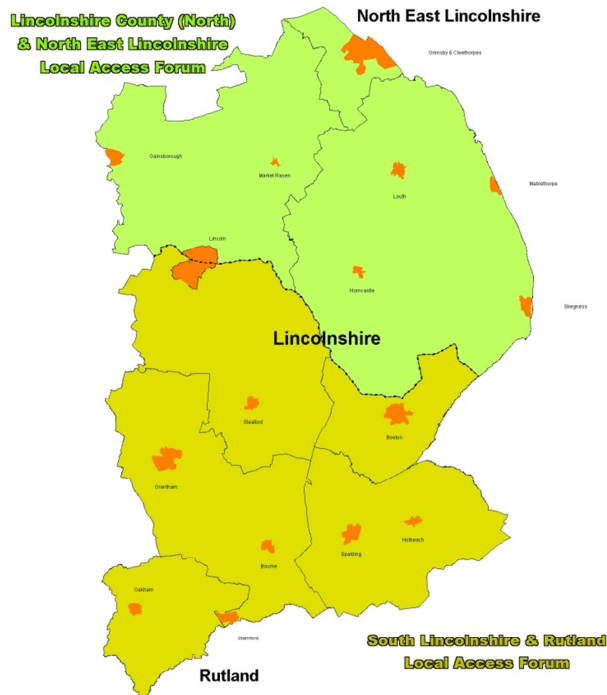
Local Access Forums (LAFs) are statutory bodies established under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. Two LAFs were established in 2003, covering Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire and Rutland. The Mid Lincolnshire LAF (Mid Lincs Forum) is a joint forum between Lincolnshire County Council and North East Lincolnshire Council. The South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF (South Lincs Forum) is a joint forum between Lincolnshire County Council and Rutland County Council.

Lincolnshire County Council provides a secretariat service to both Local Access Forums.

Local Access Forums provide independent advice to the local authorities and other relevant bodies on how to make the countryside more accessible and enjoyable for open- air recreation, in ways which address social, economic and environmental interests.

The Mid Lincolnshire and South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forums provide advice on three main areas:

- the development of recreation and access strategies which cater for a wide range of people;
- improving the rights of way network; and
- the implementation, management and review of the statutory right of access to the countryside.



Membership of Local Access Forums

Each LAF consists of up to 18 members representing a wide range of interests, including rights of way users, land managers and farmers, rural business, health, heritage, nature conservation, tourism, transport, disability groups and minority groups.

Members are appointed for up to three years and the appointing authority is required to maintain a balance of interests on each forum.

A list of members and their areas of interest is shown in the membership section of the Annual Report.

Changes in membership and appointments

-Mid Lincs Forum

Ron Flintham resigned from the forum in January 2012.

-South Lincs Forum

Barbara Smitheringale joined the forum in May 2012 and George Keeping resigned from the South Lincs and Rutland LAF in January 2013.

-Chair appointments

Chris Padley was re-elected as Chair of the Mid Lincs Forum and Dr. Christopher Allison was elected as the Vice-Chair at the July Annual General Meeting. County Councillor Ray Wootten was elected as Chair of the South Lincs Forum and John Williams elected as the Vice-Chair.

Review of meetings and discussions of the past year

Meeting Details

Both forums held 4 full meetings during the reporting period 2012/13. Meetings have been held at the following venues:

Mid Lincs LAF	South Lincs and Rutland LAF
17 April 2012 – Wragby	18 April 2012 - Sleaford
3 July 2012 – Lincoln	4 July 2012 – Grantham
9 October 2012 – Market Rasen	10 October 2012 - Oakham
15 January 2013 – Horncastle	17 January 2013 – Grantham

The average attendance rate for the Mid Lincs LAF during the reporting period was 75% and the South Lincs and Rutland LAF was 76%.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe local access forum meetings and members of the public and other interested parties who would like to raise items for consideration by the forums may do so by contacting the Secretary.

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Rights of Way Improvement Plans (RoWIP)

Lincolnshire County Council

The first Lincolnshire Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan was published in April 2007. The five year plan has been implemented under four themes, each with a strategic aim and supporting the wider social objectives of the County Council including the aims of the LTP2:

- Sustainable Transport – *Strategic Aim to increase the use of the network for sustainable transport and utility trips*
- Health and Well-being – *Strategic Aim to make it easier for people to incorporate exercise into their daily lives and lead healthier lifestyles*
- Rural Economy and Tourism – *Strategic Aim to support local businesses and tourism through access improvements*
- Social Issues – *Strategic Aim to enable more people to enjoy walking and riding*

There is also a separate strand of Core Tasks that will assist in the management of the network and access opportunities.

Work commenced on the development of the second Lincolnshire RoWIP during the reporting period. A great deal has changed since the publication of the first ROWIP and the second ROWIP will have to take account of significant changes in National policy and the current economic climate. The second ROWIP will have an increased emphasis on community involvement and partnership work as a result of the County Council's decreased capability to deliver the plan on its own.

Both LAFs will be formally consulted on the Draft Second Lincolnshire RoWIP during summer 2013.

North East Lincolnshire Council

North East Lincolnshire Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan was published in August 2008. The Mid Lincs LAF has received regular updates on the implementation of the ROWIP from Councillor Colquhoun and Nicola Hardy. During the reporting period notable progress has been made in the delivery of the plan including the review of the Enforcement Policy.

Rutland County Council

2012/13 was the final year of implementation for the first Rutland RoWIP. Stuart Crook provided a final report on the implementation of the RoWIP during the July meeting.

A number of improvement projects have been implemented during the year including the replacement of gates with stiles and cycling improvements between Egleton and Oakham.

Motor Vehicles in the Countryside

Both forums have shown an active interest in the use of motor vehicles in the countryside.

Members have continued to receive regular updates of the ongoing management of Sewstern Lane (the Drift). In 1986 the ancient highway was registered as a Site of Special Scientific Interest due to its rare and species rich calcareous grassland. A significant increase in the use of motor vehicles in recent years has led to a severe deterioration in the condition of the lane. The route has now been permanently closed to all motor vehicles and, despite continued use by a small number of motor vehicles, it is hoped that the SSSI will recover and provide more sustainable year round access for non-motorised users.

The Mid Lincs LAF has also shown concern over the general use of the countryside by motor vehicles. The forum highlighted the need to report illegal use to the police to enable any identified 'hot spots' to be addressed by the police and Lincolnshire County Council. The forum has also expressed particular concern regarding the environmental damage which off road vehicles have caused on a number of routes in the county. It was suggested that Huddle could be used to establish the views of other LAFs around the country and gain examples of best practice.

Higher Level Stewardship – Permissive Paths

The Higher Level Stewardship scheme enabled landowners and farmers to enter into 10 year agreement to provide permissive linear and open access. Changes in national policy mean that Natural England is now unable to include permissive access revenue payments in new HLS agreements. As a result, when an agri-environment agreement ends, the agreement holder will not receive any further permissive access revenue payments through any subsequent Higher Level Stewardship Agreement. DEFRA and Natural England are keen to see that permissive access should continue on a voluntary basis in situations where the provision of permissive linear routes or open access has proved to be of public benefit.

John Law of the South Lincs and Rutland LAF has continued to work with Parish Councils throughout the county to raise awareness of the routes which may be lost. The Mid Lincs LAF visited the network of HLS paths at Wragby prior to the April meeting in order gain a better understanding of the importance of the HLS permissive path network. The project has attracted attention from a number of interested parish councils and has led to the retention of a permissive path at Marston.

Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park

The Coastal Country Park (LCCP) occupies an area between Sandilands and Chapel St. Leonards, covering approximately eight kilometres of coastline and up to 35 square kilometres of coastal hinterland. The Mid Lincs LAF has received regular updates during the development of the LCCP. The County Council has now embarked on a project to improve access in the park through infrastructure and access improvements. Two members of the Mid Lincs LAF, Colin Smith and Richard Graham, have volunteered to sit on the Access Sub Group of the Coastal Country Park Task Team.

Access for the Disabled

The Disability Group was re-established during 2012 as number of forum members considered that the needs of disabled users are not been sufficiently addressed. The sub group, comprising of two members from each forum, has met 3 times during the reporting period and attracted a great deal of attention from local disabled groups.

Natural England Update

Elizabeth Barnicott of Natural England attended both forum meetings in January to provide an update on a range of national and regional issues.

