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## **South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum Meeting**

A meeting of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum will be held on **Wednesday, 29 April 2015 at 6.15 pm** in **Civic Suite, Rutland County Council, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6HP** for the transaction of business set out on the attached Agenda.

Yours sincerely

Tony McArdle  
Chief Executive

## **Membership of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum**

Councillor Ray Wootten (Chairman)  
John Law (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor David Brailsford  
Councillor William Cross  
Bryan Bowles  
Rosemary Harris  
Audrey Morley  
Alec Hill  
Gordon Norris  
John Williams  
Ian Cox  
Dr Rebecca Johnson  
Paul Marshall  
Barbara Smitheringale  
2 Vacancies (Users of Local Rights of Way)  
2 Vacancies (Land Owners)



**SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE AND RUTLAND LOCAL ACCESS FORUM AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL 2015**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Report Reference</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 January 2015</b>	(Pages 5 - 14)
<b>3</b>	<b>Actions arising from the minutes of the previous meeting</b>	
<b>3a</b>	<b>Minute No. 32a - Hedge between Newstead Mill and Belmesthorpe</b> <i>(To receive a verbal update from Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager regarding the hedge between Newstead Mill and Belmesthorpe)</i>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan Update</b>	
<b>4a</b>	<b>Rutland County Council</b> <i>(To receive a report from Stuart Crook, Public Rights of Way Officer, Rutland County Council)</i>	
<b>4b</b>	<b>Lincolnshire County Council</b> <i>(To receive a report from Andrew Savage, Senior Countryside Access Officer, Lincolnshire County Council)</i>	(Pages 15 - 42)
<b>5</b>	<b>Definitive Map Modification Orders</b>	
<b>5a</b>	<b>Rutland County Council</b> <i>(To receive a report from Stuart Crook, Public Rights of Way Officer, Rutland County Council)</i>	(Pages 43 - 44)
<b>5b</b>	<b>Lincolnshire County Council</b> <i>(To receive a report from Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager, Lincolnshire County Council)</i>	(Pages 45 - 62)
<b>6</b>	<b>Public Path Orders Progress Report</b>	
<b>6a</b>	<b>Rutland County Council</b> <i>(To receive a report from Stuart Crook, Public Rights of Way Officer, Rutland County Council)</i>	(Pages 63 - 64)
<b>6b</b>	<b>Lincolnshire County Council</b> <i>(To receive a report from Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager, Lincolnshire County Council)</i>	(Pages 65 - 68)
<b>7</b>	<b>Lost Ways Sub-Group</b> <i>(To receive a verbal update from John Law, Vice-Chairman, South Lincolnshire &amp; Rutland Local Access Forum)</i>	

- 8 East Midlands Local Access Forum Chairs Meeting**  
*(To receive feedback from John Law, Vice-Chairman, South Lincolnshire & Rutland Local Access Forum)* (Pages 69 - 76)
- 9 Future of Public Access in Stewardship Schemes**  
*(To receive information from John Law, Vice-Chairman, South Lincolnshire & Rutland Local Access Forum)* (Pages 77 - 84)
- 10 Countryside for All**  
*(To receive information from John Law, Vice-Chairman, South Lincolnshire & Rutland Local Access Forum)* (Pages 85 - 98)
- 11 Funding**  
*(To receive information from John Law, Vice-Chairman, South Lincolnshire & Rutland Local Access Forum)* (Pages 99 - 100)
- 12 Horse Riding Route Maps**  
*(The Forum are requested to discuss and feedback their comments on style and information required on maps to be used for horseriding)*
- 13 Local Access Forum Survey 2014-15**
- 14 Next meeting of the South Lincolnshire & Rutland Local Access Forum**  
*(The next meeting of the forum is scheduled for Wednesday 22 July 2015 at 6.00pm and will be held at Barratt Court, Skegness)*

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14 JANUARY 2015**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR R WOOTTEN (CHAIRMAN)**

Representing Lincolnshire County Council: Councillor D Brailsford

Representing Rutland County Council: No representative

Representing Independent Members: Bryan Bowles, Rosemary Harris, Alec Hill, John Williams, Ian Cox, Dr Rebecca Johnson, Paul Marshall and Barbara Smitheringale

Officers: Andrea Brown (Democratic Services Officer), Stuart Crook, Chris Miller (Countryside Access Manager) and Andrew Savage (Senior Countryside Access Officer)

29 PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman welcomed Mr Stephen Flanagan to the meeting and invited him to address the Forum. Mr Flanagan explained the background of a planning application in Leasingham, North Kesteven for an Anaerobic Digester plant. The application had been refused but was expected to be considered by the Planning Inspectorate as part of an appeal on that decision.

Mr Flanagan confirmed that he was keen that the refusal be upheld as the farm track which would be used for Heavy Goods Vehicles, should it be approved, was currently used as a footpath, mainly for school children travelling to the primary school in Sleaford from Holdingham. It was also confirmed that an application for a Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) had been submitted to Lincolnshire County Council.

Officers advised Mr Flanagan to ensure that the pending application for a DMMO be included within the information submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as this was a material consideration for the appeal.

The Forum were asked to support the dismissal of the appeal and the decision to refuse the application to be upheld by the Planning Inspectorate.

**RESOLVED**

That a letter to the Planning Inspectorate, in support of the dismissal of Appeal Reference Number APP/R2520/A/14/222/8674, written by the Chairman on behalf of the Forum.

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The Chairman thanked Mr Flanagan for bringing this issue to the Forum's attention and hoped that the objectors would be successful in their endeavours.

30 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr John Law, Mrs Audrey Morley, Mr Gordon Norris and Councillor William Cross.

31 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2014

In relation to page 12, Minute No. 26, bullet point 2, it was clarified that the points raised by Councillor Cross and Mrs Harris were in relation to the combination of use of new paths near main roads was not appropriate. For example, it was felt to be dangerous to have a combination of cyclists, busy traffic and horses in close proximity to each other.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2014, noting the clarification above, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

32 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

32a Minutes No. 20 - Hedge between Newstead Mill and Belmesthorpe

The Chairman advised that a response had been received from Highways in relation to the outstanding item. The contractor had inspected the site and advised that boggy ground conditions meant they would be unable to use the correct machine without leaving deep ruts. They, therefore, proposed to do this work in the spring. Highways Officers were concerned that this was too close to the bird nesting season and would continue to pursue completion of this work before then.

RESOLVED

That Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Maps Manager, actively pursue completion of the works and provide updates to the Clerk to the Forum

32b Minute No. 25 - Definitive Map Modification Orders (Rutland County Council)

In relation to the legal position at Rutland County Council for Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMO), the Public Rights of Way Officer for Rutland County Council advised that legal sign off of the outstanding reports was still with the Legal team for action.

In relation to the Wardley claim, it was expected that refusal would remain the recommendation but this would be subject to review of the additional evidence submitted.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

33     COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS & RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
          UPDATE

33a     Rutland County Council

The Public Rights of Way Officer, Rutland County Council, circulated a briefing note to members and explained that they had not been collecting the same statistical information as Lincolnshire County Council and were now considering undertaking a full network survey as previously undertaken in 2007.

It was noted that Rights of Way projects were funded from the Highways Capital Programme which were now included within their three year work plan although the budget path would remain the same.

