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## **Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum Meeting**

A meeting of the Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum will be held on **Thursday, 22 January 2015 at 2.00 pm in Wragby Fire Station, Millbrook Lane, Millbrook Business Park, Wragby, Lincs LN8 5AB** 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**

Chris Padley, (Users of Local Rights of Way) (Chairman)  
Councillor Denis Colin Hoyes MBE, (Lincolnshire County Council)  
Councillor Daniel McNally, (Lincolnshire County Council)  
Iain Colquhoun, (North East Lincolnshire Council)  
Sandra Harrison, (Landowners)  
Alison Healey, (Landowners)  
Ray Shipley, (Landowners)  
Dr Chris Allison, (Users of Local Rights of Way)  
Sheila Brookes, (Users of Local Rights of Way)  
Colin Smith, (Users of Local Rights of Way)  
Richard Graham, (Other Interests)  
Peter Skipworth, (Other Interests)  
1 Vacancy (Users of Local Rights of Way)  
2 Vacancies (Land Owners)  
3 Vacancies (Other Interests)



**MID-LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM AGENDA  
THURSDAY, 22 JANUARY 2015**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Report Reference</b>
1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
2	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting of the Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum held on 28 October 2014</b>	(Pages 7 - 12)
3	<b>Actions arising from the last meeting (if not already on the agenda)</b>	
3a	<b>Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park - Public Rights of Way Survey (minute 21)</b>	
3b	<b>Public access across railway lines (minute 23)</b>	
3c	<b>Lincoln Eastern Bypass (minute 31(a))</b>	
4	<b>The Role of Public Health</b> <i>(Presentation by Phil Garner, Public Health, Lincolnshire County Council)</i>	
5	<b>Lincolnshire County Council's Budget and its effects on Rights of Way</b> <i>(Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager, will give a verbal update of the budget review by the County Council on Rights of Way)</i>	
6	<b>Proposals to clear public footpaths if they are blocked</b> <i>(Item raised by Pete Skipworth)</i>	
7	<b>Problems with Definitive Map Modification Orders</b> <i>(Mandy Sims, East Midlands Local Access Forums' Regional Co-ordinator, has requested that Local Access Forums consider the attached draft response to Government and to respond to her with our comments by the end of February 2015)</i>	(Pages 13 - 14)
8	<b>Current state of Permissive Paths</b> <i>(Item raised by Pete Skipworth)</i>	
9	<b>Footpaths at Haugh</b> <i>(Item raised by Pete Skipworth)</i>	
10	<b>Cycling Issues</b>	
10a	<b>Department of Transport's Cycling Delivery Plan</b> <i>(Roy Denney, Chairman of the Leicestershire Local Access Forum, has requested that the attached response from Leicestershire is drawn to the attention of LAFs in the East Midlands)</i>	(Pages 15 - 18)

- 10b Behaviour of Cyclists on Footpaths - Role of Local Access Forums in Education** (Pages 19 - 20)  
*(Roy Denney, Chairman of the Leicestershire Local Access Forum, has requested East Midlands' LAFs to consider the role of LAFs in providing education to raise the standards of behaviour of cyclists using public rights of way. A leaflet produced by Peak National Park Authority is attached for information)*
- 11 North East Lincolnshire Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan** (Pages 21 - 22)  
*(A report by Nicola Hardy, Public Rights of Way Mapping Officer, which provides an update of the Plan)*
- 12 Lincolnshire County Council Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan - Update** (Pages 23 - 52)  
*(A report by Andrew Savage, Senior Countryside Access Officer, which provides an update of these two plans)*
- 13 North East Lincolnshire Progress of Definitive Map Modification Orders** (Pages 53 - 54)  
*(A report by Nicola Hardy, Public Rights of Way Mapping Officer, which provides an update of this area)*
- 14 Lincolnshire County Council Progress of Definitive Map Modification Orders Work from October 2006 - 6th January 2015** (Pages 55 - 74)  
*(A report by Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager, which provides an update of this area)*
- 15 North East Lincolnshire Progress of Public Path Orders** (Pages 75 - 76)  
*(A report by Nicola Hardy, Public Rights of Way Mapping Officer, which provides an update of this area)*
- 16 Lincolnshire County Council Progress of Public Path Orders** (Pages 77 - 80)  
*(A report by Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager, which provides an update of this area)*
- 17 Date and time of the next meeting**  
*(There are normally four meetings arranged in each calendar year. The next meeting is due in April 2015)*

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28 OCTOBER 2014**

**PRESENT: CHRIS PADLEY (CHAIRMAN)**

Representing Lincolnshire County Council: Councillors D C Hoyes MBE and D McNally

Representing North East Lincolnshire Council: Councillor Iain Colquhoun

Representing Independent Members: Dr Chris Allison, Ray Shipley, Sheila Brookes, Colin Smith and Richard Graham

Officers: Steve Blagg (Democratic Services Officer), Nicola Hardy (Public Rights of Way Mapping Officer) and Andrew Savage (Senior Countryside Access Officer)

17 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Dr Chris Allison be elected Vice-Chairman of the Forum.

18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Sandra Harrison, Alison Healey and Pete Skipworth.

19 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were declared at this stage of the meeting.

20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE MID LINCOLNSHIRE  
LOCAL ACCESS FORUM HELD ON 22 JULY 2014

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Forum held on 22 July 2014, be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21 LINCOLNSHIRE COASTAL COUNTRY PARK - PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY  
SURVEY

Following a request from the Forum officers stated that they would ask the Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park Team to see if the minutes of the Task Group set

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up to examine access to the Park could be made available on the County Council's website.

### **22 FINANCING OF PERMISSIVE FOOTPATHS**

Following an enquiry made by a member of the public at the previous meeting of the Forum, officers stated that while each request to maintain a Permissive Footpath was considered on its merits there was no funding available to support the High Level Stewardship Schemes.

Officers stated that the South Lincolnshire Local Access Forum had set up a Sub Group to investigate High Level Stewardship schemes and Parish Councils had been approached to support the schemes. Where it was shown that a footpath had strong public support and participation, e.g. the Viking Way, then it was more likely to receive funding. While local authorities had limited resources funding by other agencies was an option. NOTED

### **23 PUBLIC ACCESS ACROSS RAILWAY LINES**

The Chairman stated that following a strong public reaction a Public Inquiry had been arranged in connection with the proposed diversion of a footpath which crossed Ballast Hole in Lincoln. The Chairman stated that nationally Network Rail had a programme of diverting public footpaths which crossed railway lines.

The Chairman stated that subject to any comments from the Forum he was prepared to represent the Forum at the Inquiry. At a recent meeting of the East Midlands Local Access Forum Chairmen Natural England had stated that there was nothing to prevent a Local Access Forum giving independent advice to the Inquiry.

Comments by the Forum included:-

1. The erection of an all user footbridge, including provision for disabled people, to overcome the problem of access had been rejected because of insufficient room.
2. The County Council had submitted a statement of case to the Inquiry.
3. The County Council's Planning and Regulation Committee had visited the site three years ago and it was clear at that visit that while the sight lines were clear in each direction at the crossing foggy conditions might cause problems.
4. Telephone lines existed in the vicinity of the crossing and one of these lines could be diverted to provide a telephone to enable the public to check on train movements in inclement weather.
5. Network Rail was submitting evidence to the Inquiry.
6. The provision of a new footbridge at the crossing would also require wheel chair access.

The Forum noted that Council officers had attended a national meeting with Network Rail when Rights of Ways crossing railway lines had been discussed.



RESOLVED

That the Chairman represent the Forum at the Public Inquiry to examine the Right of Way at Ballast Hole, Lincoln and that the Forum receive a report from the Chairman at a future meeting.

24     NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS AND RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Forum received a progress report from North East Lincolnshire Council in connection with their Right of Way Improvement Plan.

Officers stated that the Inspector's decision not to confirm the diversion order of FP72 was disappointing but that the Council was trying to find a solution to the problem which involved trying to overcome various objections from local land owners.

Officers stated that in connection with Ashby Cum Fenby (Bridleway 91) where there was one unresolved objection from a landowner, this case had been referred to the Secretary of State for determination. A statement of case was being prepared by the Council and the Inspector would be re-visiting the site in December 2014, with a decision being made in January 2015. Following an enquiry from the Forum officers confirmed that both the landowner and the Council would be attending the site visit in December.

Following comments from the Forum about the reason for the proposed closure of Ashby Cum Fenby (Bridleway 91), Officers stated the reason for the closure followed advice received from the Police in connection with safety issues relating to the narrowness of the footpath and the close proximity of the footpath to the A18. Officers stated that if people decided to continue to use the footpath they would have to take responsibility for their actions. Notices warning the public about the closure of the footpath had been erected.

RESOLVED

That the report and comments made by the Forum be noted.

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

The Forum received a report in connection with progress in the implementation of the County Council's Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Officers informed the Forum that the Council's Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2 had been delayed due to changes to the staff structure within the County Council following the need to reduce the Council's budget.

Following an enquiry in connection with Unclassified Green Lanes, officers stated that if this was an enquiry in connection with an Unclassified Green Lane near Legsby then a submission would have to be a Definitive Map Modification application.