Coastal Access - The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 places a duty on Natural England to create a long distance coastal path around England and an associated margin for recreation. The legislation will be implemented by Natural England over the coming years. It is envisaged that the section from North Norfolk to Skegness will be created between 2015 and 2017. It is intended that both LAFs will be formally invited to provide comments in due course.

Huddle – Elizabeth provided members with a Huddle demonstration and encouraged additional members to become registered users on the system.

National Nature Reserves - Natural England is embarking on a 4 year programme to dedicate all of its National Nature Reserves (NNRs) for permanent public access. Theddlethorpe and Saltfleetby Dunes NNR will be dedicated for public access in 2014. Natural England staff consulted user groups, Lincolnshire County Council and community groups in early 2013 to identify access opportunities on the site.

Other Topics Discussed

- The creation of paths of roadside verges.
- Spa Trail proposals
- PRow across railway lines
- Ploughing and Cropping on PRow

Consultation Responses

- Lincolnshire Local Transport Plan 4 – Lincolnshire County Council
- Improvements to the Policy and Legal Framework for Public Rights of Way - DEFRA

Presentations

- The South Lincs and Rutland LAF received a presentation from Elizabeth Barnicott of Natural England regarding the Paths for Communities Grant Scheme.
- Both forums received presentations from Elizabeth Barnicott of regarding Coastal Access, Huddle and access to National Nature Reserves.

Forum Expenditure

Mid Lincs Forum

Democratic Services support	£1,200
Member travel expenses	£76.60
Total	£1,276.60

South Lincs and Rutland Forum

Democratic Services support	£1,200
Member travel expenses	£449.40
Sub Total	£1,649.40
Total	£2,962.00

Membership

Mid Lincolnshire Local (Countryside) Access Forum		
Name	Area of Interest	End Date of Appointment
Sheila Brookes	Carriage driving	July 2015
Alison Healey	Land Management/ Horse riding, Health	July 2015
Christopher Padley	Walking, Cycling	July 2014
Raymond Shipley	Conservation/ Game keeping	July 2013
Peter Skipworth	Walking, Conservation, Tourism	July 2014
Irene Unsworth	Farming, Rural Business	July 2014
Dr. Christopher Allison	Walking	July 2015
Colin Smith	Walking, Health Walking	July 2014
Ronald Flintham (1)	Disabled Access	July 2014
Richard Graham	Health Walking, Walking	July 2015
Councillor IB Colquhoun	Local Authority Representative	n/a
Councillor E. N. Bauer	Local Authority Representative	n/a
Councillor D. C. Hoyes	Local Authority Representative	n/a

(1) Ronald Flintham resigned January 2013

South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local (Countryside) Access Forum		
Name	Area of Interest	End Date of Appointment
Bryan Bowles	Farming / Land Management	July 2015
Rosemary Harris	Landowner, Local History	July 2013
Barbara Smitheringale (1)	Walking, tourism	July 2015
Audrey Morley	Farming, Horse Riding	July 2015
William Cross	Land Management	July 2014
Alec Hill	Recreational Motoring	July 2013
George Keeping (2)	Walking, Cycling, Outdoor Pursuits	July 2013
Gordon Norris	Walking, Access for people with disabilities	July 2015
Alan Gibbon	Walking	July 2014
John Williams	Walking	July 2015
John Law	Other Interests	July 2014
Ian Cox	Countryside Management	July 2015
Councillor B. Montgomery	Local Authority Representative	n/a
Councillor R. Wootten	Local Authority Representative	n/a
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- (1) Barbara Smitheringale appointed May 2012
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North East Lincolnshire ROWIP Objectives

NELC ROWIP Key Action	Project Details	Comments	Update
KA 06 & KA08 & KA12	Safer Road Crossings	Joint partnership project with road safety team to improve exit points onto busy A road and installation of information promotional boards.	Road safety audit and investigation has now been undertaken with regards to Public Right of Way crossing over Stallingborough Interchange to coincide with plans to provide new link road to Immingham dock. The report has provided a number of options to address the safety issues which are now being informally consulted upon with user groups and landowners.
KA2 & KA9 & KA11 & KA12 & KA13	Strategic Urban Path Improvement Plan	Project to deliver surface upgrades to existing well used paths in the urban area.	Planned works to improve 2 further paths this year both affected by heavy usage and surface erosion/drainage issues - Bradley BW93 & East Ravendale BW137.
KA01 & KA03	Reinstatement of FP72	Ongoing legal issues to determine accurate line of FP72 requiring amendment to Definitive Map and reinstatement of path on the ground.	Members approved officers request to re-make 2010 PPO. Preparations underway to advertise new diversion order.
KA04 & KA5	Unavailable Paths Project	To identify routes recorded on the Def Map that are blocked/obstructed and arrange for the necessary works/action to re-open them.	Appropriate legal action still being considered against landowner currently obstructing FP89 Ashby Cum Fenby in order to reinstate use, and resolve longstanding issues.
KA1, KA2, KA3 & KA4	Definitive Map Issues	Address legal deficiencies with a view to eventually producing an up to date Consolidation Map.	Process to produce new Consolidated Definitive Map for the North East Lincolnshire area is currently underway. Current Definitive Map has a relevant date of June 1953. Consolidating the Def Map will take into account recent resolution of over 110 Legal Orders during the last year.
	Policy Development	Produce & develop policies under which the Authority will deal with specific issues.	A more up to date Public Rights of Way Enforcement Policy is currently being drafted. This is to replace the existing policy approved in 2004. Once the draft is approved for consultation in due course, this will be forwarded to the LAF for comment/approval.

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Agenda Item 9

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Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills - Executive Director - Communities

Report to: **Mid Lincolnshire and South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forums**
Date: **2 and 3 July 2013**
Subject: **Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan Update**

Summary:

A report outlining the progress made in the implementation of the Lincolnshire Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

Recommendation(s):

- i) That the forum notes the contents of the report.

1. Background

The responsibility to produce a Rights of Way Improvement Plan is a statutory duty arising from the Countryside and Rights of way Act 2000. The first Lincolnshire Countryside Access & Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) was adopted by the County Council on 3 April 2007.

The ROWIP is being implemented under four themes, each with a strategic aim and supporting the wider social objectives of the County Council including the aims of the LTP2:

- Sustainable Transport – *Strategic Aim to increase the use of the network for sustainable transport and utility trips*
- Health and Well-being – *Strategic Aim to make it easier for people to incorporate exercise into their daily lives and lead healthier lifestyles*
- Rural Economy and Tourism – *Strategic Aim to support local businesses and tourism through access improvements*
- Social Issues – *Strategic Aim to enable more people to enjoy walking and riding*

There is also a separate strand of Core Tasks that will assist in the management of the network and access opportunities.

The Countryside Access & Rights of Way Improvement Plan Year Action Plan is attached to this report as Appendix A.

2. Summary

Progress Report

Network Management-

The highway divisions have continued to make general improvements through improved maintenance and enforcement works. In the period April 2007 to April 2013 these have included;

- 866 stiles provided or repaired,
- 1,631 new roadside signs,
- 1,880 routes waymarked,
- 523 gates provided or repaired,
- 362 new bridges,
- 293 stiles replaced with kissing gates,
- 234 stiles removed.

Improvement Schemes – Work has now commenced on the 2013/14 improvement programme. Schemes will again be focussed on routes in urban areas and on the urban fringe, routes in the region of countryside heritage sites and promoted routes.

Improvement works will take place at the following locations.

Path	Nature of Work	Justification for Works
Lincoln PF 60	Surface Improvements	Link path to Hartsholme Country Park
Skellingthorpe PB 3	Surface Improvements	Link path to Skellingthorpe Woods
Waddington PF 3	Surface Improvements	Viking Way
Claxby PF 107	Surface Improvements	Village path
Kelby PF 805	Surface Improvements	Village path
Sleaford PF 12	Surface Improvement	Urban path
Barrowby PF 7	Surface Improvements	Village path
Grantham PF 12	Surface Improvements	Urban path
Mablethorpe PF 317	Surface Improvements	Village path
Ranby Restricted Byway 61	Surface Improvements	Lindsey Trail
Grantham PF 18	Surface Improvements	Urban Path
Somerby PF 49	Surface Improvements	Viking Way
Skidbrooke PF 49	Bridge Access Improvements	Accessibility improvements requested by parish council.
Winceby High Barn to Ashby Puerorum UCR	Surface Improvements	Lindsey Trail

Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2-

The draft Second RoWIP has now been completed and will be presented to the October LAF meetings.