The timetable provided in the circulated briefing note give a "Report to LAF" line but this did not coincide with the meeting dates. It was agreed that the report be circulated to Members, via the clerk to the Forum, when expected on the timetable, to allow time for consideration prior to discussion at the following meeting.

RESOLVED

1.           That the update be noted;
2.           That the report be circulated in line with the timetable but carried forward to the next meeting agenda for discussion.

33b     Lincolnshire County Council

A report was received from Lincolnshire County Council which outlined the progress made in the implementation of the Lincolnshire Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

Andy Savage, Senior Countryside Access Officer, introduced the report and confirmed that the improvements programme was now complete. Of 16 schemes in total, all but two were complete.

Members raised no questions.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

**34 DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDERS****34a Rutland County Council**

A report was received from Rutland County Council which noted the progress of the Definitive Map Modification Orders in the county.

Stuart Crook, Public Rights of Way Officer, introduced the report and advised that one application on Yew Tree Lane was wholly privately owned and the nature of the public right to use that woodland area was currently being appraised. Discussions between RCC, the Forestry Commission and the owners were expected.

In relation to Braunston, the draft order had been made but this was now waiting for comments from the legal department. It was expected that the responsible director would support officer recommendation.

During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- All decisions in relation to DMMO matters in Rutland were taken by the Director for Planning, Environment and Transport. On occasion, contentious matters had been sent to the Cabinet for their decision but this is not a legal or constitutional requirement.

**RESOLVED**

That the report be noted.

**34b Lincolnshire County Council**

A report was received which provided the progress of the Definitive Map Modification Order work since the inception of the current prioritisation policy.

Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager, introduced the report and invited Members to ask any questions.

During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- Cases were dealt with in date order unless they met one of the eight exception criteria. If so, the case would be prioritised to ensure dealt with appropriately depending on the exception;
- Should it be determined that a case remain at the bottom of the list it would be subject to appeal. It would then be assessed by the Definitive Map and Rights of Way Sub-Committee who may reconsider the decision made;
- The oldest case was in Heydour, near Grantham, and had been listed since 1985. It was found that a lot of the issues raised were pertinent at the time but that once the antagonists moved away, the cases became less of an issue. Having said that, these cases were constantly reassessed;
- In relation to the Claimed Public Footpath Along Sea Bank Adjacent to North Shore Golf Course – Skegness, this would be considered when the officer returned from maternity leave, although a definite date could not be given. It was noted that this would have footpath status only, should the order be

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approved, and would not allow cycling. Cycling was allowed on the promenade as this was not a Public Right of Way.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

34c Derby and Derbyshire Local Access Forum

A report was received from the Derby and Derbyshire Local Access Forum (DADLAF) who had requested that this be considered at each of the regional Local Access Forums.

The Deregulation Bill had gone through the Commons with no changes but at the first stage of the Lords slight amendments were suggested. It would then go back to the Commons to amend the Bill which would mean it would be unlikely to fit in with the election timescale. DEFRA had advised that DMMO would be removed from the Bill no matter the government.

Other Councils were facing the same frustrations in relation to the DMMO and it was hoped the removal of this from the Deregulation Bill would give the Councils the opportunity to improve the process and make it more efficient.

Members agreed with the comments provided by the Vice-Chairman, Mr John Law, and asked that these be submitted on behalf of the Forum.

Comments - As this legislation was currently being considered by Parliament and the proposed guidance dealing, in part, with the issues, it was felt it appropriate to wait until the new system was in process before commenting fully on this subject. The frustration felt by individual LAFs was, however, understood.

RESOLVED

1. That the Clerk forward the comments of the Forum to Mandy Sims, East Midlands LAF Coordinator; and
2. To include the process followed in Lincolnshire for DMMO.

35 PUBLIC PATHS ORDERS PROGRESS REPORT

35a Rutland County Council

A report was received from Rutland County Council which provided an update on Public Path orders within the county.

Stuart Crook, Public Rights of Way Officer, introduced the report and advised that a confirmation notice for Uppingham would be published in the Rutland Times on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015. This application had been pending since 17<sup>th</sup> July 1998 and was the oldest outstanding case in Rutland.

Members had no questions on this item.

## RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

35b Lincolnshire County Council

A report was received from Lincolnshire County Council which provided a progress update on Public Path Orders within the county.

Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Maps Manager, introduced the report noting that one case (Ballast Hole Crossing) was due to hold a public inquiry. The Public Inquiry would be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 10.00am in The Showroom, Tritton Road, Lincoln, LN6 7QY.

## RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

36 DISABILITY SUB-GROUP UPDATE

Mr Paul Marshall presented a verbal update to the Forum on the work undertaken by the Disability Sub-Group.

All walks worked on over the last year were now complete and, having met with an LCC officer the previous week, all measurements and descriptions of walks had been added to the leaflets. They would then be forwarded to the printers.

Two more walks were being started in February, one in Mablethorpe and the other in Lincoln.

The group were also working on promotion of a short slide-show which could be shown in GP surgery waiting rooms, etc.

Members suggested that hospitals could also be included and encourage the sub-group to contact the four Clinical Commissioning Groups within Lincolnshire as they were felt to be the most appropriate vehicle for this type of promotion.

The Chairman asked that details of the walks agreed be sent to the clerk for circulation to Members.

## RESOLVED

1. That the clerk provide contact details for the Clinical Commissioning Groups to the Chairman of the Sub-Group; and
2. That the details of the agreed walks be forwarded to the clerk for wider circulation.

37     TRAVEL4RUTLAND PROJECT UPDATE

An update was provided by Stuart Crook, Public Rights of Way Officer, who circulated a map highlighting the completed cycleways. Only one area was outstanding, Cottesmore to Exton.

As funding for the project ended in March 2015, it was suggested that this item be removed as a standing item on the agenda. This was agreed.

During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- Discussions had been ongoing with Highways colleagues regarding how to provide horse riders safe passage by getting them off busy carriageways. Legally, horses should not use joint footway/cycleways therefore would not be encouraged by the Local Authority;
- Schemes could not be funded if Parish Council support was not in place;

RESOLVED

1.           That the update be noted; and
2.           That this item be removed from the agenda as a standing item.

38     "LOST WAYS" - CREATION OF A SUB-GROUP

On behalf of the Vice-Chairman, Mrs Harris asked Members if they would like to join a Lost Ways Sub-Group in order to formally document paths which had been overlooked or lost from documents over time.

The cut-off date for the Crow Act was the end of January 2026 and unless those routes were claimed before that date, they would be legally extinguished. The proposal was to create a sub-group from Forum members. Enquiries had been made in Rutland, by way of a flyer to the local history societies, and six enquiries from potential researchers had been received as a result.

It was suggested that the sub-group would coordinate the work of the individuals or groups to ensure no duplication of effort and to decide on priorities.

The following members volunteered to join the sub-group:-

Mrs R Harris  
 Mr A Hill  
 Mr J Williams  
 Mr J Law

It was agreed to link with the Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum also.

Mr Cox advised that he was to attend a meeting of the History and Archaeology Group in Lincoln and would request volunteers.

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Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager, encouraged the sub-group to nominate a lead who could meet and discuss the level of research, etc, with officers prior to commencing the project. He also offered to attend the first meeting.

**RESOLVED**

That the sub-group be set-up with the initial group of Members noted above.

**39 SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE WALKING FESTIVAL**

Members noted the circulation of the minutes of the South Lincolnshire Walking Festival Steering Group.

Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager, had attended the meeting which was looking to mirror the success of the Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival to promote areas of South Lincolnshire. A website had been developed for the festival and the steering group were looking to have a programme of walks listed by Autumn.

Mr Cox mentioned that he was a member of an archaeological group who were developing a themed walk which could also be included.

It was agreed that Mr A Hill would attend the meetings of the steering group in future to represent the South Lincolnshire & Rutland Local Access Forum.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes be noted;
2. That Mr A Hill become a member of the steering group in his capacity of South Lincolnshire & Rutland Local Access Forum.

**40 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman invited Members to raise any items of other business which may not have been raised under specific agenda items.

**Coastal Access – Hunstanton and Gibraltar Point**

Members were asked to note that a preliminary consultation from Natural England was underway.

**41 DATE & TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

In agreement with the Chairman, Forum Members and Officers, the following dates for future meetings were agreed:-

- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 6.15pm – Rutland County Council, Oakham

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- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 at 6.00pm – Barratt Court, off Lincoln Road, Skegness (this meeting would include a presentation on Coastal Access by Mr Paul Marshall)
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at 6.00pm – South Kesteven District Council, Grantham

RESOLVED

That the above dates be noted and circulated to all members.

The meeting closed at 2.39 pm

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

**Report to:** South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access  
Forum  
**Date:** 29 April 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 February 2015 these have included;

- 1,021 stiles provided or repaired,
- 1,881 new roadside signs,
- 2,275 routes waymarked,
- 647 gates provided or repaired,
- 418 new bridges,
- 331 stiles replaced with kissing gates,
- 260 stiles removed.

**Improvement Schemes** – Work has now commenced on the 2015/16 improvement programme. Improvement schemes will focus on routes in urban areas and on the urban fringe, routes in the region of countryside heritage sites, promoted routes and the Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park area.

## 3. Consultation

### Scrutiny Comments

n/a

### Executive Councillor Comments

n/a

### Local Member Comments

n/a

### Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

## 4. Appendices

**These are listed below and attached at the back of the report**

Appendix A	Countryside Access & Rights of Way Improvement Plan Action Plan
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## 5. Background papers

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

This report was written by Andy Savage - Senior Countryside Access Officer, who can be contacted on 01522 782070 or [andrew.savage@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.savage@lincolnshire.gov.uk).

## 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	260 unnecessary stiles and barriers removed and 331 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	1,881 new roadside fingerposts installed either	Completed

		Plan life 2007-2012	in new locations or to replace those in poor condition in addition 2,275 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)	Completed

			<p>8 Lincolnshire Cycling Leaflets have been 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>	Partially Complete

			<p>Partnership Working</p> <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</p>	
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			<p>50. Mablethorpe PF 317 - Surface Improvements  51. Grantham PF 18 - Surface Improvements  52. Colsterworth PF 20 – Surface Improvements  53. Welton PF 169 – Surface Improvements  54. Scothern PF 153 – Surface Improvements  55. Skegness PF 318 – Surface Improvements  56. Folkingham PF 17 –Surface Improvements  57. M Deeping PF 2 –Surface Improvements  58. Nettleham PF 145 –Surface Improvements  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 CAMs Web system.</p>	Completed

			ADT participation in the Lincolnshire County Council 'Walk, Bike and Share ...' event.  Development of 2 walks from Lincoln bus routes.	
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	Improvement of health walking network undertaken with £110,000 of Lincolnshire PCT funding. 496 miles of health walking routes surveyed for improvements and programme of improvement works devised.  The programme of improvement works included surface improvements, bridge upgrading and improvements to path infrastructure.	Completed
SOA8	Reduce number of unnecessary barriers on PROW	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Unnecessary stiles and barriers identified during routine maintenance works removed on identification of funding.  260 stiles were removed as unnecessary and 331 stiles were replaced with gates.	Completed

SOA9	Ensure cross field paths are reinstated after ploughing	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Enforcement Policy Manual completed.	Partially Completed
SOA10	Improve routes in areas of highest health deprivation in Lincolnshire.	2012	<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 with development of new schemes.	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Promotional links established and support mechanisms in place.	Completed

			<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	<p>Assistance provided in the Wolds Walking Festival, LCCP, Countryside Events Programme and Wash week.</p> <p>Attendance at the 'Sustainable Schools Showcase' to promote countryside access to young people (2010).</p>	Completed.

			<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> <p>Information sent to all health centres (2011).</p>	Completed

SOA16	Publicise barrier free routes	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Audit undertaken of all routes included in Lincolnshire Walks series of leaflets.</p> <p>5 Countryside for all routes promoted using Aggregate Levy Sustainability Funding.</p> <p>Infrastructure information displayed on the Cams Web Map.</p>	Completed
SOA17	Promote responsible countryside access	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<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

## Rural Economy and Tourism

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

			<p>Tattershall castle upgraded to full accessibility standard.</p> <p>Horncastle PF 76 - Surface Improvement works.</p> <p>Lincoln PF 60 – Surface improvement works undertaken between Doddington Road and Hartsholme Country Park.</p> <p>Scotton PF 4 – Surface improvement works.</p> <p>Anderby PF 16 and 22 – 2 new bridges to be provided on existing footpaths in the LCCP area.</p> <p>Middle Rasen BW 514 – surface improvement works.</p> <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>	Completed

			<p>Ingoldsby PB 14 – Surface Improvements</p> <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>	Completed

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Nottinghamshire Strategic Cycle Network – Support given to the provision of a strategic cycle path between Sherwood Forest and Lincoln city centre.</li> <li>-Support and advice provided to ASR- Leisure in the development of Cycle Touring Routes in the Northern Wolds.</li> <li>-Save the Children route. Support provided to initial route development.</li> <li>-Macmillan Way – Infrastructure improvements undertaken between Boston and Surfleet in conjunction with the Environment Agency.</li> <li>-Viking Way – benches installed at Walesby and to the south of Lincoln.</li> <li>-The Lindsey Trail carriage driving route opened in spring 2012.</li> <li>-Support given to Boston BC in the development of the health walks network.</li> <li>-Supports given to Sustrans in the development of the health walks network.</li> <li>-Support provided for the re development of the Trent Valley Way.</li> <li>-Support given to the LCCP for the production of the walks leaflets.</li> </ul>	
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			-Access advice provided for the Lincolnshire Coastal Grazing Marshes project.	
SOA23	Develop a Lincolnshire Coastal trail	2012	Marine and Coastal Access Act provided Royal Assent in November 2009. No further action required at this time.	Partially Complete
SOA24	Provide public transport information at key sites and promoted routes	Ongoing	Travel Line and LCC public transport information published on walking and cycling leaflets.  Lincolnshire walks information now displayed at selected bus stop locations.  Lincolnshire walks information included in the LCC area bus guides.	Completed
SOA25	Produce walking, cycling and riding information in a variety of formats and for holiday accommodation providers	Ongoing	Lincolnshire Tourism produced 15 Walking Discovery Packs as part of the 2008 marketing campaign promoting Lincolnshire as a short break destination for walking, cycling and golf. Packs made available to accommodation providers.  Outdoor Guide produced (Lincolnshire Tourism).  Lincolnshire Outdoor Guide distributed to TICs in Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Norfolk and South Yorkshire.  9 Countryside for all routes published.	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	1,881 new roadside fingerposts installed either in new locations or to replace those in poor condition in addition 2,275 paths waymarked.	Completed.