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RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

26 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE PROGRESS OF DEFINITIVE MAP  
MODIFICATION ORDERS

The Forum received a progress report in connection with North East Lincolnshire Council's Definitive Map Modification Orders. Officers stated that developers were receptive to the proposed modifications; that a number of recreation routes were being created; that in connection with DMMO 6 (New Clee Sidings (Fuller Street Bridge to Salvesen Road, Cleethorpes) legal advice was awaited before any action was taken on this high profile case and that in connection with DMMO 9 (Ferriby Lane to Bradley, Grimsby) there was a lot of development going on in this area and the necessary paperwork was being prepared to get this resolved.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

27 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS OF DEFINITIVE MAP  
MODIFICATION ORDERS WORK FROM OCTOBER 2006 - 20TH JUNE  
2014

The Forum received a progress report in connection with Lincolnshire County Council's Definitive Map Modification Orders for the period from October 2006 to September 2014 and the current caseloads.

The Chairman stated that he had been informed by the Chairman of South Willingham Parish Council that the County Council did not propose to support the Definitive Map Modification Orders in their area because they believed the evidence was not strong enough and the Parish Council had enquired what further action they could take to resolve this situation. He stated that this matter had been considered by the Forum earlier in the year and officers had agreed to speak to South Willingham about one of the cases which had most issues and to send the other cases which had no issues to the Secretary of State. The Chairman stated that he was concerned that the Council was making Orders and then withdrawing its support.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

28 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE PROGRESS OF PUBLIC PATH ORDERS

The Forum received a progress report from North East Lincolnshire Council in connection with Public Path Orders.

In response to an enquiry from the Forum in connection with PPO16 (Humberston FP52) officers stated that a diversion of the route had been suggested and that the

original footpath was on the Definitive Map. The Forum noted that if a footpath was not shown on the Definitive Map then the Inspector could say that there was little evidence that the footpath existed.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

29     LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS OF PUBLIC PATH ORDERS

The Forum received a progress report from Lincolnshire County Council in connection with Public Path Orders.

Comments by the Forum included:-

1. The resources available for the diversion of footpaths.
2. The Council's ROWIP2 should be less aspirational and more practical in its approach, i.e. contain projects ready for start if funding should suddenly become available.

Officers stated that the Council, due to limited resources, was only able to respond to requests for footpath diversions if the footpath was of national importance and well used, e.g. the Viking Way.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

30     DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

2.00pm on Thursday 22 January 2015 at Wragby Fire Station

31     URGENT ITEMS

Following consultations the Chairman agreed to consider the following items which had come to notice since the agenda had been issued.

(a) Lincoln Eastern Bypass

The Chairman stated that since the Public Inquiry earlier this year in connection with the Lincoln Eastern Bypass, the County Council, following concerns expressed by the Inspector, had now approved plans to re-locate the Non-Motorised User bridge over Hawthorn Road, Lincoln. NOTED.

(b) Central Lincolnshire Local Plan

Officers informed the Forum about the preparation of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (District Council areas of West Lindsey, North Kesteven and the City of Lincoln).

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The first draft of the Plan had been prepared and was out for consultation. The second draft of the Plan would come out for consultation in 2015 and it was important that the Forum responded as appropriate as housing development was expected on a large scale. NOTED.

(c) East Midlands Local Access Forums – Meeting of Chairmen

The Chairman stated that at the recent meeting of the East Midlands Local Access Forums Chairmen's meeting consideration had been given to Local Nature Partnerships and Local Enterprise Partnerships and how the Local Access Forums could have input and influence these two bodies. NOTED.

(d) County Council Budget

Officers informed the Forum that the County Council was in the process of preparing its four year budget for 2015-2019 which would be finalised at the full Council on 20 February 2015. Details of the outcome of the budget review on Rights of Way would be reported to the next meeting of the Forum. NOTED.

The meeting closed at 3.25 pm

# Agenda Item 7

## Problems with the Definitive Map Modification Order Process

Derby and Derbyshire Local Access Forum (DADLAF) has been concerned for several years about the procedures for processing DMMOs, and the length of time taken to resolve many cases. The following paper has been discussed at the East Midlands Regional Chairs' meeting in October 2014, and recommended to be circulated nationally in order to ascertain whether authorities have different procedures and what the most effective processing procedure may be.

It is recognized that the processing of Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) applications is a defined legal procedure which must be carried out in the manner specified.

However, it is clear that many councils have an increasingly large backlog of these applications. The Ramblers recent publication "Paths in Crisis" includes lists of councils with the highest numbers of outstanding applications, the extreme example being Somerset with 279. Derbyshire does have a high number of applications. It is recognized that delays may also be caused by the process of referral to the Planning Inspectorate, and by the general process of seeking Planning Permission from District Councils.

The experience of DADLAF is that orders may take over 40 years to be resolved and the RoW opened. We have at least one example of such, which whilst not dealt with by a single DMMO, took this long to resolve through a series of DMMOs, Public Inquiry, Judicial Review and eventually lengthy works on the ground. Such examples have resulted in a concern that there is not sufficient will to tackle the backlog. DADLAF members have been unable to establish whether there are specific problems, which the local knowledge of LAF members could possibly help to prioritise or whether there are general difficulties with the process, as opposed to the legal procedure, which could be improved. Derbyshire County Council deny that there is any reluctance on the part of officers or members to tackle the issues raised by LAF members. DADLAF has invited members of the legal team to attend a meeting to debate the problem, but so far it has not been possible to arrange this within DADLAFs meeting schedule.

Since the discussion of this document at a full DADLAF meeting, the Derbyshire County Council legal team have met with members of the DADLAF Rights of Way sub group, and whilst assuring LAF members that there is no unwillingness to deal with any DMMO, there are budgetary constraints on resources which can be made available, and the legal process is lengthy and time consuming. However, they would welcome any examples of good practice from other authorities which could be helpful.

This has also been discussed at East Midlands Regional LAF, where a similar level of frustration exists in several areas. It is felt that DMMOs are seen as controversial, as indeed is the case as there is generally opposition to change, and that councils may not wish to address these situations for political reasons. Therefore procrastination is not seen as a problem, even if it is not actively encouraged.

As a different approach, it would be useful to know if there are councils which are processing DMMOs in a simpler and more effective way, and to this end we would like to gather evidence of good practice. LAF members in authorities who are doing well, processing DMMOs quickly and preserving their potentially lost ways, will hopefully have advice to offer which may help the councils facing greater challenges. It would also be useful to know if any LAFs have specific suggestions as to how things could be improved, or indeed if any LAF has actually been able to assist with simplifying the DMMO process.

We would intend to establish whether cases which have been resolved quickly may result in a less desirable route, bearing in mind that a DMMO should provide a route “not less commodious” than the original.

It would be useful to know whether any authorities prioritise DMMO applications in any way, rather than dealing with them in strict order of receipt. Does any authority select orders which are likely to be less controversial and provide a “quick win”, or by moving orders where the user evidence is from very elderly people to the front of the queue. If so, is this seen as helpful, or have other problems arisen as a result. Do the difficult orders ever get processed?

DADLAF members have suggested that we may be able to offer assistance with prioritizing orders, based on the local knowledge of individual members. Has any authority or LAF tried this? If so, did it help?

My intention is to collect any such responses which other LAFs are able to provide, and to discuss at regional and national level how we may collectively take this forward and begin to address the problem before the cut off date in 2026. To this end, I would ask that all LAFs consider this paper at their next meeting and respond by the end of February 2015.

# Agenda Item 10a

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**Local Access Forum**



Promoting Rights of Way and Access Land

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Department for Transport's Cycling Delivery Plan.

The vision for this plan is entirely laudable. As a life-long cyclist I am passionate to see more people enjoy the multitude of benefits of cycling, many of these benefits can also be attributed to walking.

The Government want to encourage more people across England to cycle. They agree that cycling means a healthier, fitter citizen with less congested cities, less pollution and a more productive workforce. The resulting benefits are wide reaching to the economy, to the environment, to the health of individuals and communities.

Having been involved in the delivery of a cycling strategy in the Coalville and Ashby areas of NW Leicestershire I will make use of knowledge gained during that process.

The DOT delivery plan is broken down into four themes. These are.....

1. Vision, leadership and ambition.
2. Funding.
3. Infrastructure and planning.
4. Safety and perceptions of safety.

#### Vision, leadership and ambition.

It's good that the plan includes metrics by which the success of the plan implementation can be measured. However the measurement may be open to misrepresentation and would appear to be difficult to audit for accuracy. It is unclear as to how the 'stages' would be measured and where the actual numbers would come from.

With the current level of public spending cuts it would appear that local authorities may not be willing to take part as many have lost a significant number of staff. Those that are left are trying to keep afloat. There would seem to be a lack of staff to take on any cycling development duties.

Unless the introduction and development of cycling schemes are a requirement rather than asking for interested authorities to come forward it may well end up a patchwork quilt.

It is suggested that a local 'influential cycling and walking champion' be appointed. Sadly this might be seen in an authority as a poisoned chalice. Any such champion must be fully committed, enthusiastic and passionate about cycling and walking. Otherwise we could end up with leaders who are neither knowledgeable nor particularly interested. *If pursued there should be a champion for each category of user.*

It would seem vital that user groups should be an important part of infrastructure development. They should be a major component of any development team. They must be able to veto any unsatisfactory projects. There is no mention of user group influence in the delivery plan. There were many areas of the £3M plan for Coalville in our area, which provided little benefit for

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cyclists. The scheme didn't provide any cycle parking, secure or otherwise. Cycle parking particularly in shopping areas should have been an absolute requirement. There were no safe cycle ways provided into the town centre.

### Funding

It is vital that any funding is ring fenced to ensure that it all gets spent on providing cycling and walking. If this is not done then allocated resources could easily be misspent.

### Infrastructure and planning.

A set of cycle way standards needs to be produced. Leicestershire County Highways claim that the minimum cycleway width is one and a half metres. This claim seems very much at odds with cycle ways provided by other highway authorities. In fact there are many cycle ways in Leicestershire that are much narrower than this. Standards for provision should not be down to an individual's perception.