3. Consultation

Scrutiny Comments

n/a

Executive Councillor Comments

n/a

Local Member Comments

n/a

Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Countryside Access & Rights of Way Improvement Plan Action Plan

5. Background papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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APPENDIX A

Review of Statement of Action

Core Tasks

Ref	Action	Target date	Work Undertaken	Level of Completion
CT1	Review the Definitive Map Modification Order Priorities Policy and Public Path Order Policies in line with the RoWIP, to give a potentially higher priority to key routes that will improve or increase access.	2008	-Comprehensive review of DMMO policy completed in 2010. -PPO policy reviewed 2010.	Completed
CT2	Review the current Path Priority System for the maintenance and enforcement of PRow	2008	Path Priority System maintained under review.	Completed
CT3	Review Maintenance and Enforcement Policies for PRow and publicise to farmers, landowners and the public	2008 – 2009	Draft Enforcement Manual completed.	Partially Complete
CT4	Review current Parish Paths Partnership scheme and explore new ways to increase community involvement	2008	Review of parish paths partnership scheme completed in autumn 2009.	Completed
CT5	Undertake whole network condition survey	Complete by 2010	Survey complete – undertaken through the proactive inspection regime which ensures all paths receive an inspection at least once in a three year period.	Completed
CT6	Seek opportunities to reduce the number of unnecessary stiles and barriers on the PRow network	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	234 unnecessary stiles and barriers removed and 293 stiles replaced with kissing gates. Promoted routes surveyed to identify unnecessary stiles and barriers.	Completed
CT7	Continue to fully sign and waymark the PRow network	Throughout	1,631 new roadside fingerposts installed either	Completed

		Plan life 2007-2012	in new locations or to replace those in poor condition in addition 1,880 paths waymarked. Promoted routes surveyed to identify routes requiring signing or waymarking.	
CT8	Continue the annual programme of vegetation clearance on PRow	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Additional paths added to the schedule during ROWIP implementation years 1 - 4 as necessary and in line with improvement schemes and the development of new promoted routes. Austerity measures resulted in the re-examination of vegetation cutting schedule during implementation year 5.	Completed
CT9	Continue to ensure that the public has access to designated areas of Open Country and Registered Common Land under CRoW Act 2000	2008	-Access Land Management Plan reviewed. -Access land inspection regime introduced. -Interpretative panels installed at South and West Commons in Lincoln. -Woodnook Valley, Grantham – Access controls and signage installed. -Lincoln Commons leaflets published.	Completed
CT10	Continue to provide information and promote wider use of the PRow Network	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Promotion of the network through various media including the LCC website, County News, local and national press and GP and community magazines. Searchable database of leaflets now available on the LCC Countryside website. 42 Lincolnshire Walks Leaflets have been published (since Apr 07) 8 Lincolnshire Cycling Leaflets have been	Completed

			<p>published (since Apr 07)</p> <p>Outdoor Guide produced (Lincolnshire Tourism)</p> <p>Visitor Guide produced (Lincolnshire Tourism)</p> <p>15 walking discovery packs produced with Lincs Tourism - 2009</p> <p>'Countryside for All' pack produced.</p> <p>'Walk more in Lincolnshire' produced in association with stakeholder groups.</p> <p>'Countryside Access' education pack produced.</p> <p>LCC Countryside microsite redesigned.</p> <p>Revised Countryside Code promoted on LCC web site.</p> <p>Walks Leaflets produced for the Poacher Line.</p> <p>2 Bus Walks produced for the Lincoln area.</p>	
CT11	Develop longer distance routes and trails	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Viking Way – Review provisionally planned for 2015.</p> <p>Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 given Royal Assent. No further action required at this time.</p> <p>Partnership Working</p>	Partially Complete

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spires & Steeples Trail now launched. • Lindsey Trail –completed. <p>Macmillan Way – Programme of infrastructure improvements undertaken around Boston and Surfleet.</p> <p>Save the Children walk – Assistance provided in route development.</p>	
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Sustainable Transport

Ref	Action	Target date	Work Undertaken	Level of Completion
SOA1	Identify and improve off road routes linking communities with schools, employment centres and local services	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Comments submitted regarding reviews of Community Travel Zones for Lincoln and Louth.</p> <p>Targeted improvements implemented on the following routes;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Claxby BOAT 753 – Improvement works 2. Lincoln PF No. 3 – Improvement works to increase accessibility to pushchairs. 3. Louth PF No. 11 – Improvement works to increase accessibility to school. 4. Crowland PF No. 6 – Surface improvement works undertaken at Wheatsheaf Yard. 5. North Somercotes PF No. 30 – Surface improvements works undertaken on village path. 6. Goulceby PF No. 25 – Surface improvement works undertaken on village path. 	Completed

		<p>7. Wainfleet St Mary PF No. 323 –Access improvement works undertaken on village path in conjunction with parish council.</p> <p>8. Branston PF No. 14 – Seating installed on village path.</p> <p>9. Tattershall PF Nos. 222 and 225 – Footpath connecting Tattershall village and Tattershall castle upgraded to full accessibility standard.</p> <p>10. Market Rasen PF No. 167 – Surface improvement works.</p> <p>11. Doddington PF No. 8 – Surface improvement works.</p> <p>12. Skellingthorpe PB No. 3a – Surface improvement works.</p> <p>13. Skegness PF 297 (Vine Walk) – Surface Improvement Works.</p> <p>14. Horncastle PF 76 - Surface Improvement works.</p> <p>15. Lincoln PF 60 – Surface improvement works undertaken between Doddington Road and Hartsholme Country Park.</p> <p>16. Saxilby PF 204 – Surface improvement works.</p> <p>17. Holton le Clay PF 1 – Surface improvement works.</p> <p>18. North Somercotes PF 32 – Surface improvement works School Lane to Warren Road.</p> <p>19. Scotton PF 4 – Surface improvement works.</p> <p>20. Quadring PF 5 – Bridge upgraded between village and primary school.</p> <p>21. Boston PF1 – Bridge upgrading works.</p> <p>22. Horncastle PF80 – Resurfacing works.</p>	
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			<p>23. Glentham PF 844 – Resurfacing and revetment works.</p> <p>24. Market Rasen PF 162 – Resurfacing works.</p> <p>25. Conningsby PF 224 – Resurfacing works.</p> <p>26. Skegness PF 307 – Surfacing works.</p> <p>27. Upton PF 50 – Surfacing works.</p> <p>28. Gedney PF 15 – Surfacing and revetment works.</p> <p>29. Sleaford PF 17 – Surface improvements</p> <p>30. Skellingthorpe PF No. 15 –Surface improvements</p> <p>31. Wellingore PF 5 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>32. Nocton PF 10 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>33. Reepham PF 131 – Culvert Improvements</p> <p>34. Waddingham PF 72 – Surface Improvement Works</p> <p>35. Walesby Byway 524 – Surface Improvement Works</p> <p>36. Lincoln PF 11 – Surface Improvement Works</p> <p>37. Bourne PF 1 – Surface Improvement Works</p> <p>38. Saxby PF 9 – Bridge Upgrading</p> <p>39. Market Rasen PF 163 – Surface Improvement Works</p> <p>40. Grasby PF 49 - Surface Improvement Works</p> <p>41. Trusthorpe PF 863 – Surface Improvement Works</p> <p>42. Trusthorpe PF 816 – Surface Improvement Works</p> <p>43. Sleaford PF 948 – Surface Improvement Works</p> <p>44. Lincoln PF60 – Surface Improvement Works</p>	
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			Additional small scale works undertaken at various locations by LCC highway divisions.	
SOA2	Improve enforcement and management of urban rights of way to combat litter, fly tipping and dog fouling	2011	LCC Divisions and Borough Councils contacted regarding issues of flytipping on public rights of way to highlight areas experiencing excessive flytipping. Borough Councils contacted to clarify protocols for dealing with dog fouling on public rights of way	Completed
SOA3	Seek improvements for non-motorised travel in proposals for new developments. Schemes funded through developer contributions	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Regular liaison takes place with planning authorities to ensure that maximum public benefits are realised. Comments are submitted on planning applications as they arise. Comments submitted to: -Stamford – Newstead Development Proposals consultation. -Lincoln Eastern Bypass -Grantham Southern Quadrant Relief Road	Completed
SOA4	Develop walking and cycling from public transport interchanges	2011	Railway walks leaflets produced from Poacher Line stations; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heckington to Sleaford 2. Ancaster to Sleaford. 3. Skegness to Wainfleet. 4. Metheringham 	Completed