			<p>Limewoods Signage – Public rights of way signage in the Limewoods area replaced with 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-	Partially Complete

			<p>examination of vegetation cutting schedule during implementation year 5.</p> <p>P3 scheme review currently underway.</p>	
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	<p>Officer time spent on ROWIP area priorities mapping.</p> <p>8 Lincolnshire cycling leaflets produced.</p> <p>Lindsey Trail – route opened spring 2012.</p> <p>Consultation responses provided to Natural England in response to Higher Level Stewardship Applications.</p>	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 Community weekend.	Completed

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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Definitive Map Modification Orders update - Rutland County Council - Apr 2015

Location	Status	Path Ref	Legislation	File Date	Comments
Preston	Footpath	Barbers Lane	WCA s53(3)(b)	17/12/2003	Waiting for legal to submit to PINS
Braunston	Footpath		WCA s53(3)(b)	22/07/2011	Instructed legal to publish Order
Thorpe-by-Water	Footpath		WCA s53(3)(b)	08/11/2013	
Oakham	Footpath		WCA s53(3)(b)	04/12/2013	
Clipsham	Footpath		WCA s53(3)(b)	12/11/2014	

Since Jan 2015:

- 0 Orders confirmed
- 0 Case referred
- 0 New cases received
- 0 Order declined

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

Report to: **South Lincolnshire & Rutland Local Access Forum**  
Date: **Wednesday 29 April 2015**  
Subject: **Progress of Orders Work from October 2006 – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

### Summary:

A report on the progress of Definitive Map Modification Order work since the inception of the current prioritisation policy (October 2006 – 17<sup>th</sup> April 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 17<sup>th</sup> April 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 17 <sup>th</sup> April 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
Ingham	Claimed BOAT across Ingham village green	Yes 14/07/2003	09/10/2008	Legal Issue regarding Village Green status
Sleaford	Claimed Public Footpath from Millfield Terrace to Eastgate through the cemetery	Yes 30/10/2007	10/11/2010	DEFRA upheld decision, insufficient evidence
Lincoln	Claimed Public Bridleway from Wragby Rd to Greetwell Rd	Yes 22/06/2002	15/02/2011	Insufficient Evidence
Timberland	Claimed Public Footpath from Church Lane	No 05/08/2010	10/12/2010	Insufficient Evidence
Cherry Willingham	Claimed Public Footpath from Fiskerton Road to the River Witham	Yes 19/01/2005	14/6/2011	Insufficient Evidence – DEFRA Dismissed applicants appeal
Stamford	Claimed Footpath from Walcot Way over the former quarry	Yes 23/04/2003	2/6/2011	Insufficient Evidence
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.

Appendix A - Schedule of Modification Order Cases Completed October 2006 to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015

<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	
Bulby	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	
Wicknall	Claimed Public Footpath from church to Road	Yes 20/07/1992	21/08/2007	
Burton	Claimed Public Bridleway from A 57 to PF 229	Yes 27/08/1987	21/09/2007	
Mablethorpe and Sutton	Claimed Public Footpath from Station Rd to Camelot Gdns	Yes 15/11/1993	12/11/2007	
Heighington	Claimed Public Footpath from Bardney Road to Brinkle Springs Lane	Yes 20/08/2000	15/11/2007	Confirmed by Secretary of State
Torksey/Brampton	Claimed Public Footpath from West Station Road to Brampton village	Yes 08/03/1999	30/10/2007	Confirmed by Secretary of State
Sleaford	Claimed Public Bridleway from Bullock Pasture Lane to Mareham Lane	Yes 27/06/1991	07/01/2008	Confirmed by Secretary of State
Burgh-le-Marsh	Claimed Public Footpath from Jacksons Lane	Yes 10/02/1987	15/01/2008	
Belton & Manthorpe	Claimed Public Footpath from Low Rd to High Rd (known as "The Steps")	Yes 25/10/2001	07/02/2008	Confirmed by Secretary of State
Burgh-le-Marsh	Claimed Public Footpath from Gravel pits to PF 240/241	No 02/02/1987	30/05/2008	
Corby Glen	Deletion of part of Public Footpath 7 in Corby Glen	No 02/03/2007	05/06/2008	
Washingborough	Claimed BOAT - North Dales Road	Yes 22/05/1989	09/06/2008	
Skellingthorpe / Lincoln	Claimed Public Footpath alongside Catchwater Drain	Yes 17/11/1989	27/06/2008	
Castle Bytham	Deletion of Public Footpath No. 12	Yes 31/10/2005	28/07/2008	

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North Somercotes	Claimed Public Footpath from Keeling St to Rd	Yes 02/02/1991	27/11/2009	Secretary of State confirmation as Public Bridleway
Spilsby	Claimed Public Footpath from Halton Rd to PF 160	Yes 22/02/1989	12/01/2010	
East Barkwith	Claimed Public Footpath from Village Green on Torrington Lane to church yard	Yes 24/07/1992	06/05/2010	
Newton & Haceby	Upgrade of Restricted Byway 11 to BOAT Newton to A15	Yes 27/05/2004	10/08/2010	Sch. 14 appeal - Directed to make Order
Newton & Haceby / Walcot	Upgrade of Restricted Byway 2 and Public Bridleway 3 "Green Lane"	Yes 27/05/2004	10/08/2010	
Dogdyke (Chapel Hill)	Realignment of Public Footpath from Crown Inn to River Witham	Yes 14/10/2002	17/08/2010	
Lea	Addition of PB from Lea Plantation to New Plantation	Yes 28/07/2006	07/10/2010	Confirmed as PF only
Carlton Scroop	Addition of Public Bridleway (upgrading from PF in part)	Yes 17/05/2000	11/11/2010	Secretary of State confirmation as Restricted Byway
Waddingham	Realignment of Public Footpath No. 73	No 29/01/1993	02/02/2011	
Bardney	Addition of Public Bridleway	Yes 20/04/1987	09/03/2011	Secretary of State confirmation as Public Bridleway
Wellingore	Claimed BOATS – North Hill Foot Lane and North Hill	Yes 16/08/1999	23/03/2011	Confirmed as Restricted Byway by Sec. of State following objections to modification to RB Status not being upheld
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.
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.

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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

NEW APPLICATIONS SINCE LAST MEETING			
Parish	Case No	Status claimed	Description
Louth	382	BOAT	Claimed BOAT from Northgate to Spout Yard Car Park
Navenby	384	PB	Claimed bridleway from Grantham Road to Doncaster Gardens

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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 **46**(12 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 **0**
  
- Total cases **83**
  
- New Cases received since October 2006 **69**
- New Cases received since 1st April 2014 **14**

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**

Sleaford – Claimed Public Footpath from Millfield Terrace to Eastgate

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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.