Transport For London (TFL) has certain views on cycle provision. Their standards are available on the internet. The claim that cyclists should not be disadvantaged by using a cycle way, otherwise cyclists will stay on the road and not use what could be expensive facilities. They also prioritise cycle infrastructure over other means of transport.

If we want to increase cycling to the levels of Denmark, Holland etc, as suggested in the plan then we need to make game changing decisions and plan to incorporate safe vehicle free places for cyclists.

All new housing, business or retail developments should be required to provide separate cycle lanes as well as pavements. All new road systems (other than motorways) should also be accompanied by a separate safe cycle lane. Without this entrenched policy the chances of delivering the plans objectives are pretty much zero.

There are many large housing developments being designed and developed. All planning authorities must be required to ensure they provide short multi user routes to shops, schools and other facilities instead of forcing resident and others to have to follow what can often be torturous roadside routes.

In our area we have many underutilised country pavements. Most if not all could be safely opened up to cyclists.

### Safety and perceptions of safety

As the report states, many people do not cycle because of fears about their safety. The concerns are twofold, firstly they are frightened of their physical safety and secondly they are frightened of their personal safety (the fear of assault).

Bicycles are in law carriages. They were rightly banned from using pavements following a case Taylor versus Goodwin in 1879. This was well before the modern motorcar, which wasn't around until 1886. So at that time a bicycle could travel at about the same speed as all other road users, whether on two or four legs. However since then the relative speed of cycles and other road users has changed enormously.

Whilst most cycling takes place in large cities rural area can be just as dangerous, if not more so. In many cases there are no pavements for walkers and no lights with vehicle speed considerably higher. In most urban areas people have a choice of public transport. Rural areas are not so well catered for, many villages having no public transport of any kind. Many rural footpaths are little used and could easily be converted to dual use, pedestrians and cyclist with little cost and little effort.

Cycle infrastructure needs to include safe and secure cycle parking. How can you entice people to cycle to town if there's nowhere to leave their bikes?

To have any chance of success this plan need to do two things, one, it has to provide separate cycle lanes as seen in the countries mentioned in item 5 on page 5.

Secondly it must seriously include representatives of user groups.

### Walking

The plan also talks about walking. Early in 2014 there was a government commitment to 'Moving More, Living More' and the All Party Commission on Physical Activity published 'Tackling Physical Inactivity: A Coordinated Approach'. It is encouraging that these issues are receiving the attention they deserve.

This draft talks of extending the cycling commitment to walking which delivers similar benefits to cycling and walking is the more achievable and accessible alternative to motorised travel. . This draft does however concentrate on cycling and we trust walking will receive similar attention. People can walk from their front door and efforts must be



made to make pleasant walking environments available to all within reasonable walking distances of their homes. The most important network property is the inter-connectedness of the network itself. Every opportunity should be taken to improve the inter-linking of the network so that it becomes more useful to the public.

To encourage a generational change in attitudes and encourage walking and cycling for health and general well being and to reduce our carbon footprint people must be educated of the benefits and a cohesive and extensive network of safe routes created. Sustrans have been very successful at the creation of good cycleways but the rights of way network is still very fragmented. The maintenance and protection of national walking trails is being devolved with uncertain consequences and the right to walk round our coast is not being created as fast as many had hoped.

If the promised 2020 target is to be achieved more resources are probably going to have to be found.

Similarly some progress has been made with long distance bridleways which can of course also be used by cyclists and walkers but that network is if anything even more fragmented than that of the footpaths.

The benefits of the footpath, bridleway and cycleway network are multi-dimensional and have impacts on sustainable transport, green infrastructure, recreation, tourism, and health & well-being. They are the primary mechanism for linking communities and facilities if we are to reduce motorised transport and the carbon emissions that ensue.

In an ideal world we would suggest that on rural roads what is needed is actually a totally separate track for the non-motorised traveller so that vehicles are segregated from the rest of them.

There are well established user groups covering all these activities that are well qualified to give the leadership and guidance and perhaps the government's role is to empower them, encourage local authorities to work with them and provide the funding and legislative framework in which these activities can flourish.

Planning guidance should require all planning authorities to take every opportunity to improve the provision of off road routes.

RJD

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# TRAIL CODE OF CONDUCT



**All users please keep to the left unless passing others**



**Please use the trail safely and be considerate to other users**

The trail is not suitable for high speeds. Parents of young children on bikes need extra vigilance. Be aware other trail users may have disabilities.



**Cyclists, please keep your speed down and give way to other users**

Use your bell or call out 'bike' to warn people of your approach and pass people slowly when it is safe to do so. Be aware that horses can be spooked by bikes.



**If the trail is busy, please avoid being in large groups across the trail**

Take extra care, and allow other users to pass and listen out for their approach.



**Horse riders, please keep to a walking pace when passing other users and no more than a trot at any time to protect the trail surface**



**Dogs must be kept under close control at all times**

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**Please respect the privacy of adjoining properties and landowners**



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**North East Lincolnshire ROWIP Objectives**

NELC ROWIP Key Action	Project Details	Comments	Update
KA08, KA11 & 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.	Public Footpath 21 Stallingborough currently crosses busy Stallingborough Interchange. Diversion considered necessary to relocate path to safer line away from the Interchange. Given priority as new A18/A180 link road to be added to Interchange in 2014/15 which will increase volume of HGV traffic, increasing risk to users of the path. Consultant employed to expedite case file. Diversion meets Key Action 8 of NELC RoWIP. Order has been advertised and objections received. Consultant to be employed to review case. Bridleway 91 Ashby Cum Fenby has had to be closed due to deterioration of embankment at exit point onto Barton Street. Diversion Order considered appropriate solution to divert exit to safer, flatter location further along Barton Street directly opposite ongoing route to avoid users having to walk, cycle and ride along narrow roadside verge. Consultant employed to expedite case file. Diversion meets Key Action 8 of NELC RoWIP. Given priority as closure has severed access to southern end of network. Order advertised with 1 unresolved objection from landowner affected. Has been referred to Secretary of State for determination.
KA5, KA9, KA11 & 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 last year were put on hold due to lack of available funding. These projects have been carried forward to this year - 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.	Decision made by Inspector not to confirm 2013 diversion order. NELC now considering best way forward but remain committed to reinstating FP72.
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.
KA4 & KA5	Policy Development	Produce & develop policies under which the Authority will deal with specific issues.	Currently drafting a 'Gaps, gates and stiles' policy to address unnecessary limitations upon the network and formalise the application process for landowners for new furniture.
	Grimsby Bridleway Project	Scheme to address lack of bridle links from rural villages to urban area.	A project has recently commenced that is looking to create a bridle link to the urban area, using publicly accessible land alongside the River Freshney.

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**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills - Executive Director –  
Environment & Economy**

**Report to:** Mid Lincolnshire and South Lincolnshire and  
Rutland Local Access Forums  
**Date:** 14/22 January 15  
**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 October 2014 these have included;

- 997 stiles provided or repaired,
- 1,825 new roadside signs,
- 2,188 routes waymarked,
- 602 gates provided or repaired,
- 411 new bridges,
- 326 stiles replaced with kissing gates,
- 256 stiles removed.

**Improvement Schemes** – The 2014/15 improvements programme has now been completed. Schemes have again been focussed on routes in urban areas and on the urban fringe, routes in the region of countryside heritage sites and promoted routes. This year improvement works will specifically target the Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park area.

Improvement schemes are currently being progressed on the following routes.

Path	Nature of Work	Justification for Works
Skegness PF 318	Surface Improvements	Urban Footpath
Ingoldsby PB 14	Surface Improvements	Improvements in the vicinity of a badger sett
Kirkby on Bain undefined footpath	Footpath creation and surface improvements	Village path
Folkingham PF 17	Surface Improvements	Village path
Market Deeping PF 2	Surface Improvements	Urban path
North Willingham Byway 523	Surface Improvements	Lindsey Trail
Scothern PF 153	Surface Improvements	Village path
Nettleham PF 145	Surface Improvements	Village path
Lincoln PF 62	Surface Improvements	Urban path
Ember Lane, Chapel St Leonards PF 21	Surface Improvements	Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park
Leadenham PF 1	Access Improvement works	Village path
Hemingby RB 61	Surface Improvements	Lindsey Trail
Brinkhill BW 119	Surface Improvements	Lindsey Trail
Ruskington PF12	Surface Improvements	Village path
Sleaford PF 11	Surface Improvements	Town path
Glentworth PF 90	Surface Improvements	Village path



**Promotion Update** - Promotional work undertaken during 2014 using external funding.

<b>Leaflet</b>	<b>Partner organisation</b>
X2 bus walk leaflets for Wellingore and Branston	Lincolnshire CC, Transport Team
X2 Walk leaflets in the Coastal Country Park at Anderby Creek and Sandilands to Huttoft Bank.	Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park
X1 Walk leaflet at Saltfleet	Lincolnshire Coastal Grazing Marshes Project
X1 Countryside for all pack	Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forums

### **Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2-**

The pre-draft version of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2 has now being sent to the main Lincolnshire path user groups for comment. It is intended that the plan will then be presented before the Lincolnshire County Council Highway and Transport Managers Group in the coming months.