			<p>Information included in Getting Around Lincolnshire (Lincs CC)</p> <p>Walking and cycling details included on all new (LCC) bus and train guides.</p> <p>Lincolnshire Walks information displayed at selected bus stops locations.</p>	
SOA5	Promote use of public transport on leaflets and website	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Public transport promoted on publications and web site.</p> <p>Information is added to promotional material (ie Lincolnshire Walks.</p> <p>Lincolnshire walks information included in Area Bus Guides.</p> <p>Lincolnshire walks information now displayed at selected bus stop locations.</p> <p>Bus stop information displayed on the revised CAMs Web system.</p> <p>ADT participation in the Lincolnshire County Council 'Walk, Bike and Share ...' event.</p> <p>Development of 2 walks from Lincoln bus routes.</p>	Completed
SOA6	Public rights of way guidance for planning authorities and developers	2008	Meetings held with planning authorities to standardise the format and promotion of orders. Specific guidance to developers and	Completed

			district councils to be undertaken in 2012.	
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Health and Well Being

Ref	Action	Target date	Works Undertaken	Level of Completion
SOA7	Improve infrastructure on paths used for health walks initiatives	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Improvement of health walking network undertaken with £110,000 of Lincolnshire PCT funding. 496 miles of health walking routes surveyed for improvements and programme of improvement works devised. The programme of improvement works included surface improvements, bridge upgrading and improvements to path infrastructure.	Completed
SOA8	Reduce number of unnecessary barriers on PROW	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Unnecessary stiles and barriers identified during routine maintenance works removed on identification of funding. 234 stiles were removed as unnecessary and 293 stiles were replaced with gates.	Completed
SOA9	Ensure cross field paths are reinstated after ploughing	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Enforcement Policy Manual completed.	Partially Completed
SOA10	Improve routes in areas of highest health deprivation in Lincolnshire.	2012	Areas of highest health deprivation identified and mapped - information sent to LCC highways divisions with recommendation of targeted improvements in highlighted areas.	Completed

			<p>Walking and cycling information distributed to 18 health centres in highlighted areas (March 10).</p> <p>Walking and cycling information offered to all health centres (2011).</p>	
SOA11	Undertake accessibility audit of the network	2011	<p>Following consideration full network accessibility survey considered impossible to undertake. Full network condition survey therefore used to obtain accessibility information.</p> <p>Accessibility audit undertaken of all Lincolnshire Walks during 2010.</p>	Partially Completed
SOA12	Develop a range of key routes in conjunction with disability groups.	2012	5 Countryside for all routes published using Aggregate Levy Sustainability Funding (2010)	Partially Completed
SOA13	Promote health walking schemes and help partners with development of new schemes.	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Promotional links established and support mechanisms in place.</p> <p>Ongoing. PCT funding enabled expansion of health walks schemes and GP referrals. Funding secured through "Choosing Health".</p> <p>Support given to Boston leisure and health walks to produce 6 walks leaflets.</p> <p>Attendance at the 'Getting out There' event.</p> <p>'Explore the Lincolnshire Countryside' – Posters published July 10.</p>	Completed

			<p>Funding provided in association with Lincolnshire PCT to enable the creation of additional access in the Westgate Wood extension at Boston.</p> <p>Anderby health walking group established. 2 bridges installed at Anderby.</p> <p>Support given to Sustrans in East Lindsey to produce health walks leaflets.</p> <p>Attendance at Lincs Walks forum.</p> <p>Annual advert placed in GP and community magazines.</p>	
SOA14	Promote benefits of rights of way to wider range of potential users	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Assistance provided in the Wolds Walking Festival, LCCP, Countryside Events Programme and Wash week.</p> <p>Attendance at the 'Sustainable Schools Showcase' to promote countryside access to young people (2010).</p> <p>Attendance at 'Walk it, Bike it, Share it'.</p> <p>'Walk more in Lincolnshire' leaflet produced in association with stakeholder groups.</p> <p>Lincolnshire articles published in the East Midlands LAF newsletter.</p> <p>'Countryside Access' education pack published.</p>	Completed.

			<p>Countryside for all pack produced (2010)</p> <p>Adverts placed in GP and community magazines.</p> <p>Attendance at 'Get out There' events (2009).</p> <p>Articles in County News.</p> <p>Attendance at Lincolnshire Show.</p> <p>Attendance at Heckington Show (2011)</p>	
SOA15	Produce targeted information for doctors surgeries, health centres in areas of highest health deprivation	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>8 Adverts and editorial articles featured in various editions of the 'Lincolnshire New GP Community Health Care Magazine'.</p> <p>Leaflets sent to health centres (2010).</p> <p>Information sent to all health centres (2011).</p>	Completed
SOA16	Publicise barrier free routes	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Audit undertaken of all routes included in Lincolnshire Walks series of leaflets.</p> <p>5 Countryside for all routes promoted using Aggregate Levy Sustainability Funding.</p> <p>Infrastructure information displayed on the Cams Web Map.</p>	Completed
SOA17	Promote responsible countryside access	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Responsible countryside access promoted through various media including the LCC website, County News, Agenda magazine and	Completed

			<p>local and national press.</p> <p>. Countryside Code promoted on the Countryside web site.</p> <p>Attendance at 'Get out there' event (2009).</p> <p>Attendance at 'Sustainable Schools Showcase' (2009).</p> <p>'Countryside Access' education pack published.</p> <p>Attendance at local shows (Lincolnshire and Heckington shows).</p>	
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Rural Economy and Tourism

Ref	Action	Target date	Works Undertaken	Level of Completion
SOA18	Identify and develop circular and linear recreational routes to and from countryside / heritage tourism sites	2011	<p>Improvement works undertaken in the influence of tourism sites as required.</p> <p>6 Limewoods walks leaflets published.</p> <p>2 Limewoods cycling leaflets published.</p> <p>Walks leaflets produced for the LCCP.</p> <p>Most walks/cycle designed to include connections with local heritage.</p>	Completed

			<p>Limewoods Signage – Public rights of way signage in the Limewoods area replaced with oak finger posts extending from Bardney to Wragby, Fiskerton and Faldingworth.</p> <p>Missing link dedicated to create circular walking route at Bassingham.</p> <p>North Willingham No. 523 – Surface improvement works undertaken through Willingham Woods.</p> <p>Tattershall Public Footpath Nos. 222 and 225 – Footpath connecting Tattershall village and Tattershall castle upgraded to full accessibility standard.</p> <p>Horncastle PF 76 - Surface Improvement works.</p> <p>Lincoln PF 60 – Surface improvement works undertaken between Doddington Road and Hartsholme Country Park.</p> <p>Scotton PF 4 – Surface improvement works.</p> <p>Anderby PF 16 and 22 – 2 new bridges to be provided on existing footpaths in the LCCP area.</p> <p>Middle Rasen BW 514 – surface improvement works.</p>	
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			<p>Claxby with Moorby BW 194 – surface improvement works.</p> <p>Fiskerton Public Bridleway No. 221 – bridge improvements.</p> <p>Skegness PF 307 – surface improvement works.</p> <p>Viking Way – Installation of benches.</p> <p>Gedney PF 15 – Surface Improvement works.</p> <p>Sleaford PF No. 17 – Surface improvement works adjacent to the River Slea.</p> <p>Fiskerton PF No. 116 – Access Improvement Works.</p> <p>Walesby Byway No. 524 – Surface Improvement Works</p> <p>Bourne PF 1 – Surface Improvement Works</p> <p>Muckton PB 307 – Surface Improvement Works</p>	
SOA19	Improve the maintenance and management of routes close to popular areas of the county and key tourist attractions.	2011	<p>Routes identified in the influence of tourism sites and designated areas and implement improvement works as required.</p> <p>See SOA 18</p> <p>Gedney access improvements. Infrastructure</p>	Completed