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

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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, 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**

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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

**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*

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*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

#### **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.

## Appendix C – Outstanding Modification Order Cases

Parish	File	Status	Further details	Application/Acceptance	Active	Priority Ranking
Ancaster	2	RB	to BOAT	13/11/1991	Yes	1
Alford	344	BOAT	Claimed BOAT from Hanby Lane to to New Cemetery	01/04/1993	Yes	2
Colsterworth / Gunby & Stainby	259	PF	Colsterworth FP14 & Stainby FP 1(pt)	19/05/2004	Yes	3
Ancaster	309	BOAT	Addition of a BOAT along Heath Lane in the parish of Ancaster	23/03/2006	Yes	4
Utterby	354	PF	Claimed Footpath from Grange Lane to Holy Well Lane	08/05/2012	Yes	5
Utterby	355	PF	Claimed Footpath from Grange Lane to former railway and beyond	08/05/2012	Yes	6
New Leake	353	PF	Claimed Footpath from Spilsby Rd to Spilsby Rd	30/05/2012	Yes	7
Heapham	360	PF	Variation of Statement for PF 57	20/12/2012	Yes	8
Skegness	364	PF	Claimed Footpath from PF 969 to PF 301 along sea defence	30/05/2013	Yes	9
Belton / Gt. Gonerby	12	PF	Belton to Great Gonerby (Gads Lane)	01/11/1983	Yes	10
South Willingham / Benniworth	96	PF	Claimed PF from Grange farm, Low Barns to road south of Skirbeck House	30/04/1986	Yes	11
South Willingham	97	PF	Hainton Rd to High St	30/04/1986	Yes	12
South Willingham / Hainton	98	PF	Moors Lane to A157	30/04/1986	Yes	13
South Willingham	99	PF	Moors lane to Poplar Fm	30/04/1986	Yes	14
Woodhall Spa	193	PF	Mill Lane to R.Witham Bank	12/05/1998	Yes	15

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Coningsby	182	PF	School Lane to Dogdyke Road	06/11/1997	No	16
Caythorpe & Frieston/Fenton/Fulbeck/Leadenham	383	PB	Claimed bridleway from Fenton to Fulbeck Grange (routes around former Fulb	05/03/2015	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
Gentham	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

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Halton Holegate	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
Threekingham / 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 P	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
Lissingington / Holton Cum Beckering	303	BOAT	Upgrade of PB 904 in Lissingington and PB 904 in Holton Cum Beckering to a B	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 Owmbly 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 PF	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 / Loundthorpe and Harrowby Without	346	PF	Claimed Footpaths in Loundthorpe 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
Loundthorpe and Harrowby Without	356	PB	Claimed Bridleway from Turnor Road (RB 6) to Harrowby Lane	19/06/2012	No	136

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Londonthorpe and Harrowby Without	356	PB	Claimed Bridleway from Turnor Road (RB 6) to Harrowby Lane	19/06/2012	No	136
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
Welton Le Marsh	367	PF	Claimed footpath from junction of Beck Lane to entrance to Groves Farm, Mill	29/08/2013	No	143
Tetford	365	PF	Addition of missing link to PF 33	30/09/2013	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
Cranwell & Byard's Leap	375	PF	Addition of PF between PF754 and PB1	27/08/2014	No	152
Cranwell & 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
Ludborough	378	PF	Claimed footpath along track running to and from PF107	06/10/2014	No	155
North Ormsby	379	PF	Claimed footpath between north end of PF 357 and metalled highway in centre	14/11/2014	No	156
Horncastle	380	PF	Claimed footpath from Jessop Close and Mareham Road	08/12/2014	No	157
Louth	382	BOAT	Claimed BOAT from Northgate to Spout Yard Car Park	23/02/2015	No	158
Navenby	384	PB	Claimed bridleway from Grantham Road to Doncaster Gardens	16/04/2015	No	159

Public Path Orders update - Rutland County Council - Apr 2015

Location	Status	Path Ref	Legislation	Application Date	Comments
Uppingham	Footpath	E307	HA s119	17/07/1998	Confirmed 15th Jan
Uppingham	Footpath	E268	TCPA s257	15/12/2005	Planning Issue (Possible revocation order?)
Caldecott	Bridleway	E315	HA s119	N/A	Order to be drafted
Lyddington	Footpath	E314	HA s119	N/A	Order to be drafted
Clipsham	Bridleway	E135	TCPA s257/S261	N/A	Waiting on opinion from Legal Services
Clipsham	Bridleway	E134	HA s119	N/A	Order to be drafted
Seaton	Footpath	E320	HA s119		Proposal to move footpath away from the old Mill (increased privacy)

Since Jan 2015:

- 0 Orders made
- 1 Orders confirmed
- 0 Order came into operation
- 0 Orders abandoned
- 0 Cases referred
- 0 New case opened

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

Report to:	<b>South Lincolnshire &amp; Rutland Local Access Forum</b>
Date:	<b>Wednesday 29 April 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 **22** outstanding cases requiring review. These include applications for diversions, creations and extinguishments as well as cases directly initiated by LCC. There are **3** 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>Baston</b>	<i>Diversion of Public Footpath No. 5</i>
<b>Waddington</b>	<i>Extinguishment, Diversion and Creation proposals for Restricted Byway No. 10 and Public Footpath No. 3</i>

- 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>Great Gonerby</b>	<i>Diversion of Public Footpath No. 3</i>
<b>Heighington</b>	<i>Diversion of PF 4 through newly constructed underpass (Rail crossing)</i>
<b>Croft</b>	<i>Diversion of Public Footpath No.278</i>
<b>Londonthorpe &amp; Harrowby Without</b>	<i>Extinguishment &amp; Creation Orders affecting PF 2</i>

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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

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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>
<b>Saltfleetby St Clement</b>	<i>Diversion of PF55 – No longer appropriate following DMMO</i>
<b>Heapham</b>	<i>Dedication of link to PF57 withdrawn due to DMMO</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 – PI completed – Awaiting decision</i>
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e)

	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
Orders confirmed & Legal Event Modification Orders completed	3	6
Orders confirmed awaiting Legal Event Modification Orders	0	0
Orders not confirmed	0	0
Cases awaiting determination by the Secretary of State	-	3
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

### **4. Background Papers**

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

This report was written by Chris Miller, who can be contacted on 01522 782070 or [countryside\\_access@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:countryside_access@lincolnshire.gov.uk) .

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# Agenda Item 8

**East Midlands LAF Chairs Meeting  
25<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Lincolnshire County Council Offices, Lincoln  
Notes of the meeting**

**Attendees:**

John Law, South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF – Chair for the meeting  
Hugh McClintock, Nottingham City LAF  
Terry Howard, Peak District LAF  
Chris Padley, Mid Lincolnshire LAF  
Terry Kirby, Leicestershire LAF  
Peter Hiley, Nottinghamshire LAF  
Bob Eglinton, Leicester City LAF  
Phil Robinson, Natural England  
Jane Barrett, Natural England  
Kristina Gould, Natural England  
Mandy Sims, East Midlands LAF Co-ordinator

**Apologies:**

Ray Wootten, South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF  
Edwina Edwards, Peak District LAF  
John Disney, Derby & Derbyshire LAF  
David Lyne, Leicester City LAF  
Mary Mills, Nottinghamshire LAF  
Northamptonshire LAF

Thanks to hosts, Rutland & South Lincs. LAF, and in particular, Andrea Brown of Lincolnshire County Council.

**1. Welcome and introductions**

John welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introductions were made.

**2. Minutes and matters arising**

The minutes from the October 2014 meeting were approved as a true record.

**Matters arising**

Approaches to LEPs and LNPs – picked up in Natural England update

Problems with Modification order process – Mandy fed back Lyndsay's update to the effect that she has received a few responses so far and intends to give a little further time before preparing a further report with perhaps some helpful suggestions.

Experience of Huddle – Chris commented that he and others find it unintuitive to use and many agreed. Mandy suggested 'picking and choosing' what you want from it rather than being intimidated by the whole thing.