### **3. Consultation**

#### **Scrutiny Comments**

n/a

#### **Executive Councillor Comments**

n/a

#### **Local Member Comments**

n/a

#### **Policy Proofing Actions Required**

n/a

### **4. Appendices**

<b>These are listed below and attached at the back of the report</b>	
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	258 unnecessary stiles and barriers removed and 326 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	1,825 new roadside fingerposts installed either	Completed

		Plan life 2007-2012	in new locations or to replace those in poor condition in addition 2,188 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.  46 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>2 '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>4 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"> <li>• Spires &amp; Steeples Trail now launched.</li> <li>• Lindsey Trail –completed.</li> </ul> <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"> <li>1. Claxby BOAT 753 – Improvement works</li> <li>2. Lincoln PF No. 3 – Improvement works to increase accessibility to pushchairs.</li> <li>3. Louth PF No. 11 – Improvement works to increase accessibility to school.</li> <li>4. Crowland PF No. 6 – Surface improvement works undertaken at Wheatsheaf Yard.</li> <li>5. North Somercotes PF No. 30 – Surface improvements works undertaken on village path.</li> <li>6. Goulceby PF No. 25 – Surface improvement works undertaken on village path.</li> </ol>	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 improvements.</p> <p>11. Doddington PF No. 8 – Surface improvements.</p> <p>12. Skellingthorpe PB No. 3a – Surface improvements.</p> <p>13. Skegness PF 297 (Vine Walk) – Surface Improvements.</p> <p>14. Horncastle PF 76 - Surface Improvements.</p> <p>15. Lincoln PF 60 – Surface improvement works undertaken between Doddington Road and Hartsholme Country Park.</p> <p>16. Saxilby PF 204 – Surface improvements.</p> <p>17. Holton le Clay PF 1 – Surface improvements.</p> <p>18. North Somercotes PF 32 – Surface improvement works School Lane to Warren Road.</p> <p>19. Scotton PF 4 – Surface improvements.</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> <p>23. Glentham PF 844 – Resurfacing and revetment works.</p> <p>24. Market Rasen PF 162 – Resurfacing works.</p>	
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			<p>25. Conningsby PF 224 – Resurfacing works. 26. Skegness PF 307 – Surfacing works. 27. Upton PF 50 – Surfacing works. 28. Gedney PF 15 – Surfacing and revetment works. 29. Sleaford PF 17 – Surface improvements 30. Skellingthorpe PF No. 15 –Surface improvements 31. Wellingore PF 5 – Surface Improvements 32. Nocton PF 10 – Surface Improvements 33. Reepham PF 131 – Culvert Improvements 34. Waddingham PF 72 – Surface Improvements 35. Walesby Byway 524 – Surface Improvements 36. Lincoln PF 11 – Surface Improvements 37. Bourne PF 1 – Surface Improvements 38. Saxby PF 9 – Bridge Upgrading 39. Market Rasen PF 163 – Surface Improvements 40. Grasby PF 49 - Surface Improvements 41. Trusthorpe PF 863 – Surface Improvements 42. Trusthorpe PF 816 – Surface Improvements 43. Sleaford PF 948 – Surface Improvements 44. Lincoln PF60 – Surface Improvements 45. Skellingthorpe PB 3 – Surface Improvements 46. Waddington PF 3– Surface Improvements 47. Claxby PF 107 - Surface Improvements 48. Barrowby PF 7 - Surface Improvements 49. Grantham PF 12 - Surface Improvements 50. Mablethorpe PF 317 - Surface</p>	
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			<p>Improvements</p> <p>51. Grantham PF 18 - Surface Improvements</p> <p>52. Colsterworth PF 20 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>53. Welton PF 169 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>54. Scothern PF 153 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>55. Skegness PF 318 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>56. Folkingham PF 17 –Surface Improvements</p> <p>57. M Deeping PF 2 –Surface Improvements</p> <p>58. Nettleham PF 145 –Surface Improvements</p> <p>59. Lincoln PF 62 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>Additional small scale works undertaken at various locations by LCC highway divisions.</p>	
SOA2	Improve enforcement and management of urban rights of way to combat litter, fly tipping and dog fouling	2011	<p>LCC Divisions and Borough Councils contacted regarding issues of flytipping on public rights of way to highlight areas experiencing excessive flytipping.</p> <p>Borough Councils contacted to clarify protocols for dealing with dog fouling on public rights of way</p>	Completed
SOA3	Seek improvements for non-motorised travel in proposals for new developments. Schemes funded through developer contributions	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Regular liaison takes place with planning authorities to ensure that maximum public benefits are realised.</p> <p>Comments are submitted on planning applications as they arise.</p> <p>Comments submitted to: -Stamford – Newstead Development Proposals consultation.</p>	Completed

			-Lincoln Eastern Bypass -Grantham Southern Quadrant Relief Road	
SOA4	Develop walking and cycling from public transport interchanges	2011	<p>Railway walks leaflets produced from Poacher Line stations;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Heckington to Sleaford</li> <li>2. Ancaster to Sleaford.</li> <li>3. Skegness to Wainfleet.</li> <li>4. Metheringham</li> </ol> <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>	Completed
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</p>	Completed

			<p>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>	
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 district councils to be undertaken in 2012.	Completed

### 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	<p>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.</p> <p>The programme of improvement works included surface improvements, bridge upgrading and improvements to path infrastructure.</p>	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.	Completed

			258 stiles were removed as unnecessary and 326 stiles were replaced with gates.	
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	<p>Areas of highest health deprivation identified and mapped - information sent to LCC highways divisions with recommendation of targeted improvements in highlighted areas.</p> <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>	Completed
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	<p>5 Countryside for all routes published using Aggregate Levy Sustainability Funding (2010)</p> <p>4 Countryside for all routes published in association with the Lincolnshire LAFs using LCC Public Health funding – spring 2014.</p>	Completed
SOA13	Promote health walking schemes and help partners	Throughout	Promotional links established and support	Completed

	with development of new schemes.	Plan life 2007-2012	<p>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> <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	Assistance provided in the Wolds Walking Festival, LCCP, Countryside Events Programme and Wash week.	Completed.

			<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> <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>	Completed

			Information sent to all health centres (2011).	
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	<p>Responsible countryside access promoted through various media including the LCC website, County News, Agenda magazine and 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>	Completed

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>2 Walks leaflets produced for the Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park.</p> <p>1 Walk leaflet produced for the Lincolnshire Coastal Grazing Marshes project</p> <p>Most walks/cycle designed to include connections with local heritage.</p> <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</p>	Completed



			<p>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> <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>	
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			<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	<p>Improve the maintenance and management of routes close to popular areas of the county and key tourist attractions.</p>	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 improvements on Gedney ‘Lincolnshire walk’ undertaken.</p> <p>North Willingham Byway 523 – Surface Improvements.</p> <p>Linwood Byway 764 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>Lindsey Trail Surface Improvements – Winceby High Barn to Ashby Puerorum UCR and Ranby Restricted Byway No. 61.</p> <p>Viking Way Surface Improvements - Somerby PF49 and Waddington PF No. 3</p> <p>Ingoldsby PB 14 – Surface Improvements</p>	Completed

			<p>Chapel St Leonards PF 21 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>Brinkhill BW 119 – 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> <p>-Nottinghamshire Strategic Cycle Network –</p>	Completed

		<p>Support given to the provision of a strategic cycle path between Sherwood Forest and Lincoln city centre.</p> <p>-Support and advice provided to ASR- Leisure in the development of Cycle Touring Routes in the Northern Wolds.</p> <p>-Save the Children route. Support provided to initial route development.</p> <p>-Macmillan Way – Infrastructure improvements undertaken between Boston and Surfleet in conjunction with the Environment Agency.</p> <p>-Viking Way – benches installed at Walesby and to the south of Lincoln.</p> <p>-The Lindsey Trail carriage driving route opened in spring 2012.</p> <p>-Support given to Boston BC in the development of the health walks network.</p> <p>-Supports given to Sustrans in the development of the health walks network.</p> <p>-Support provided for the re development of the Trent Valley Way.</p> <p>-Support given to the LCCP for the production of the walks leaflets.</p> <p>-Access advice provided for the Lincolnshire</p>	
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			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	<p>Travel Line and LCC public transport information published on walking and cycling leaflets.</p> <p>Lincolnshire walks information now displayed at selected bus stop locations.</p> <p>Lincolnshire walks information included in the LCC area bus guides.</p>	Completed
SOA25	Produce walking, cycling and riding information in a variety of formats and for holiday accommodation providers	Ongoing	<p>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.</p> <p>Outdoor Guide produced (Lincolnshire Tourism).</p> <p>Lincolnshire Outdoor Guide distributed to TICs in Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Norfolk and South Yorkshire.</p> <p>9 Countryside for all routes published.</p>	Completed

			<p>Searchable database of Lincolnshire Walks produced.</p> <p>46 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	<p>1,825 new roadside fingerposts installed either in new locations or to replace those in poor condition in addition 2,188 paths waymarked.</p> <p>Limewoods Signage – Public rights of way signage in the Limewoods area replaced with</p>	Completed.