			<p>improvements on Gedney 'Lincolnshire walk' undertaken.</p> <p>North Willingham Byway 523 – Surface Improvements.</p> <p>Linwood Byway 764 – Surface Improvements</p>	
SOA20	Improve maintenance and promotion of promoted routes and county trails	2011	Audit of Lincolnshire Walks routes undertaken to identify infrastructure and waymarking/ signage improvements and improvements to vegetation cutting regime.	Completed
SOA21	Support and encourage new tourist attractions to include walking and cycling through the planning consultation process.	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Highways divisional staff comment on planning applications as they arise and suggest recommendations for improved walking and cycling provision during the planning consultation process.	Completed
SOA22	Support partners with development of new trails	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Partners supported with the development of new trails.</p> <p>-Spires and Steeples Trail launched 3 May 2008.</p> <p>-Spa Trail works completed.</p> <p>-Support given to South Holland Borough Council to develop a series of walking and cycling routes.</p> <p>-6 Limewoods walks leaflets published.</p> <p>-2 Limewoods cycling leaflets published.</p>	Completed

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Nottinghamshire Strategic Cycle Network – Support given to the provision of a strategic cycle path between Sherwood Forest and Lincoln city centre. -Support and advice provided to ASR- Leisure in the development of Cycle Touring Routes in the Northern Wolds. -Save the Children route. Support provided to initial route development. -Macmillan Way – Infrastructure improvements undertaken between Boston and Surfleet in conjunction with the Environment Agency. -Viking Way – benches installed at Walesby and to the south of Lincoln. -The Lindsey Trail carriage driving route opened in spring 2012. -Support given to Boston BC in the development of the health walks network. -Supports given to Sustrans in the development of the health walks network. -Support provided for the re development of the Trent Valley Way. -Support given to the LCCP for the production of the walks leaflets. 	
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			-Access advice provided for the Lincolnshire Coastal Grazing Marshes project.	
SOA23	Develop a Lincolnshire Coastal trail	2012	Marine and Coastal Access Act provided Royal Assent in November 2009. No further action required at this time.	Partially Complete
SOA24	Provide public transport information at key sites and promoted routes	Ongoing	Travel Line and LCC public transport information published on walking and cycling leaflets. Lincolnshire walks information now displayed at selected bus stop locations. Lincolnshire walks information included in the LCC area bus guides.	Completed
SOA25	Produce walking, cycling and riding information in a variety of formats and for holiday accommodation providers	Ongoing	Lincolnshire Tourism produced 15 Walking Discovery Packs as part of the 2008 marketing campaign promoting Lincolnshire as a short break destination for walking, cycling and golf. Packs made available to accommodation providers. Outdoor Guide produced (Lincolnshire Tourism). Lincolnshire Outdoor Guide distributed to TICs in Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Norfolk and South Yorkshire.	Completed

			<p>5 Countryside for all routes published.</p> <p>Searchable database of Lincolnshire Walks produced.</p> <p>42 Lincolnshire Walks Leaflets produced.</p> <p>8 Lincolnshire Cycling Leaflets produced.</p>	
SOA26	Develop website to include interactive web walks with links to local services and tourist attractions	2007	<p>Searchable walks database published in 2010.</p> <p>LCC Countryside micro site redesigned in 2011.</p> <p>Revised Countryside Access Map published in 2011.</p>	Completed
SOA27	Develop a range of information panels at gateways sites/ villages to promote access opportunities and local services available	2012	<p>Consideration given to installing interpretation panels in P3 parishes. Austerity measures prevent full implementation. PRow plans provided for P3 groups for display on parish notice boards.</p> <p>Interpretation panels installed on South and West Commons in Lincoln.</p>	Partially Complete

Social Issues

Ref	Action	Target date	Works Undertaken	Level of Completion
SOA28	Improve quality of waymarking to increase user confidence and assist land managers	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	1,631 new roadside fingerposts installed either in new locations or to replace those in poor condition in addition 1,880 path waymarked. Limewoods Signage – Public rights of way signage in the Limewoods area replaced with oak fingerposts with some containing destination and distance information. Promoted route survey completed.	Completed.
SOA29	Identify all missing bridges on key network routes, develop and implement a work programme	2010	Missing bridges identified. Capital bridges programme commenced, reduced funding prevents further action at this time.	Partially Completed
SOA30	Implement programme of signing selected unsurfaced unclassified county roads	2011	Officer time spent identifying UCRs and gap analysis using GIS of PROW network and other access. Programme of signage based on demand and necessity nearing completion.	Partially Completed
SOA31	Clarify who can use which route through better signage.	2007	Officer time spent to identify UCRs and gap analysis undertaken using GIS of PROW network and other access. Alternative formats of signage considered by LAF and highway divisions. Signage for restricted byways produced 2008.	Completed
SOA32	Develop a programme of improved vegetation cutting on key routes close to settlements with parish	2009	Programme of improved vegetation cutting in place on key routes. Additional paths added to	Partially Complete

	councils		the schedule during ROWIP implementation years 1 - 4. Austerity measures resulted in re-examination of vegetation cutting schedule during implementation year 5. P3 scheme review currently underway.	
SOA33	Complete audit of busy road crossings and implement prioritised programme of improvements	2011	Audit of road and rail crossings now complete. Short list of most 'hazardous' crossings forwarded to LCC Divisions, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, Highways Agency and Network Rail. Austerity measures prevent any further action at this time.	Partially Complete
SOA34	Improve management of existing routes available for motorised users and carriage drivers.	2011	Audit of unsurfaced UCRs completed. Production of management plan underway.	Partially Complete
SOA35	Identify all cross boundary links with neighbouring authorities to ensure consistency of maintenance and promotion.	2011	Identification of cross boundary links and issues yet to commence.	No action taken
SOA36	Pilot a project to prepare signage incorporating distance and destination information to key routes.	2012	Limewoods Signage – Public rights of way signage in the Limewoods area replaced with oak fingerposts.	Completed
SOA37	Support highway divisions with the implementation of Quiet Lanes.	2012	Funds no longer available to undertake Quiet Lanes project in Greater Lincoln and Gainsborough Division pilot area.	No action taken
SOA38	Develop a range of circular routes for cyclists and equestrians in areas of highest demand. Identify suitable roadside verges and "behind the hedge" links to create safer links between existing routes and improve management of those links identified. Support DEFRA schemes that increase access and	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Officer time spent on ROWIP area priorities mapping. 8 Lincolnshire cycling leaflets produced. Lindsey Trail – route opened spring 2012.	Partially Completed

	link PRoW.		Consultation responses provided to Natural England in response to Higher Level Stewardship Applications.	
SOA39	Identify areas deficient in access where access proposals would benefit the rights of way network.	2007	Discussions have taken place with Natural England and LAFs were briefed in October 2007 in relation to HLS access. ROWIP implementation priorities overview mapping completed for transport and health.	Completed
SOA40	Review current Definitive Map Modifications Order priority system to give priority to key cases that will improve connectivity of the existing network of users.	2007	New priority system introduced in 2006. Review undertaken in 2010.	Completed
SOA41	Establish a priority system for Public Path Orders giving higher priority to cases that will improve connectivity on the existing network of users	2007	Public Path Order Priority System maintained under review.	Completed
SOA42	Implement programme of staff training to raise awareness of diversity issues relating to countryside access	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Disabled Access Audit training event held for LCC PRoW staff in November 09. Relevant information disseminated to staff as required.	Completed
SOA43	Identify existing routes that meet needs of restricted mobility users and publicise	2011	5 Countryside for All routes published. Promoted routes surveyed to identify unnecessary stiles and barriers. PRoW infrastructure details displayed on the countryside access map.	Completed
SOA44	Develop and implement an accessibility policy in conjunction with disability groups	2009	Accessibility Guidance produced.	Completed
SOA45	Develop links with organisations to implement a programme of themed guided walks, rides and events	Throughout Plan life	Continuing to build on existing contacts and partnerships. Funding required to implement	Completed