**Action: Suggestion for possibly further training – to be taken forward to next meeting**

Deregulation Bill – Terry H concerned that the supposed changes to make claims for Lost Ways etc, easier to make are still not clear at this stage. Chris commented that it really needs a single person who understands it and can write well to send round a simple explanation, ideally at the stage where the contents of the Bill look set and then when the Bill has taken effect.

**Action: Phil to ask colleagues at NE (Andy Macintosh) if this can be provided.**

### **3. Update from Natural England**

#### **Phil began the update:**

Loss of Regional Coordinator posts – Phil explained that, in spite of this loss, NE's remit on LAFs remains the same and he hopes that most of the RC work will continue, though thinks that it may be different from region to region.

A likely change will be that the LAFs may have to take more responsibility for the Regional Meetings: providing a venue (as usual), organising an agenda, taking notes etc. Phil confirmed that it would be unusual for a local contact to attend local LAF meetings but would be happy to attend if invited for a specific reason.

Kristina confirmed that she will be taking over the lead contact for most of the East Midlands LAFs, with Jane probably remaining the contact for Northamptonshire, and a question over Fiona 'keeping' South Lincs and Rutland. (John commented that the LAF would like to 'keep' Fiona.)

Kristina expressed positivity about taking things forward regarding coordination with LAFs. She said that NE could offer venues for Regional Meetings at its offices in Nottingham and Lincoln.

Jane explained that her area includes Bedfordshire, Essex, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire.

Contacting LEPs and LNPs – Phil confirmed that NE will be sending a letter to LNPs explaining how LAFs work, encouraging LNPs to work in partnership with them.

There was some discussion about the work of LEPs (to boost economic growth) and LNPs (to develop a framework for environmental orgs working cohesively)

Hugh commented that it would be good to see case studies where LAFs have influenced LNPs. Chris commented that putting effort into LNPs seems not such a good place as into the Health Agenda, which perhaps has more synergy with LAFs. Peter remarked that he had attended an inaugural LNP meeting in the area and all participating bodies had been expected to contribute a sum of money, which had put the LAF off.

Phil summarised that NE advice is for LAFs to do what they can in approaching LNPs and use this as a springboard for influencing LEPs

Coastal path – There is £5 million over 5 years allocated to this project and have been internal changes in NE to help deliver this.

Chris was concerned that those delivering this are in good communication with local groups (not just LAFs) e.g. a countryside park on the coast in Lincs. Phil replied that he was very confident that that good communication would happen. Terry H concerned about certain land where, under HLS, permission has been granted to replace like fence for like, but the fence erected has restricted access. Phil confirmed that any issues like these should be reported and NE would be pleased to be informed.

Phil confirmed that under HLS land managers are instructed to consult LAFs (though this does not always happen).

John commented that Leicestershire LAF is looking at all open access areas for any issues of non-compliance and these are being reported to Highways authority.

Kristina confirmed that NE are pleased to be advised by LAFs on matters and she can be a point of contact, redirecting calls to the right people where necessary.

Paths For Communities – the final report is on Huddle

#### **4. Update from Regional Coordinator**

Mandy confirmed that, in regards to future contact:

All national matters or anything to do with Huddle – contact [Rob.Leek@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:Rob.Leek@naturalengland.org.uk)

All other matters – contact Local Contact (Kristina, Jane or Fiona) but cc Rob Leek in

#### **Natural England contacts are as follows (at present – this may change):**

Fiona Taylor – South Lincs. and Rutland LAF – as before (fiona.taylor2@naturalengland.org.uk)

Kristina Gould – Leicester City, Leicestershire, Derby & Derbyshire, Nottingham City, Nottinghamshire, Peak District, Mid-Lincolnshire LAFs (kristina.gould@naturalengland.org.uk)

Jane Barrett – Northamptonshire LAF (jane.barrett@naturalengland.org.uk)

LAF Toolkit – a very useful and developing collection of ‘guidance’ for LAFs – on Huddle

Annual Review Form 2014/15 – as a reminder, the deadline for completing this is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, and should either be sent to Rob Leek, or uploaded to Huddle (with a note to Rob).

#### **5. Future of public access in Stewardship schemes**

John reported that the West and Mid-Berkshire LAF wrote to Dan Rogerson (Parliamentary Under Secretary for water, food, Rural Affairs and Resources Management) expressing concern about funding for permissive access ceasing in 2020, as they felt they had a lot of routes to deal with. The letter and response are on Huddle.

The Chair of the LAF and John have agreed to talk to their LAFs and, if keen, to produce a discussion document on this matter. East Mids LAFs may receive info about this in the future.

#### **6. Network Rail’s railway crossing diversions / closures and the LAF response**

Chris expressed that there are problems with this in Lincolnshire and was interested to hear whether people experiencing problems around the region. He has found National Rail to be mostly very reasonable when looking for a solution to a level crossing closure. However, a recent court case concerning one such closure has been very hostile and unreasonable. Others commented that National Rail seem to be being reasonable on the whole.

Chris noted that National Rail seem happy to spend money where needed, and wanted all to be aware that NR’s long-term goal is to close all level crossings – perhaps not always appropriate?

#### **7. Lost Ways**

John presented this item. The 2 Lincolnshire LAFs in the region have joined together to look at this subject. Interested to know other LAFs ways of tackling it.

Cross-working between South lincs and Rutland, Mid-Lincs, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Nott City, Derby & Derbyshire (unsure in Leicester City)

In Leicestershire, Stan Warren and sub-group are doing a lot of work, researching and planning a course of action – waiting for outcome of Deregulation Bill

Peak District – There are 6-7 highway authorities so it can be difficult.

## **8. Nottinghamshire County Council Highways Department Outsourcing**

Peter outlined the plans so far: firstly a consultation and now a proposal to outsource the department to a company owned by the Council (in partnership with Cornwall Council?)

One of Peter's concerns was about whether money made by the company would come back into Notts or whether it would go to the wider company.

There was general concern about the situation expressed at the meeting. Mandy described how there have been mixed outcomes where this has happened in other parts of the country. Terry H commented that it would be good for the LAF to get in early and advise the Council on the best way of taking things forward.

## **9. Countryside for All**

John described how South Lincs & Rutland and Mid-Lincs LAFs have been working together on this. They have garnered the following interested organisations: National Forest – Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Staffordshire; Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust; Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust; Canal & River Trust East Midlands; Woodland Trust; Nottinghamshire County Council; Leicestershire district council.

The LAFs delivered a one day course for outside organisations to undertake their own accessibility audits and create their own route literature in the same standardised format. John showed the meeting the programme and feedback summary. Funding came from Public Health budget  
I feel your LAFs and people with disabilities in your areas would benefit

The disability sub group recognised some time ago that more needed for people with dementia and their carers. John and Stan from the Leicester City LAF investigated the Dementia Friendly walks the Leicester City Council were undertaking with Dementia Adventure.

From that the Mid Lincs and South Lincs & Rutland LAF Disability sub group requested funding from the Public Health Manager to run "Dementia Friendly Walk Leader Training". The two day course was run early March. The LAFs have succeeded in obtaining funding for a further three one day courses. This will provide 56 trained walk leaders for people with Dementia.

John passed round the programme and some further info. We also watched a video about Dementia Adventure's work and a roll-on powerpoint promoting the accessibility of walks in the area.