			<p>oak fingerposts with some containing destination and distance information.</p> <p>Promoted route survey completed.</p> <p>Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park Signage – Public rights of way signage in the LCCP area replaced with oak fingerposts with some containing destination and distance information.</p>	
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	<p>Officer time spent to identify UCRs and gap analysis undertaken using GIS of PROW network and other access.</p> <p>Alternative formats of signage considered by LAF and highway divisions. Signage for restricted byways produced 2008.</p>	Completed
SOA32	Develop a programme of improved vegetation cutting on key routes close to settlements with parish councils	2009	Programme of improved vegetation cutting in place on key routes. Additional paths added to the schedule during ROWIP implementation years 1 - 4. Austerity measures resulted in re-examination of vegetation cutting schedule during implementation year 5.	Partially Complete

			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 North 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 link PRoW.	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Officer time spent on ROWIP area priorities mapping.  8 Lincolnshire cycling leaflets produced.  Lindsey Trail – route opened spring 2012.  Consultation responses provided to Natural England in response to Higher Level Stewardship Applications.	Partially Completed



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	9 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 2007-2012	Continuing to build on existing contacts and partnerships. Funding required to implement countryside access projects.  Involvement in the Wolds Walking Festival, Spires and Steeples Trail events, Wash Week, LCCP programme of events and Boston	Completed

			Community weekend.	
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"> <li>-Path priority system,</li> <li>-Accessibility Guidance,</li> <li>-DMMO policy,</li> <li>-PPO policy,</li> <li>-Enforcement Manual.</li> </ul>	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>46 Lincolnshire Walks Leaflets produced.</p> <p>8 Lincolnshire Cycling Leaflets produced.</p> <p>9 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



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

Ref Number	Parish	Location	Effect of Application	Date of Application	Progress Notes
<b>DMMO 3</b>	Grimsby	Humberston Road to Weelsby Woods	Claimed Footpath	20/10/2003	Discussions with the developer of this land have been positive and an outline Planning application has recently been submitted that will provide for the claimed route within the site.
<b>DMMO 6</b>	Cleethorpes	New Clee Sidings (Fuller Street Bridge to Salvesen Road)	Claimed Footpath and Restricted	20/03/2008	A report will be submitted in due course to Planning Committee summarising legal advice received and what steps are recommended to be taken in order to move this matter forward.
<b>DMMO 7</b>	Grimsby	Vicarage Gardens/Compton Drive to Bargate	Claimed Footpath	18/03/2008	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.
<b>DMMO 8</b>	Grimsby	Macaulay Lane to Newhaven Terrace	Claimed Footpath	17/04/2008	Development of the Country Park has almost completed, which includes the provision of a footpath along claimed line. Legal dedication of the path will be arranged in due course to legalise path as Public Footpath which will resolve claim.
<b>DMMO 9</b>	Grimsby	Ferriby Lane to Bradley	Claimed Bridleway	17/05/2008	Discussions have commenced with landowners and developers to arrange Dedication agreements to legalise the claimed route, which has been accepted by and provided for by them on the ground during the ongoing Scartho Top development.

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**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills - Executive Director for Environment & Economy**

Report to: **South Lincs/Mid Lincs Local Access Forums**  
Date: **14 January/22 January 2015**  
Subject: **Progress of Orders Work from October 2006 – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

**Summary:**

A report on the progress of Definitive Map Modification Order work since the inception of the current prioritisation policy (October 2006 – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015) and current caseloads

**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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

## **2. Conclusion**

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

### **3. Consultation**

#### **a) Scrutiny Comments**

#### **b) Executive Councillor Comments**



**c) Local Member Comments**

**d) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

n/a

**4. Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Schedule of Completed Modification Order Cases to 6 January 2015
Appendix B	Progress of Modification Order Cases where Appeals to Prioritisation Have Been Made.
Appendix C	Outstanding Modification Order Cases

**5. Background papers**

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

Highways & Traffic Guidance Note 33 – Prioritisation of Definitive Map Modification Orders - <a href="#">HAT 33/3/11</a>
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Appendix A - Schedule of Modification Order Cases Completed October 2006 to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015

<b>CASES WHERE AN ORDER WAS NOT MADE</b>				
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
Billingborough	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
Copsley & Humby	Re-alignment/diversion of PF1	No 25/08/2005	18/03/2008	Realignment not necessary - requires diversion order
Uffington	Realignment of PF 10 (Main Rd to Turnpike Rd)	No 31/01/2007	01/08/2008	Insufficient evidence
Wingham	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
Leasingham	Proposed downgrading of RB to Public Footpath status	Yes 27/7/1983	17/10/2013	Insufficient Evidence
Welton le Wold	Claimed public footpath from Beck Lane to Graves Farm	Yes 29/8/2013	30/6/2014	Route not capable of addition to Definitive Map (matter referred to Highways (East) as a footways matter.

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<b>CASES WHERE AN ORDER HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CONFIRMED</b>				
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 Hologate	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	
Pelletby	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	
Snicknall	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 & Hacey	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 & Hacey / 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
Mumby	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
Harmston	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 Byway Open to All Traffic - Cockle Alley	Yes 5/9/2005	21/6/2013	Confirmed as Public Bridleway only based on evidence
Caistor	Claimed Public Footpath from Plough Hill to Buttermarket	Yes 18/9/2009	9/9/2013	Confirmed after withdrawal of objections
Holbeach	Claimed Public Footpath from Stukeley Hall Drive to Langwith Gardens	Yes 18/1/2002	27/1/2014	Confirmed after withdrawal of objections
Waddington	Reclassification of RB 10	No 1/1/1990	09/06/2014	Confirmed with modifications by the Secretary of State to PB status
Ancaster	Regrading of RB 13 to BOAT status	Yes 20/3/2006	9/6/2014	Order to modify Statement only to show 60' width. Remainder of route subject to NERC Act 2006 provisions regarding status. Application not Winchester compliant.

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<b>CASES WHERE AN ORDER WAS NOT CONFIRMED</b>				
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)
Sanby	Claimed Public Footpath between Chapel Lane and Public Footpath 218	Yes 27/04/1984	30/03/2012	Not confirmed by Inspector
South	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
Anderby	Sea Road to Creek Outfall	Yes 25/7/1983	23/4/2013	Not confirmed by Inspector – Insufficient Evidence
Stamford	Welland Mews to Water Meadows	Yes 8/2/2007	28/6/2013	Not confirmed by Inspector – Considered to be operational railway land
Holbeach	Woodhouse Lane to Hurn Bank	Yes 14/6/1983	31/7/2013	Not confirmed by Inspector – Insufficient Evidence
Wickenby	Wickenby Railway Bridge to Wickenby Wood Corner	Yes 11/12/1990	18/3/2014	Not confirmed by Inspector – Insufficient Evidence

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CASES CURRENTLY SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE				
Parish	Further details	Formal application?	Date Submitted	Notes
Saltfleet / Skidbrooke	PB from Sea View to Gowts Farm	Yes 6/8/1991	27/9/2013	Public Inquiry held 16 & 17/9/2014 MODIFIED FOLLOWING PUBLIC INQUIRY TO PURELY OF PB STATUS (AND INCLUDING SECTION ACROSS COMMON LAND) ORIGINALLY LCC HAD MADE AN ORDER IN PART FOR RB STATUS BASED ON A LACK OF EQUESTRIAN EVIDENCE HOWEVER MORE CAME TO LIGHT DURING THE INQUIRY TO SATISFY THE INSPECTOR. NO OBJECTIONS RECEIVED BUT NO NOTIFICATION FROM PINS AS YET REGARDING CONFIRMATION.

NEW APPLICATIONS SINCE LAST MEETING				
Parish	Case No	Status claimed	Description	
Long Bennington, Westborough & Dry Doddington	377	PF	Claimed footpath between Westborough Lane & bridge on Church St. along east bank of River Witham. Also access to route from Winters Lane & Sparrow Lane.	
Udborough	378	PF	Claimed footpath along track running to and from PF107	
North Ormsby	379	PF	Claimed footpath between north end of PF 357 and metalled highway in centre of North Ormsby	
Horncastle	380	PF	Claimed footpath from Jessop Close and Mareham Road	

The current Schedule of Priorities policy is now eight 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 **19**
- Cases resolved following the confirmation of an order **45**(11 by Secretary of State)
- Cases resolved following the non-confirmation of an order **18**
- Cases currently outstanding with the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS **1**
  
- Total cases **83**

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- New Cases received since October 2006 **67**
- New Cases received since 1st April 2014 **12**

Appendix B - Progress of Modification Order Cases where Appeals to Prioritisation Have Been Made.

Since the inception of the current prioritisation policy the Definitive Map & Statement of Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee has heard appeals on a total of 12 cases. The following is a synopsis of the progress made on those specific cases.

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2007**

Horncastle – Claimed Public Footpath along Holt Lane to Banovallum Gardens

At the time of this sitting of the sub-committee this case was number 74 on the priority list. The sub-committee declined the appeal as it was felt that the case was likely to be dealt with in a short timescale

As the case had not been processed a further review of the decision was made at the sitting of the sub-committee on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008 – see below.

Mablethorpe and Sutton – Claimed Public Footpath from Queensway to King George's Field

This case was number 142 on the priority list. The sub-committee allowed the appeal on the grounds that there was evidence that there was "Significant threat to the route and likely to cause a permanent obstruction with no means of resolving the problem by way of diversion".

The Statement of Reasons for this case was submitted to the Secretary of State on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010. The Order was **NOT CONFIRMED**

**4<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

Stamford – Claimed Public Footpath from Welland Mews to Lower Stamford Meadows

This case was number 168 on the priority list. The sub-committee declined the appeal as it was felt that the submitted petition was not representative given the size of Stamford as a town.

Since this time a second appeal was made following the inclusion of the new exception criteria 8 in 2009. Officers accepted that the claimed route would have a significant impact on the implementation of the Countryside Access & Rights of Way Improvement Plan. **NOT CONFIRMED BY SoS – Deemed to be operational railway land**

**10<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

Eagle & Swinethorpe / Swinderby: Claimed Public Bridleway from Southern lane to Public Bridleway 12 (Morton Lane)

This case was number 110 on the priority list. The sub-committee allowed the appeal on the grounds that there was "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".