		2007-2012	<p>countryside access projects.</p> <p>Involvement in the Wolds Walking Festival, Spires and Steeples Trail events, Wash Week, LCCP programme of events and Boston Community weekend.</p>	
SOA46	Develop policies and guidance which explain how the authority manages PROW and access	2011	<p>Policy areas identified and included in officer work programmes.</p> <p>Work undertaken to produce;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Path priority system, -Accessibility Guidance, -DMMO policy, -PPO policy, -Draft Enforcement Manual. 	Completed
SOA47	Promote leaflets and access information to increase confidence and take up by none users.	2007	<p>Natural England produced leaflet for the revised Countryside Code. Information also displayed on the LCC Countryside micro site.</p> <p>Searchable database of Lincolnshire Walks produced for LCC website.</p> <p>42 Lincolnshire Walks Leaflets produced.</p> <p>8 Lincolnshire Cycling Leaflets produced.</p> <p>5 Countryside for all routes published.</p>	Completed
SOA48	Improve driver awareness of equestrians	2011	Equestrian leaflets distributed through Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership as part of Driver Improvement Programme.	Completed

SOA49	Produce Countryside Access newsletter	2011	Publication of newsletter to commence in 2012.	No action taken

North East Lincolnshire DMMO's (Definitive Map Modification Orders)

Ref Number	Parish	Location	Effect of Application	Date of Application	Progress Notes
DMMO 3	Grimsby	Humberston Road to Weelsby Woods	Claimed Footpath	20/10/03	This section of path is part of a planned new promoted route within the urban area. The landowner however, is objecting to the claim. This route is well used and will form a valuable connection from the Scartho area to Cleethorpes therefore it is likely that rights can be proven on the basis of commonlaw dedication. Land is being considered for development to include a path along the claimed route - this may resolve this claim.
DMMO 6	Cleethorpes	New Clee Sidings (Fuller Street Bridge to Salvesen Road)	Footpath and Restricted Byway	20/03/08	Order to add a Public Footpath has now been advertised, with a number of objections received. Legal Services now considering those objections. If unresolved, the matter will be referred to the Secretary of State in course.
DMMO 7	Grimsby	Vicarage Gardens/Compton Drive to Bargate	Claimed Footpath	18/03/08	Original claim submitted after landowner planned to lock Kissing Gate at centre of path to restrict access and improve security of Vicarage Gardens. Elderly Vicarage Gardens residents objected due to length of alternative route. Have written to certain providers of evidence forms to arrange meeting to take witness statements. No responses received.
DMMO 8	Grimsby	Macaulay Lane to Newhaven Terrace	Claimed Footpath	17/04/08	User evidence submitted vague and conflicting. No historical evidence found. Previous committee decision in 2004 to make order. Development of land currently being considered into Country Park, which would re-open land to public use and appears to provide route over land along line of claimed route. This may be a solution to resolve claim.
DMMO 9	Grimsby	Ferriby Lane to Bradley	Claimed Bridleway	17/05/08	Path is part of Excluded Area which will be mapped in due course and is already acknowledged on working copy as PROW.

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Report Reference:

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills - Executive Director for Communities

Report to:	Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum & South Lincolnshire & Rutland Local Access Forum
Date:	02 July 2013
Subject:	Definitive Map Modification Order Progress - October 2006 to 24th June 2013

Summary:

A report on the progress of Definitive Map Modification Order work since the inception of the current prioritisation policy.

Recommendation(s):

That the report is noted

1. Background

As Surveying Authority the County Council has a statutory duty to keep under continuous review the Definitive Rights of Way Map and Statement for Lincolnshire and to make orders to take account of events requiring the map to be modified. This is carried out by the processing of Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMOs) which are either applied for by the public or initiated by the Authority on the discovery of evidence.

Highways & Traffic Guidance Note HAT33/3/11 sets out that such cases will be dealt with in order of receipt/initiation unless one or more of the eight "exception criteria" apply.

The criteria are as follows:

1. Where there is sustained aggression, hostility and ill feeling within a community that is causing severe disruption to the life of that community, and that in processing the case early there is a strong likelihood that this will reduce.
2. Where there is a significant threat to the route, likely to cause a permanent obstruction (e.g. a building, but not, for example, a locked gate or residential fencing).

3. Where there is, or has been, a finding of maladministration by the Local Government Ombudsman on a particular case and that in processing the case the County Council will discharge its duty to the Ombudsman's decision.
4. Where legal proceedings against the County Council are instigated or are likely to be instigated and it is possible that the Authority has a liability.
5. Where there is a risk to children on County Council owned property and land or where the claimed route would provide for a safer alternative route to a school, play area or other amenity for children.
6. Where there is a significant financial saving to the County Council (and therefore taxpayers) through the processing of an Order.
7. Where a new application is received that relies on evidence of a case already received or, if the new application forms part of or is adjoining to an existing claim, the new claim will be dealt with at the same time as the older application.
8. Where the route will significantly assist in achieving a Countryside and Rights of Way Improvement Plan Objective or Statement of Action.

The above numbered exception criteria do not cover every eventuality and it is recognised that in exceptional circumstances there may be other reasons why it would benefit the public for a case to be considered out of normal order. Officers will not prioritise any case under such circumstances and any appeal will only be considered by the Definitive Map & Statement of Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee.

Initially the priority of a case is set by Officers however there is a right of appeal for any affected persons whereby a decision is made by the Definitive Map & Statement of Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee.

Appendices A, B and C to this report outline the progress that has been made over since the inception of the revised Schedule of Priorities and 1st October 2012.

2. Conclusion

That the Rights of Way & Countryside Access Section has continued to make progress against casework backlogs.

3. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

n/a

c) Scrutiny Comments

n/a

d) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

6. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Schedule of Progress of Cases completed
Appendix B	Active Caseload for Officers

7. Background Papers

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

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Highways & Traffic Guidance Note 33 - Prioritisation of Definitive Map Modification Orders	Highways & Traffic Guidance Notes Manual - Countryside - City Hall, Lincoln

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Appendix A - Schedule of Modification Order Cases Completed October 2006 to 1st October 2012

CASES WHERE AN ORDER WAS NOT MADE				
Parish	Further details	Formal Application?	Decision Date	Reason not made
Careby, Aunby & Holywell	Reclassification of RB1	No 24/10/1996	22/11/2006	Unable to reclassify Restricted Byway to Footpath or Bridleway Status
Bassingham	Reclassification of RB 5	No 13/1/1998	22/11/2006	Unable to reclassify Restricted Byway to Footpath or Bridleway Status
Bassingham	Reclassification of RB 4	No 12/06/1996	22/11/2006	Unable to reclassify Restricted Byway to Footpath or Bridleway Status
Billingham	Reclassification of RB 10	No 02/05/1996	22/11/2006	Unable to reclassify Restricted Byway to Footpath or Bridleway Status
Ruskington	Downgrading of RB 127	Yes 02/02/1987	23/01/2007	Insufficient evidence
Horncastle	Claimed Public Footpath	Yes 01/10/1991	06/06/2007	Insufficient evidence
Wrangle	Claimed Public Footpath	Yes 17/09/1994	04/07/2007	Claimed path dedicated by landowner instead (PF987)
Osgodby / Owersby	Claimed Public Footpath & BOAT- Washdyke Lane	Yes 05/12/1990	03/07/2007	Decision not to make, no appeal by applicant
Old Somerby	Upgrade to BOAT status	Yes 07/11/2002	02/10/2007	DEFRA upheld decision, insufficient evidence
Ropsley & Humby	Re-alignment/diversion of PF1	No 25/08/2005	18/03/2008	Realignment not necessary - requires diversion order
Hffington	Realignment of PF 10 (Main Rd to Turnpike Rd)	No 31/01/2007	01/08/2008	Insufficient evidence
Ingham	Claimed BOAT across Ingham village green	Yes 14/07/2003	09/10/2008	Legal Issue regarding Village Green status
Sleaford	Claimed Public Footpath from Millfield Terrace to Eastgate through the cemetery	Yes 30/10/2007	10/11/2010	DEFRA upheld decision, insufficient evidence
Lincoln	Claimed Public Bridleway from Wragby Rd to Greetwell Rd	Yes 22/06/2002	15/02/2011	Insufficient Evidence
Timberland	Claimed Public Footpath from Church Lane	No 05/08/2010	10/12/2010	Insufficient Evidence
Cherry Willingham	Claimed Public Footpath from Fiskerton Road to the River Witham	Yes 19/01/2005	14/6/2011	Insufficient Evidence – DEFRA Dismissed applicants appeal
Stamford	Claimed Footpath from Walcot Way over the former quarry	Yes 23/04/2003	2/6/2011	Insufficient Evidence
Anderby	Sea Road to Creek Outfall	Yes 25/7/1983	10/9/2012	Not confirmed by Inspector