John offered to visit LAF meetings to discuss this project and answer any questions

North East Lincs – A separate Highway Authority is also keen to run these courses

Leicestershire - Less money is available, though hoping to do some work through district councils  
Chris commented on John's energy in achieving all this! One small point that, on the circular walks maps, it would be good to show links to other footpaths- it might encourage people to go on other walks, or with Ramblers etc. Keen to uncover good examples of scientific research showing clear outcomes of walking etc. Hugh knows of a summary produced by Dr Adrian Davies.

**Action: Hugh to circulate the contact – DONE BELOW**

**Details of the ‘essential evidence’ bulletins produced by Dr. Adrian Davies of UWE and Bristol City Council which I mentioned at today’s East Midlands LAF Chairs meeting in Lincoln can be found at <http://www.travelwest.info/evidence> together with details of how to subscribe - Hugh.**

Terry K commented that can be a symbiosis in hooking two things together to encourage people to both e.g. farmers’ market and guided walk.

**10. LAF Round ups**

**Peak District –**

- Promoting contributions to the Access Fund and developing improvements to open access land. (10 year review of access land has been postponed until 2019)
- Managing events in the National Park
- Exploring links between access and health
- Considering opportunities for enhancing access for all
- Developing green lanes and managing recreational motor vehicles
- Cycling strategy work
- Advice re future management of NPA properties and trails
- Monitoring progress on ROWIPs delivery
- Volunteering opps
- Considering impact of declining resources for ROWs
- Working with neighbouring LAFs, access and highways authorities
- Training opps in conjunction with NE etc
- Promoting the LAF
- Increase use of Huddle
- Pleased to have a rep on LAF for water access
- PDNPA is dedicating much of its woodland to open access under section 16

**Nottingham City –**

- Progress made on ROWIP – did not get publicised properly so was delayed.
- Active Guided Walks sub-group – nearly completed 3<sup>rd</sup> walk – ideas for new ones also (possibly producing some in relation to new tram works)
- Historical ROWs sub-group – looking in the archives
- Have had interesting speakers at LAF meetings – looking forward to one about ‘human scale shared streets’
- Planning Policy sub-group – working on recent relevant work
- Two bridge projects (joint with Notts LAF) – one completed recently; the other, more ambitious project on hold as money from Historical Bridge Fund now not forthcoming. NCC interested because of green links in regen area, but for the future.

**Leicestershire –**

- Been occupied with Lost Ways – see earlier notes
- Visiting various sites to note any access issues and reporting to landowners.
- Helpful as all LAF members belong to special interest groups so can make good connections

- County Farms Estate – prior to the tenancy ending, the LAF consults with the County Council, putting forward views about possible dedication of ROWs – one newly dedicated.

#### **Mid-Lincolnshire –**

- Much covered in earlier agenda
- Unrecorded ways - much work done by strong horse riding and horse driving members of LAF
- A perception that some historic documents in council offices are under threat (Lincs has lost some important maps) – the documents need to be formally transferred to archives
- In North Lincs, been an issue involving a bridleway crossing a main road at a dangerous point. There is a sensible diversion possible but the landowner is not keen.

#### **Nottinghamshire –**

- Level crossings been a cause of LAF work
- Working with Nott City LAF over bridge project – see above
- Some ROWs that cross into Derbyshire are being dealt with by Notts.
- Aware that possible new tramway will affect the county
- Ongoing A453 crossing points issue

#### **Leicester City –**

- A major plan afoot to regenerate waterside area with moves to improve access. Will be challenging to achieve.
- Concept of shared space has come up – it will be important to choose the most appropriate road/s for this
- The city owns 2 golf courses and has decided to cotton-wool one of them – so may be sold possibly for housing – concern to the LAF

#### **South Lincolnshire & Rutland –**

- We should receive the outcome this week from one of our proposals
- Countryside for All – see notes from earlier in agenda - four further C4A routes to be printed by the end of this month; Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust ready to send one route to the printers; Identifying 5 more routes for this year; promoting C4A using slide show at health centres, events etc.
- Starting 'Listening for a walk' project – aiming to do all C4A routes; examining listening posts (scepticism from some)
- Looking at issues raised with the NE Outdoors For All working group regarding using one of their websites

#### **AOB**

Thanks offered to Mandy for her role as Regional Coordinator  
Meeting closed at 2.30 p.m.

#### **Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September  
Natural England offices, Apex Court, City Link, Nottingham NG2 4LA

**Action: Kristina to look into using Nottingham NE offices - DONE.**

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# Agenda Item 9

## FUTURE OF PUBLIC ACCESS IN STEWARDSHIP SCHEMES

11/04/15

### INTRODUCTION

Mid & West Berkshire LAF have concerns about the loss of permissive access and wrote a letter to the Dan Rogerson MP (Parliamentary Under Secretary for Water, Forestry, Rural Affairs and Resource Management) under DEFRA. The letter and response is displayed on HUDDLE. The Mid & West Berkshire Chair and the Vice Chair of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF have been discussing a way forward with this, due to our common concerns identified in the report "The Future of Higher Level Stewardship Permissive Access" also on HUDDLE in the Permissive Access folder.

This draft discussion document is outlining a framework for the South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF to comment on. The comments will be taken onboard and a report and consultation paper will be created then recirculated for final approval. With the South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAFs approval the report and consultation paper will be passed to the Mid and West Berkshire LAF for their comments. The aim is to create a joint report covering all our interests. It is felt important to get this right, as it may be the last opportunity local access forums have to make a change in Government and CAP policy.

The other LAFs which have shown an interest in this work are the South Downs National Park, Worcestershire and of course Leicestershire. Once the changes have been made to reflect items raised by the Mid and West Berkshire LAF the document will be sent to the Leicestershire LAF for their views. Following on from that the report and consultation paper will be sent to South Downs National Park LAF and Worcestershire LAF for their comments.

The report and consultation document can then be dispersed through the regions of those LAFs mentioned above with the responses from the consultations coming back to the South Linc's and Rutland LAF for summarising. Following analysis of the consultation document the South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF will make the decision on how to take the project forward.

All the above is on the proviso that the South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF agree to this process.

We are fully aware of the current financial climate and the reduction in Government and Local Authority budgets but by the Government's own admission, an improvement in public health would reduce the costs to the NHS by having a healthier population. There is now overwhelming evidence that accessing the countryside helps improve individuals general health and wellbeing. Natural England in their presentation "The benefits of Nature for Health and Wellbeing" (<http://letnaturefeedyoursenses.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf-downloads/NE-HealthWellbeing-SarahPreston.pdf>) displays the need for more access to the countryside. So with these issues in mind this report is designed to provide recommendations which can be delivered in our current financial climate and plan for what should happen in the future whether we are still in EEC or not.