Having conducted the relevant research the County Council felt that the evidence suggested that restricted byway rights, rather than public bridleway rights, existed. The order was **CONFIRMED**



## Appendix B - Progress of Modification Order Cases where Appeals to Prioritisation Have Been Made.

### Sleaford – Claimed Public Footpath from Millfield Terrace to Eastgate

This case had not been prioritised by officers at the time of the sitting of the sub-committee. The appeal was allowed on the grounds that there was “a risk to children on County Council owned property or where routes are likely to be used by children to provide safe access to schools, play areas or other local amenities”.

Following the relevant research the County Council concluded that the submitted evidence did not show that any public right of way existed. The applicant exercised their right to appeal this decision to the Secretary of State in January 2009. the appeal was not upheld and the **ORDER WAS NOT MADE**

### **30<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

### Lea – Claimed Public Bridleway from Lea Park to new plantation off Willingham Road, (nr Gainsborough)

This case was number 147 on the priority list. The sub-committee declined the appeal as it was felt that the arguments made by the appellant did not match any of the exception criteria.

Since this time a second appeal was made following the inclusion of the new exception criteria 8 in 2009. The sub-committee allowed this appeal at the sitting of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009 on the grounds that the claimed route would have a significant impact on the implementation of the Countryside Access & Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

After conducting research and assessing the evidence the County Council made an order on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010. The Order was **CONFIRMED**

### Horncastle – Claimed Public Footpath along Holt Lane to Banovallum Gardens

See above.

The sub-committee prioritised the case on the grounds that new information suggested that there was “a risk to children on County Council owned property or where routes are likely to be used by children to provide safe access to schools, play areas or other local amenities”.

The case has been **CONFIRMED** with modifications following submission to the Secretary of State.

### **19<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

### Burgh le Marsh – Claimed Public Footpath from Faulkners Lane to Orby Road.

This case was number 77 on the priority list. The sub-committee declined the appeal as it was felt that the arguments made by the appellant did not match any of the exception criteria.

No further progress has been made on this case.

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Dogdyke (Chapel Hill) – Claimed Public Footpath from The Crown Inn Public House to the River Witham.

This case was number 94 on the priority list. The sub-committee allowed the appeal on the grounds that legal proceedings against the County Council were likely to be instigated and it is possible that the Authority has a liability.

Following the relevant investigations the County Council made an order on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010 and, with no objections being made, the Order was **CONFIRMED**

**29<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

Lincoln - Claimed Public Footpath from Dunkirk Road to Breedon Drive

This case was number 141 on the priority list. The sub-committee declined the appeal as it was felt that the arguments made by the appellant did not match any of the exception criteria.

No further progress has been made on this case.

Mumby - Realignment of Public Footpath No. 59

This case was number 142 on the priority list. The sub-committee allowed the appeal on the grounds that legal proceedings against the County Council were likely to be instigated and it is possible that the Authority has a liability.

Following investigation an Order was made and with objections withdrawn the Order was **CONFIRMED**.

**14<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

See 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008 above

**12<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

Raithby & Hundleby – Claimed Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) & upgrade of Public Bridleway No 133 to BOAT

This case was number 155 on the priority list. The sub-committee declined the appeal as it was felt that the arguments made by the appellant did not match any of the exception criteria.

No further progress has been made on this case although it has been subject to protracted correspondence and a corporate complaint. The applicant also exercised their right of appeal to the Secretary of State following the expiration of one year since the application was made. The Secretary of State felt that LCC's Schedule of Priorities was fair and declined to order that a decision be made.

**4<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Caistor – Claimed Public Footpath between Buttermarket & Plough Hill

This case was number 153 on the priority list. The sub-committee allowed the appeal on the grounds that there was "sustained aggression, hostility and ill feeling within a community that is causing severe disruption to the life of that community,

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and that in processing the case early there is a strong likelihood that this will reduce”.

**CONFIRMED following the withdrawal of objections**

**5<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

Mablethorpe & Sutton – Claimed Public Footpath from Sandhurst Road to the Promenade

The case was 129 on the priority list. The sub-committee did not allow the appeal based on the grounds that there was “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” also the Town Council felt that the claimed route may be useful to the fire-brigade in dealing with the regular arson attacks to the beach huts at Sandilands.

Wrangle – Claimed Byway Open to All Traffic “Cockleshell Alley”

This case was number 94 on the priority list. The sub-committee allowed the appeal on the grounds that there was “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”.

**CONFIRMED as a Public Bridleway on the strength of available evidence**

**3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011**

Bourne – Claimed Footpath from Beaumont Drive to Bourne Woods (No.142 on the Priority List).

This case was number 142 on the priority list. The sub-committee deferred its decision pending the planning decision due to be considered by South Kesteven District Council. Having received this no further action is currently required.

Holbeach – Claimed Footpath between Langwith Gardens & Stukeley Hall Drive

This case is number 67 on the priority list. The sub-committee allowed the appeal on the grounds that there was “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”

**CONFIRMED**

**16<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

Sturton by Stow – Claimed Public Footpath from Bransby to Tillbridge Lane

The case is at No.124 on the priority list. The sub-committee did not allow the appeal as it did not consider that the planning permission granted for the land adjacent had an effect on the right of way

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### **5<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

#### Utterby – Claimed Public Footpaths Grange Lane to Holywell Lane and Former Railway

The Committee allowed the appeals for these two separate cases and were in agreement with the applicant that the routes fulfilled Criteria 8 “*Where the route will significantly assist in achieving a Countryside and Rights of Way Improvement Plan Objective or Statement of Action*”.

The case has now been allocated to a case officer and is in progress. User interviews are complete and Orders have been made.

#### Colsterworth – Deletion of Public Footpath No. 14

The Committee allowed the appeal on the basis that it felt that the route was the subject of much local concern and had given rise to a number of incidents of ill-feeling in the community and had become a particular problem for the occupiers.

The case is at No.3 in the priority list and has been allocated to an officer.

### **8<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

#### Heapham - Variation of Particulars contained in the Definitive Statement for PF 57

The Committee allowed the appeal on the basis that it felt that the route was the subject of much local concern and had given rise to a number of incidents of ill-feeling in the community.

The case is at No.9 in the priority list and has been allocated to an officer.

### **17<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

#### Skegness – Claimed Public Footpath Along Sea Bank Adjacent to North Shore Golf Course

The Committee allowed the appeal on the basis that it felt that the route was the subject of much local concern and had given rise to a number of incidents of ill-feeling in the community.

It was also felt that the potential addition of the route to the Definitive Map & Statement may bring benefits to the local economy and PRow network generally and fulfilled a RoWIP aim.

The case is at No.18 in the priority list and awaits allocation to an officer

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**8<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

Glentworth & Harpswell – Claimed Public Footpath between Homeyard Farm and Hermitage Farm

The Committee did not allow the appeal made on the grounds of ill feeling and aggression in the Community as it did not believe that the issues were sustained. Also the Committee did not believe that the route, on its own merit, would substantially assist in achieving a ROWIP aim or objective.

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Parish	File	Status	Further details	Application/Acceptance	Active	Priority Ranking
Ancaster	2	RB	to BOAT	13/11/1991	Yes	1
Colsterworth / Stainby	259	PF	Colsterworth FP14 & Stainby FP 1(pt)	06/05/2004	Yes	2
Ancaster	309	BOAT	Addition of a BOAT along Heath Lane in the parish of Ancaster	23/03/2006	Yes	3
Utterby	354	PF	Claimed Footpath from Grange Lane to Holy Well Lane	08/05/2012	Yes	4
Utterby	355	PF	Claimed Footpath from Grange Lane to former railway and beyond	08/05/2012	Yes	5
New Leake	353	PF	Claimed Footpath from Spilsby Rd to Spilsby Rd	30/05/2012	Yes	6
Heapham	360	PF	Variation of Statement for PF 57	20/12/2012	Yes	7
South Willingham / Benniworth	96	PF	Claimed PF from Grange farm, Low Barns to road south of Skirbeck House	30/04/1986	Yes	8
South Willingham	97	PF	Hainton Rd to High St	30/04/1986	Yes	9
South Willingham / Hainton	98	PF	Moors Lane to A157	30/04/1986	Yes	10
South Willingham	99	PF	Moors lane to Poplar Fm	30/04/1986	Yes	11
Saltfleetby St Clement/Skidbrooke with Saltfleet Haven	82	PB	PB from Sea View to Gowts Farm	06/08/1991	Yes	12
Woodhall Spa	193	PF	Mill Lane to R.Witham Bank	12/05/1998	Yes	13
Belton / Gt. Gonerby	12	PF	Belton to Great Gonerby (Gads Lane)	01/11/1983	Yes	14