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CASES WHERE AN ORDER HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CONFIRMED				
Parish	Further details	Formal Application?	Date of Confirmation	Notes
Hough on the Hill (Gelston)	Realignment of Public Footpath 9	Yes 12/02/2002	17/01/2007	
Halton Holegate	Claimed Public Footpath from PF160 to Highfield Lane	Yes 03/07/2002	05/03/2007	
Sleaford	Public Footpath 12 to Boston Rd and Recreation Ground	Yes 21/06/1999	16/03/2007	
Sleaford	Deletion of Public Footpath 11	No 12/10/2006	18/04/2007	
Waddingham	Claimed Public Footpath from Joshua Way to The Green	Yes 15/05/2000	20/04/2007	
Anderby Creek/Huttoft	Claimed Public Footpath Anderby creek and Moggs Eye	No 21/08/1996	23/04/2007	
Snitterby & Waddingham	Claimed Public Footpath from Carr Lane to Black Dyke	Yes 15/11/1997	02/05/2007	
Snitterby & Waddingham	Claimed Public Footpath from Carr Lane to Green Lane	Yes 15/11/1997	02/05/2007	
Uffington	Claimed Public Footpath from Casewick Lane to School Lane, across school playing field	Yes 06/09/1999	05/06/2007	
Billingham	Claimed Public Footpath from St Michaels Close to Playing Field	Yes 04/06/1998	08/06/2007	
Bulletby	Realignment of Public Bridleway 58	No 11/06/2007	11/06/2007	
West Keal	Claimed Public Footpath to Old Bolingbroke (Hall Hill - the Point)	Yes 20/08/2007	20/08/2007	
Bucknall	Claimed Public Footpath from church to Road	Yes 20/07/1992	21/08/2007	
Burton	Claimed Public Bridleway from A 57 to PF 229	Yes 27/08/1987	21/09/2007	
Mablethorpe and Sutton	Claimed Public Footpath from Station Rd to Camelot Gdns	Yes 15/11/1993	12/11/2007	
Heighington	Claimed Public Footpath from Bardney Road to Brinkle Springs Lane	Yes 20/08/2000	15/11/2007	Confirmed by Secretary of State
Torksey/Brampton	Claimed Public Footpath from West Station Road to Brampton village	Yes 08/03/1999	30/10/2007	Confirmed by Secretary of State
Sleaford	Claimed Public Bridleway from Bullock Pasture Lane to Mareham Lane	Yes 27/06/1991	07/01/2008	Confirmed by Secretary of State
Burgh-le-Marsh	Claimed Public Footpath from Jacksons Lane	Yes 10/02/1987	15/01/2008	
Belton & Manthorpe	Claimed Public Footpath from Low Rd to High Rd (known as "The Steps")	Yes 25/10/2001	07/02/2008	Confirmed by Secretary of State
Burgh-le-Marsh	Claimed Public Footpath from Gravel pits to PF 240/241	No 02/02/1987	30/05/2008	
Corby Glen	Deletion of part of Public Footpath 7 in Corby Glen	No 02/03/2007	05/06/2008	
Washingborough	Claimed BOAT - North Dales Road	Yes 22/05/1989	09/06/2008	
Skellingthorpe / Lincoln	Claimed Public Footpath alongside Catchwater Drain	Yes 17/11/1989	27/06/2008	
Castle Bytham	Deletion of Public Footpath No. 12	Yes 31/10/2005	28/07/2008	

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North Somercotes	Claimed Public Footpath from Keeling St to Rd	Yes 02/02/1991	27/11/2009	Secretary of State confirmation as Public Bridleway
Spilsby	Claimed Public Footpath from Halton Rd to PF 160	Yes 22/02/1989	12/01/2010	
East Barkwith	Claimed Public Footpath from Village Green on Torrington Lane to church yard	Yes 24/07/1992	06/05/2010	
Newton & Haceby	Upgrade of Restricted Byway 11 to BOAT Newton to A15	Yes 27/05/2004	10/08/2010	Sch. 14 appeal - Directed to make Order
Newton & Haceby / Walcot	Upgrade of Restricted Byway 2 and Public Bridleway 3 "Green Lane"	Yes 27/05/2004	10/08/2010	
Dogdyke (Chapel Hill)	Realignment of Public Footpath from Crown Inn to River Witham	Yes 14/10/2002	17/08/2010	
Lea	Addition of PB from Lea Plantation to New Plantation	Yes 28/07/2006	07/10/2010	Confirmed as PF only
Carlton Scroop	Addition of Public Bridleway (upgrading from PF in part)	Yes 17/05/2000	11/11/2010	Secretary of State confirmation as Restricted Byway
Waddingham	Realignment of Public Footpath No. 73	No 29/01/1993	02/02/2011	
Bardney	Addition of Public Bridleway	Yes 20/04/1987	09/03/2011	Secretary of State confirmation as Public Bridleway
Wellingore	Claimed BOATS – North Hill Foot Lane and North Hill	Yes 16/08/1999	23/03/2011	Confirmed as Restricted Byway by Sec. of State following objections to modification to RB Status not being upheld
Pumby	Realignment of Public Footpath No. 59	Yes 29/09/2007	15/04/2011	Realignment Confirmed
Woodhall Spa	Claimed Footpath from Tattershall Rd to Abbey Lane	Yes 20/05/1989	08/08/2011	Confirmed (in part Abbey Lane to Church only) following written representations procedure by the Secretary of State
Grumston	Addition of claimed PF from Coleby PF2 to Grantham Rd.	No 07/12/2009	06/10/2011	Confirmed by Secretary of State
Horncastle	Claimed Public Footpath – Holt Lane to Banovallum Gardens	Yes 18/03/2003	23/07/2012	Confirmed with modifications by Secretary of State
Orby	Realignment of PF 328	Yes 1/11/2010	4/12/2012	Realignment Confirmed
Wrangle	Claimed BOAT – Cockleshell Alley	Yes 5/9/2005	21/6/2013	Evidence supported PB rights only – Sole objection withdrawn

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CASES WHERE AN ORDER WAS NOT CONFIRMED				
Parish	Further details	Formal application?	Decision Date	Notes
Sutton St Edmund	Claimed BOAT - Hallgate Road	No 31/10/1988	19/09/2008	Not confirmed by Inspector
Woolsthorpe by Belvoir	Claimed Public Footpath from County boundary to Brewer's Grave	Yes 25/03/1999	23/01/2009	Not confirmed by Inspector
Woolsthorpe by Belvoir	Claimed Public Footpath from Village Street to Brewer's Grave	Yes 23/12/2001	23/01/2009	Not confirmed by Inspector
Woolsthorpe by Belvoir	Claimed Public Footpath from Church to Brewer's Grave	Yes 23/12/2001	23/01/2009	Not confirmed by Inspector
Woolsthorpe by Belvoir	Claimed Public Footpath from Chequers Inn to Brewer's Grave	Yes 23/12/2001	23/01/2009	Not confirmed by Inspector
East Stockwith	Realignment of Public Footpath No. 37	Yes 23/12/2001	03/06/2009	Order incapable of being confirmed, owing to drafting error
Kirkby Underwood	Deletion of Public Footpath 7	Yes 18/04/1983	14/09/2009	Not confirmed by Inspector
Temple Bruer with Temple High Grange	2 Claimed BOATs - Cocked Hat Plantation	No 06/02/1985	28/09/2010	Not confirmed by Inspector
Mablethorpe	Claimed Public Footpath from Queensway to King Georges Field	Yes 15/08/2005	19/05/2011	Not confirmed by Inspector – Insufficient evidence to prove a specific route
Newton & Haceby	Upgrade of Restricted Byway 11 to BOAT Newton to A15	Yes 27/05/2004	15/06/2011	Not confirmed by Inspector – Insufficient Evidence (LCC objected after having been made to make the order on appeal by the applicant)
Canby	Claimed Public Footpath between Chapel Lane and Public Footpath 218	Yes 27/04/1984	30/03/2012	Not confirmed by Inspector
Louth	Claimed Public Footpath from Kiln Lane to High Holme Road	Yes 25/04/2007	20/04/2012	Not confirmed by Inspector
Langrville	Leagate Rd to Mere Booth Rd.	Yes 26/07/1983	19/06/2012	Not confirmed by Inspector
North Hykeham / Lincoln	Station Road to Clarke Road	No	25/01/2013	Not confirmed by Inspector