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Alford	344	BOAT	Claimed BOAT from Hanby Lane to to New Cemetery	01/04/1993	No	15
Skegness	364	PF	Claimed Footpath from PF 969 to PF 301 along sea defence	30/05/2013	No	16
Coningsby	182	PF	School Lane to Dogdyke Road	06/11/1997	No	17
Heydour	48	PF	PF to be diverted - from Southern end of PF 3 to church Lees	01/01/1985	No	18
Aunsby & Dembleby	5	PROW	see file	11/07/1985	No	19
Mablethorpe and Sutton	106	PF	High St to Broadway	16/09/1985	No	20
Grimoldby	43	PF	from Mill Lane	23/10/1985	No	21
Hogsthorpe	49	PF	Sea Lane to Maiden Lane	11/12/1986	No	22
Burgh-le-Marsh	18	PF	Faulkers Lane	10/02/1987	No	23
Stamford	101	PF	Cherry Holt Lane to Priory Rd	03/04/1987	No	24
East Stockwith/ Morton	27	PF	PF from Willowbank Lane to Walkerith Road	04/06/1987	No	25
Linwood / Market Rasen	60	PF	Buslingthorpe R/way Bdge	18/06/1987	No	26
Middle Rasen	72	PF	Caistor Rd to Gatehouse Lane	05/08/1987	No	27
Gainsborough	36	PF	White' s Wood Lane to FP22	07/09/1987	No	28
Belchford	11	PB	Ings Lane	25/01/1988	No	29
Skidbrooke with Salthaven	85	PF	The Haven	30/03/1988	No	30
Leasingham	272	PF	Claimed PF from PF2 to PF3 in the Parish of Leasingham	21/10/1988	No	31
Friesthorpe/Buslingthorpe/Lissington etc	32	PB	BW from Lissingley Lane to Shortwood Lane	08/05/1989	No	32
Linwood/Legsby	59	PF	Linwood Church to Bleasby	11/07/1989	No	33
Great Gonerby/Marston	41	PF	Cliff Lane	01/01/1990	No	34
Sutton St James	108	BOAT	Badgate	01/02/1990	No	35
Market Rasen/Tealby	68	PF	from PF163	15/03/1990	No	36
Welbourn (etc..)	117	BOAT	Ermine St	04/04/1990	No	37
Castle Bytham	136	RB	RB 3	22/10/1990	No	38
Glentham	38	PF	From church gates	07/04/1991	No	39
Middle Rasen	69	PB	PB514 to BOAT	22/05/1991	No	40
Kettlethorpe	55	BOAT	Know as Westmoor Lane	19/08/1991	No	41
Fulletby	35	BOAT	Mill Street	22/05/1992	No	42
Rothwell / Cabourne	81	BOAT	PB24 to BOAT	15/06/1992	No	43
Great Gonerby	40	PF	PF6 to join RB 5	21/12/1992	No	44
Bassingham	9	PF	Claimed PF from Brocklebank Close to playing field	27/10/1993	No	45
Navenby	154	PF	'The Smoots'	22/05/1996	No	46
Fulletby	162	PF	School Lane	10/10/1996	No	47
Beckingham/Brant Broughton	167	PF	PF 5 to BW and missing link	12/12/1996	No	48
Little Carlton/Legbourne	185	PB	'Blind Lane' from PB 624 ( Manby)	22/01/1998	No	49
Uffington	188	PB	Newstead Rd, Belmesthorpe to Seven Acre Wood (county bdy)	30/01/1998	No	50
Louth	186	PB	Grimsby/Louth Railway Line ( part from Keddington Rd crossing to Little Grim	03/02/1998	No	51
Horncastle	195	PF	Boston Road to the Wong	23/05/1998	No	52
Grantham	194	PF	Denton Ave to PF 16	28/05/1998	No	53

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Halton Hologate	201	PF	Northorpe Road to Ashby Road	17/08/1998	No	54
Anderby Creek	203	PF	Occupation Road to Beach (via Rowan Court)	10/10/1998	No	55
Rothwell / Swallow	220	PF 23	Realignment of Footpath 23	02/01/2001	No	56
Hundleby	224	PF	PF366	26/02/2001	No	57
Barrowby	237	PF	PF13 to PB, Casthorpe Rd to parish boundary	08/05/2002	No	58
Skillington & Stoke Rochford	239	BOAT	BOAT from Crabtree Rd to parish boundary between Stoke Rochford & Easton	05/06/2002	No	59
Skillington	240	BOAT	Claimed BOAT from Skillington village to "The Drift" along Buckminster Lane	05/06/2002	No	60
Tealby	238	PF	Claimed footpath from footpath 132 through Thorpe Mill to The Road	25/06/2002	No	61
Woolsthorpe by Belvoir	242	BOAT	Claimed upgrade from PB to BOAT "Longmoor Lane"	03/07/2002	No	62
Barrowby/Grantham	245	BOAT	Upgrade of RBs 10 and 922	10/10/2002	No	63
Osbourneby/Aunsby & Dembleby	248	BOAT	Upgrade from RB (Mickling Meadow Rd)	02/04/2003	No	64
Harlaxton/Grantham	247	BOAT	Claimed BOAT from Gorse Lane to Great North Road)	23/04/2003	No	65
Branston & Mere	253	PF	Claimed PF along bank of river Witham from Bardney bridge to Bardney Lock	29/10/2003	No	66
Spilsby	254	BOAT	Claimed BOAT along Pooles Lane	24/11/2003	No	67
South Somercotes	257	PF	Claimed PF Southfiels Lane / Town street of the Church	02/03/2004	No	68
Norton Disney	263	PB	Claimed PB at Norton Disney Newark Rd to Swinderby Rd	13/05/2004	No	69
Holton Le Clay	266	BOAT	Claimed BOAT "The Smooting" Holton Le Clay	21/09/2004	No	70
Leasingham	267	BOAT	Upgrade of PB 10 Moor Lane to Leasingham Parish Boundary	16/11/2004	No	71
Leasingham / Sleaford	268	BOAT	Upgrade of PB 6 New Lane Claim from Leasingham Parish Boundary	16/11/2004	No	72
Heckington	269	BOAT	Upgrade of PF 3 Heckington Claim from A17 to PF 3 Heckington	15/12/2004	No	73
Snitterby	270	PF	PF from High St to Bridle Walk and PF 70	04/01/2005	No	74
Aslackby & Laughton	277	BOAT	Upgrade of RB 12 to BOAT	22/02/2005	No	75
Pointon & Sempringham / Aslackby & Laughton	276	BOAT	Upgrade RB 9 & 13 to BOAT ( Pethley Lane)	24/02/2005	No	76
Threkingham / Billingborough	275	BOAT	Upgrade PB 4 Claim from Parish boundary to Folkingham Road	25/02/2005	No	77
Allington/Foston	271	BOAT	Upgrade of RB 5 and RB 7 (Marston Lane)	14/03/2005	No	78
Kirkby La Thorpe	274	PF	Claimed PF from The Hoplands to PF 1	17/03/2005	No	79
Belton & Manthorpe / Syston	278	BOAT	Claimed BOAT from Heath Lane to High Dike "Beggars Lane"	13/06/2005	No	80
Asterby	279	PF	Claimed Public Footpath from Goulceby Lane to Public Footpath No.18	18/07/2005	No	81
Ropsley & Humby / Ingoldsby	281	BOAT	Upgrade of PB 30 & PB 14 to BOAT	27/08/2005	No	82
Ingoldsby/Bitchfield & Bassingthorpe	282	BOAT	Upgrade of PB 16 to BOAT and Claimed BOAT	27/08/2005	No	83
Osgodby / Owersby	285	PF 91	PF 91 Osgodby realignment	30/09/2005	No	84
Helpringham	286	BOAT	Upgrade of RB 17 to Boat	23/10/2005	No	85
Pointon & Sempringham/Billingborough	290	BOAT	Upgrade of RB 15 to BOAT & Realign " Primrose Lane"	25/10/2005	No	86
Ropsley & Humby/Boothby Pagnell	287	BOAT	Upgrade of PF27 Ropsley & Humby to BOAT and claimed BOAT in Boothby F	26/10/2005	No	87
Boothby Pagnell/Old Somerby	291	BOAT	Upgrade of PF 7 to BOAT Claimed BOAT from PF7 to BW7 Upgrade of BW7	29/10/2005	No	88
Pointon & Sempringham	289	BOAT	Claimed BOAT from West Road to Pethley Lane	30/10/2005	No	89
Irnham/Edenham	294	BOAT	Claimed BOAT from Irnham Lane to Bulby Lane, Irnham	05/11/2005	No	90
Lenton Keisby and Osgodby	292	BOAT	Upgrade of PB 3 to BOAT	06/11/2005	No	91
Lenton Keisby and Osgodby / Irnham	293	BOAT	Claimed BOAT from RB 12 to PB 9 and Upgrade of PB 9 to BOAT	06/11/2005	No	92
Lenton Keisby and Osgodby / Irnham	295	BOAT	Claimed BoAT from Irnham BR9 to Elsthorpe Road	09/11/2005	No	93
Burton Coggles / Corby Glen	297	BOAT	Upgrade of BC BW1, RB2 & CG RB9	05/12/2005	No	94



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Great Sturton/Ranby/Hemingby/Belchford	296	BOAT	Upgrade of RB61 to BOAT	12/12/2005	No	95
Aunsby & Dembleby	298	BOAT	Upgrade of RB5	06/01/2006	No	96
Folkingham	299	BOAT	Upgrade of PF 8 to BOAT	27/01/2006	No	97
Hough on the Hill	300	BOAT	Upgrade of RB22 to BOAT	27/01/2006	No	98
Kirkby Underwood	301	PB	Claimed bridleway from Rippingale Br16 to Stainfield Road	30/01/2006	No	99
Great Gonerby/Barrowby	302	BOAT	Upgrade of RB 7 and PF6 in Great Gonerby and PF 11 in Barrowby to BOATS	07/02/2006	No	100
Lissington/Holton Cum Beckering	303	BOAT	Upgrade of PB 904 in Lissington and PB 904 in Holton Cum Beckering to a BOAT	14/02/2006	No	101
Long Bennington	304	BOAT	Upgrade of RB 12 to BOAT	14/02/2006	No	102
Foston	305	BOAT	Upgrade of PB 3 and RB 5 to a BOAT	16/02/2006	No	103
Westborough and Dry Doddington/ Stubton	306	BOAT	Upgrade of PB 12 (W&DD) and PF 3 & RB 7 (Stubton) to a BOAT	22/02/2006	No	104
Westborough and Dry Doddington/ Stubton / Claypole	307	BOAT	Addition of a BOAT in Westborough and DD, upgrade of RB 5 & 6 in Stubton	22/03/2006	No	105
Searby	311	PB	Addition of a bridleway from Owmy Road to Howsham Lane	03/08/2006	No	106
Lincoln	313	PF	Claimed footpath from Church Drive to Tritton Road, Lincoln	27/12/2006	No	107
Skegness	317	PF	Claimed footpath from Albany Close to Albany Road, Skegness	15/03/2007	No	108
Lutton	325	PF	Claimed footpath from School Lane to Blazegate	17/07/2007	No	109
Gainsborough	319	PF	Claimed footpath from Bowling Green Rd to Bayard St	20/08/2007	No	110
Lincoln	320	PF	Claimed footpath from Dunkirk Road to Breedon Drive	21/09/2007	No	111
East Ferry	321	PF	Claimed footpath from East Ferry High St. to River Trent (county boundary)	24/09/2007	No	112
Heighington	323	PF	Claimed footpath along Bracken Hill Lane and Third Hill Road	04/10/2007	No	113
West Ashby/Fulletby	327	PB	Upgrade of PB No. 57 to RB	28/03/2008	No	114
Sturton by Stow	328	PF	Claimed footpath from Bonniwells Lane (PF82) to Tillbridge Lane	10/04/2008	No	115
Swineshead	329	PF	From Tarry Hill to Station Road	21/07/2008	No	116
Lincoln	330	PF	Claimed Footpath between Skellingthorpe Road and Rochester Drive	30/07/2008	No	117
Mablethorpe and Sutton	331	PF	Claimed Public Footpath from Sandhurst Road to The Promenade	12/08/2008	No	118
Scotter / East Ferry	332	PF	Claimed Public Footpath from Becks Lane to Gainsborough Road	28/08/2008	No	119
Scotton	333	PF	Claimed Public Footpath from Gainsborough road to pf 4	28/08/2008	No	120
Lincoln	334	PB	Claimed Public Bridleway from Boswell Drive to Doddington Road	29/09/2008	No	121
Old Somerby	335	PB	Claimed Public Bridleway from junction of Church Lane and The Pastures to PB	15/05/2009	No	122
Ropsley & Humby	337	PB	Claimed Public Bridleway & upgrade of Ropsley FP9 (pt) and FP18 Somerby	15/05/2009	No	123
Snitterby/Bishop Norton	336	PF	Claimed Public Footpath Snitterby Carr PF68 (Brown's Bridge) to Grid Ref TF0	06/07/2009	No	124
Upton	338	PF	Claimed Public Footpath from High Street to PF 50	27/07/2009	No	125
Raithby/Hundleby	339	BOAT	From B1195 road along Raithby PB 133 & part Hundleby PB 133 to Raithby o	07/09/2009	No	126
Billingborough	341	PF	Claimed Footpath Low Street to Whiteleather Square	27/01/2011	No	127
Colsterworth	345	PF	Claimed Footpath from Old Woolsthorpe Rd to Bridge End	20/02/2011	No	128
Grantham/Londonthorpe and Harrowby	346	PF	Claimed Footpaths in Londonthorpe and Harrowby	21/03/2011	No	129
Boston	347	PF	Claimed Footpath from Ingelow Ave to Punchbowl Lane	24/06/2011	No	130
Bourne	348	PF	Claimed Footpath from Beaufort Drive to Bourne Woods	29/06/2011	No	131
North Somercotes	349	PB	Claimed Bridleway from Warren Road around North Somercotes Warren	09/08/2011	No	132
Heapham & Upton	350	PB	Claimed Bridleway from Common Lane to Cow Lane	02/12/2011	No	133
Long Bennington	351	PF	Claimed Footpath from Back Lane to PF17	29/02/2012	No	134
Long Bennington	352	PF	Claimed Footpath from Wheatsheaf Lane to PF17	11/04/2012	No	135
Londonthorpe and Harrowby	356	PB	Claimed Bridleway from Turnor Road (RB 6) to Harrowby Lane	19/06/2012	No	136

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Benniworth	357	PF	Part of PF9	25/07/2012	No	137
Caythorpe and Frieston	358	PF	Claimed Footpath between Old Lincoln Road and PF4 and PF to PF5	05/10/2012	No	138
Sudbrooke	359	PF	Claimed footpaths in Sudbrooke Park	04/12/2012	No	139
Foston	361	PB	Claimed bridleway from 16 Chapel Lane to Restricted Byway No.5	16/01/2013	No	140
Upton	362	BOAT	Claimed BOAT from Heapham Road to Slingers Wood	11/02/2013	No	141
Louth	363	PF	Claimed deletion of part of PF5 and addition of FP	08/03/2013	No	142
Tetford	365	PF	Addition of missing link to PF 33	30/09/2013	No	143
Welton Le Marsh	367	PF	Claimed footpath from junction of Beck Lane to entrance to Groves Farm, Mill	29/08/2013	No	144
Gainsborough	368	PF	Claimed footpath from Market Place to Caskgate Street	02/10/2013	No	145
Folkingham	369	PF	Claimed footpath from A15 to copse at end of PF3	30/12/2013	No	146
Glentworth	370	PF	Claimed footpath between PF91 and Dog Kennel Road	14/04/2014	No	147
Glentworth/Harpswell	371	PF	Claimed footpath between Homeyard Farm & Hermitage Farm	20/05/2014	No	148
Deeping St. James	372	PF	Claimed footpath between PF9 and PB12	25/06/2014	No	149
Sleaford	373	PF	Claimed bridleway between Lincoln Road (A15) to PF3	01/08/2014	No	150
North Somercotes/Marshchapel/Grainthorpe	374	PF	Upgrade of PF 18 to PB between Stonebridge Cottages, North Somercotes &	04/08/2014	No	151
Danwell & Byard's Leap	375	PF	Addition of PF between PF754 and PB1	27/08/2014	No	152
Danwell & Byard's Leap/Brauncewell	376	PF	Addition of PF between PF4 and Brauncewell PF12	27/08/2014	No	153
Long Bennington, Westborough & Dry Doddington	377	PF	Claimed footpath between Westborough Lane & bridge on Church St. along ea	19/09/2014	No	154
Westborough	378	PF	Claimed footpath along track running to and from PF107	06/10/2014	No	0
North Ormsby	379	PF	Claimed footpath between north end of PF 357 and metalled highway in centre	14/11/2014	No	0
Horncastle	380	PF	Claimed footpath from Jessop Close and Mareham Road	08/12/2014	No	0

## 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	Inspector's decision was not to confirm 2013 diversion order. NELC now considering how we will move forward but remain committed to re-establishing FP72.
PPO 14	Ashby Cum Fenby BW91	HA s119	Self initiated	The Inspector has now visited site and we are expecting a decision shortly.
PPO 15	Stallingborough FP21	HA s118 & s26	Self initiated	The Orders have been referred back to Committee to be formally withdrawn following the discovery of a technical error in the wording. Officers are now considering possible alternatives to the diversion route in light of the number of objections received during the consultation period.
PPO 16	Humberston FP52	HA s119	Self initiated	Diversion order to be made to relocate and reinstate this path which has been unavailable for some time.

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County Council

**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills - Executive Director for Environment & Economy**

Report to:	<b>South Lincs/Mid-Lincs Local Access Forums</b>
Date:	<b>14 January/22 January 2015</b>
Subject:	<b>Progress of Public Path Orders</b>

**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. The Council may also enter into agreements with landowners regarding the dedication of public rights.

## 2. Summary

The County Council has a current workload of **28** outstanding cases requiring review. These include applications for diversions, creations and extinguishments as well as cases directly initiated by LCC. There are **4** outstanding dedication cases

No. of Applications Received or Cases Initiated Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 7

<b>Kirkby on Bain</b>	<i>Creation of new Public Footpath</i>
<b>Heighington</b>	<i>Diversion of PF 4 through newly constructed underpass (Rail crossing)</i>
<b>Louth</b>	<i>Dedication of a route known as "The Gatherums"</i>
<b>Croft</b>	<i>Diversion of Public Footpath No.278</i>
<b>Great Gonerby</b>	<i>Diversion of Public Footpath No. 3</i>
<b>Boston</b>	<i>Diversion of Public Footpath No. 5</i>
<b>Waddington</b>	<i>Extinguishment, Diversion and Creation proposals for</i>

	<i>Restricted Byway No. 10 and Public Footpath No. 3</i>
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- a) There have been **2** orders confirmed with associated Legal Event Modification Orders since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.

<b>Spilsby</b>	<i>Extinguishment of Pt Public Footpath No137</i>
<b>Kirkby on Bain</b>	<i>Dreation of Public Footpath No. 1111</i>

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

- c) The County Council have determined to take no further action on **1** further cases since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013

<b>Holbeach</b>	<i>Creation of a Public Footpath</i>
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- d) **1** case await determination by the Secretary of State

<b>Lincoln</b>	<i>Special Diversion Order (Rail Crossing) of PF 41</i>
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	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
Orders confirmed & Legal Event Modification Orders completed	3	2
Orders confirmed awaiting Legal Event Modification Orders	0	0
Orders not confirmed	0	0
Cases awaiting determination by the Secretary of State	-	1
Cases abandoned	1	1

**f) Synopsis.**

The County Council is currently progressing public path orders across three different areas

- Applications from members of the public where public benefit in the proposal can be demonstrated in line with Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
- Cases that form part of wider green infrastructure schemes (Coastal Country Park, Witham Valley Country Park etc.)

- Cases forming part of wider Council strategies (Road / Rail Partnerships, Environmental strategies)

### **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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