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CASES CURRENTLY SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE				
Parish	Further details	Formal application?	Date Submitted	Notes
Holbeach	Claimed Public Footpath from Woodhouse Lane to Hurn Bank	Yes 14/6/1983	25/4/2012	Submitted 25/4/2012
Stamford	Welland Mews to Water Meadows	Yes 8/2/2007	02/8/2012	Public Inquiry 30/4/2013 Decision awaited
Waddington	Reclassification of Restricted Byway No.10	No – LCC	19/4/2013	Submitted 19/4/2013
Wickenby	Claimed BOAT from Railway Bridge to Wickenby Wood Corner	Yes – 11/12/1990	23/4/2013	Submitted 23/4/2013

The current Schedule of Priorities policy is now six years old (albeit with some minor alterations since the original of 2006). In that time Lincolnshire County Council has resolved the following:

- Cases resolved by determining that insufficient evidence exists to warrant the making of an order **18**
- Cases resolved following the confirmation of an order **42**(11 by Secretary of State)
- Cases resolved following the non-confirmation of an order **14**
- Cases currently outstanding with the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS **4**

- Total cases **78**

- New Cases received since October 2006 **52**
- New Cases received since 1st April 2013 **1**

Appendix B – Active caseload for Officers

Parish	File	Status	Further details	Application/Acceptance	Active	Priority Ranking
Waddington	128	RB	RB 10	01/01/1990	Yes	1
Ancaster	2	RB	to BOAT	13/11/1991	Yes	2
Holbeach	236	PF	Langwith Gardens to Stukeley Hall Drive	18/01/2002	Yes	3
Colsterworth	259	PF 14	PF 14	06/05/2004	Yes	4
Carlton Scroop/Ancaster	308	BOAT	Upgrade of PF 11 & PB 11 in Carlton Scroop and RB 13 in Ancaster to BOAT	20/03/2006	Yes	5
Ancaster	309	BOAT	Addition of a BOAT along Heath Lane in the parish of Ancaster	23/03/2006	Yes	6
Stamford	315	PF	From Welland Mews to Lower Stamford meadows	08/02/2007	Yes	7
Caistor	340	PF	Claimed Footpath (Buttermarket) South St to Plough Hill	18/09/2009	Yes	8
Utterby	354	PF	Claimed Footpath from Grange Lane to Holy Well Lane	08/05/2012	Yes	9
Utterby	355	PF	Claimed Footpath from Grange Lane to former railway and beyond	08/05/2012	Yes	10
New Leake	353	PF	Claimed Footpath from Spilsby Rd to Spilsby Rd	30/05/2012	Yes	11
Holbeach	50	PF	Woodhouse Lane to Hum Bank	14/06/1983	Yes	12
South Willingham / Benniworth	96	PF	Claimed PF from Grange farm, Low Barns to road south of Skirbeck House	30/04/1986	Yes	13
South Willingham	97	PF	Hainton Rd to High St	30/04/1986	Yes	14
South Willingham / Hainton	98	PF	Moors Lane to A157	30/04/1986	Yes	15
South Willingham	99	PF	Moors lane to Poplar Fm	30/04/1986	Yes	16
Wickenby	121	BOAT	Wickenby R/way Bdge - Wickenby Wood corner	11/12/1990	Yes	17
Saltfleetby St Clement/Skidbrooke with Saltfleet Haven	82	PB	PB from Sea View to Gowts Farm	06/08/1991	Yes	18
Woodhall Spa	193	PF	Mill Lane to R.Witham Bank	12/05/1998	Yes	19

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North East Lincolnshire Public Path Orders

Ref No.	Location & Path No.	Type of Order	Self Initiated or Application	Progress Notes
PPO 4	Waltham FP72	HA s119	Self initiated	Members approved officers request to re-make 2010 PPO. Preparations underway to advertise new diversion order very soon.
PPO 5	Healing FP 46	HA s119	Appl.	Landowner arranging legal diversion of footpath to avoid dangerous pre-war bridges and reinstate use following long term closure on the grounds of public safety. Order has now been drafted and will be advertised very shortly.
PPO 9	Aylesby/Laceby BW 101	s119 & s118		Formal Order making consultation has now been completed and no objections to the diversion were received. Now arranging works to provide the new route on the ground and also dedicate a new bridle link through to Grimsby.
PPO 10	Aylesby/Laceby x2 Creations			
PPO 12	Immingham FP 13	H A s119	Appl.	Safe diversion route over golf course agreed with owner. Looking to progress application later this year.

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Report Reference:

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills - Executive Director for Communities

Report to:	Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum - South Lincolnshire & Rutland Local Access Forum
Date:	01 January 2013
Subject:	Progress of Public Path Orders

Summary:
A report on the progress of Public Path Orders

Recommendation(s):
That the report is noted

1. Background

The County Council has a power to divert, extinguish or create public rights of way either of its own volition or following an application to do so from the public.

2. Summary

The County Council has a current workload of **25** outstanding cases. These include applications for diversions, creations and extinguishments as well as cases directly initiated by LCC.

No. of Applications Received or Cases Initiated Since 1st April 2013 – **1**

Maidenwell	<i>Diversion of Public Bridleway 176</i>
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a) There have been 0 orders confirmed with associated Legal Event Modification Orders since 1st April 2013.

b) The County Council have confirmed **0** further case and is awaiting confirmation that the new routes are available And Legal Event Modification Orders to be made

c) The County Council have determined to take no further action on **0** further cases since 1st April 2013

d) **0** cases await determination by the Secretary of State

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e)

	2012-13	2013-14
Orders confirmed & Legal Event Modification Orders completed	5	0
Orders confirmed awaiting Legal Event Modification Orders	3	0
Orders not confirmed	0	0
Cases abandoned	4	0

3. Consultation

a) **Has Local Member Been Consulted?**

n/a

b) **Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?**

n/a

c) **Scrutiny Comments**

n/a

d) **Policy Proofing Actions Required**

n/a

6. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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Agenda Item 16

Mid Lincs Local Access Forum (MLAF) – 17 September 2013

Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park (LCCP) – Progress Report

Both Colin Smith and I attended the last meeting of the Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park (LCCP) Task Team on 13 May 2013. Chris Miller and Elizabeth Barnicott, amongst others, were also in attendance representing their own area of interest. Bearing in mind that this was the first occasion that the MLAF were represented at the LCCP we gained the impression of a well established working party with lots of stakeholders representing areas such as environment, wildlife, coastal grazing, to name but a few.

The lead authority was Lincolnshire County Council who hold the chair. It was noted that the Task Team was well established with literature available on the LCCP to include a newsletter, events programme and walk leaflet. That said, as would be expected, there was evidence of current issues for the Task Team as highlighted by the landowner in that he spoke of dog owners walking 'willy-nilly' within the LCCP area. From that we saw the need for the LCCP infrastructure to be further developed to include public rights of way where the MLAF, through Colin and I, could become more involved.

The Steering committee has still got a lot of work to do to get the Park well established. In particular there is a concentration on getting the Business Plan together to cover the period ahead. It's a big project needing good publicity and co-ordination of all parties involved.

Regrettably, although everybody agrees that a good network of paths is needed this side of the planning appears to have taken second place.

The reasons for this are various but include general lack of funding to help create new rights of way, less time available by Rights of Way Officers, unwillingness to cooperate by some farmers and landowners.

There was some suggestion at the meeting that a sub group needs to be set up to deal with footpath matters between meetings. I agree with this idea since there is insufficient time at the six monthly Steering Group meetings to do justice to footpath matters. I would be very happy to join such a sub group.

It would be useful if Richard and I could go along to the next Steering Group meeting on 1st October with a proposal to form a sub group and with some suggestions for its objectives. We would be looking for others who would be willing to serve on the proposed sub group.

What does the LAF think of this idea?

Further information on the LCCP is available at
www.lincolnshirecoastalcountrypark.com or obtainable via email at
lccp@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Colin Smith and Richard Graham

Members of Mid Lincs Local Access Forum