## **MAKING OUR NEEDS KNOWN AND INFLUENCING DECISION MAKERS**

What is apparent is the need for a louder voice than a number of different LAFs saying the same thing, to different people when a matter is the concern of the majority of the LAFs. With the loss of the LAF co-ordinators and Natural England's reduced staffing levels it is necessary to look at how the LAFs can get their message over when it affects National policy. The England Access Forum was disbanded in 2010. The details of the remit of the England Access Forum and the reasons for its failing, are not available at the time of writing this document. When these details are available they will be added to this document. It must be remembered that it is the role of the LAFs to act as advisors. When looking at the National Access Forums for Wales and Scotland their remit appears to advise on National issues but take account of local matters. Whilst some LAFs may be concerned about what appears to be a National issue others may not. To establish a National issue it should be identified by the number of LAFs indicating it is a National issue that requires investigating further. The process for doing this maybe through the Regional chairs identifying an issue. Then informing the England Access Forum. The England Access Forum would then inform all LAFs of the issue and ask if they wanted it investigated at a National level . If the response was "Yes" for above a defined percentage (percentage figure to be determined could be above 70%) then the issue would be investigated at a National level. National Access Forum would draft a project proposal for approval by the LAFs. Currently there are 8 Regional LAFs. The regions consist of:

Region	Number of LAFs
East Mid's	9
East of England	10
North East	5
North West	10
South East	17
South West	12
West Mid's	10
York's and Humber	13

The details of how the England Access Forum membership and the processes they follow are outside the remit of this document and will only be further investigated if there is further interest from other LAFs.

## **IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED FOR PERMISSIVE EASY ACCESS ROUTES**

There are 56 Easy Access sites remaining (April 2015, see appendix A). Both the LAFs and Natural England recognise the lack of opportunities for the disabled to access the countryside. It is therefore

essential that funding is found to continue to provide good quality permissive “easy access” routes in the countryside. It is important that funding is provided to every Highway Authority for permissive access, again the pot should be split amongst the Highway Authorities in accordance to area (square miles).

All highway authorities, even the smallest in terms of area should be provided with a reasonable sum of money to enable them to create an easy access permissive route of at least 1000 metres. The easy access site permissive agreement should run for 10 years. The route literature provided for these routes should be in accordance with Countryside for All route literature format. The LAFs should have the responsibility for awarding permissive route status. The Highway authority should assist in promoting the routes. DEFRA/Natural England should make the payments to the farmers/landowners for these routes.

### **FUNDING FURTHER PERMISSIVE ACCESS ROUTES**

Whilst the current financial climate exists it is understood that DEFRA will find it difficult to fund further routes until the CAP agreement 2021. In order for LAFs to fund further permissive routes prior to the new CAP agreement, Natural England should provide training and assistance for LAFs to access suitable funding streams to enable them to offer payments for permissive access.

### **ACTION REQUIRED 2016**

Create an “England Access Forum” to represent LAFs on the specific issues:

Influence Government and CAP to include funding permissive access on 10 year agreements for perpetuity to be bound into the 2021 CAP agreement and all the following CAP agreements, provided we are still part of the EEC.

Influence Government to create a reasonable size pot of money for funding permissive access. Urban LAFs may not have any HLS sites so they should have the option where they can then donate their funding to their neighbouring LAF. However the urban LAF should have a say in where the money is spent. This is to ensure people in their area benefit from the permissive route, as it would be one of the routes their users would be most likely to use e.g. close to the urban area as a link to the PRoW network.

Influence Government to allocate the pot of money available in accordance with the highway authority’s area of land. With the highway authorities with the lowest land area being provided with a reasonable sum to ensure they can provide a reasonable amount of permissive routes.

Influence Government to announce the allocation percentage for each LAF by 2019, the minimum funds for small (by area) highway authorities and maximum funds for large (by area) highway authorities.

Influence Government to pass the responsibility to awarding permissive access funding to the LAFs. This is due to the LAFs having the knowledge of the access requirements of the locality. Hence the LAF will be responsible for the proportion of types of permissive routes in their LAF area. DEFRA would still be responsible for actual payment to landowners/farmers.

Influence Government to create a permissive access rate for restricted bridleways.

Influence Government to maintain a web site for all permissive routes in a format similar to the current permissive access web site.

Influence Government to create the option of the opportunity to upgrade PRoW to a higher level status through permissive access payments, whilst protecting its PRoW status.

Examples displayed below (note HN references relate to the references in the Higher Level Stewardship: Environmental Stewardship handbook , third edition):

a) PRoW – Public Footpath upgrade to permissive bridlepath

Current payment for Footpath £0.45 per mtr

Current payment for Bridlepath (HN4 & HN6) £0.90 per mtr

Payment made for upgrade £0.45 per mtr

Responsibility for maintenance = 50% of route length highway authority

50% of route length recipient of permissive access payment.

b) PRoW – Public Footpath upgrade to Access for people with reduced mobility (HN5)

Current payment for Footpath £0.45 per mtr

Current payment for HN5 £1.00 per mtr

Payment made for upgrade £0.55 per mtr

Responsibility for maintenance = 45% of route length highway authority

55% of route length recipient of permissive access payment.

c) PRoW – Public Footpath upgrade to Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act access for people with reduced mobility (HN7)

Current payment for Footpath £0.45 per mtr

Current payment for HN7 £1.05 per mtr

Payment made for upgrade £0.60 per mtr

Responsibility for maintenance = 43% of route length highway authority

57% of route length recipient of permissive access payment.

- d) PRoW – Public Bridlepath upgrade to Access for people with reduced mobility (HN5)

Horses and cyclists still allowed to use the route

Minimum width still 3mts

Current payment for Bridlepath (HN4 & HN6) £0.90 per mtr

Current payment for HN5 £1.00 per mtr

Payment made for upgrade using the previous formula would equate to £0.10 per mtr. As more access to the countryside is required for people with disabilities maybe this amount should be re examined to encourage farmers/landowners to offer this upgrade.

Responsibility for maintenance = 90% of route length highway authority. The cost of maintenance is significantly higher than a bridlepath, maybe a Government subsidy should be provided to the Highway Authority for these type of upgrades.

10% of route length recipient of permissive access payment.

- e) PRoW – Public Bridlepath upgrade to Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act access for people with reduced mobility (HN7)

Horses and cyclists still allowed to use the route

Minimum width still 3mts

Current payment for Bridlepath (HN4 & HN6) £0.90 per mtr

Current payment for HN7 £1.05 per metre

Payment made for upgrade using the previous formula would equate to £0.15 per mtr. As more access to the countryside is required for people with disabilities maybe this amount should be re examined to encourage farmers/landowners to offer this upgrade.

Responsibility for maintenance = 90% of route length highway authority

10% of route length recipient of permissive access payment.

- f) PRoW – Restricted bridleway to allow for carriage driving. Upgrades from PRoW Public Footpath or Public Bridlepath should follow the same logic as identified in

a and b above. Restricted byways have a minimum width of 3 metres and a maximum width of 5 metres. Where there is a lack of carriage driving opportunities, the LAF may choose to accept a 3metre wide carriage way. To encourage farmers/landowners to agree to an upgrade to a 3metre bridleway a different payment may need to be made.

**HLS SITES SUITABLE FOR WHEELCHAIRS Appendix A**

Location	Number of Sites in 2012	Number of Sites in 2013	YEAR GRANT SUBSIDY ENDS							
			2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Bath & NE Somerset	0	0								
Bedfordshire	0	0								
Berkshire	0	0								
Buckinghamshire	0	0								
Cambridgeshire	0	0								
Cheshire	3	3	1							2
City of Bristol	0	0								
Cleveland	0	0								
Cornwall	1	1						1		
Cumbria	6	5	1	1		2			1	
Derbyshire	0	0								
Devon	4	3		1		1				1
Dorset	0	0								
Durham	4	3					2		1	
East Riding	0	0								
East Sussex	1	1								1
Essex *	1	1								1
Gloucestershire	0	0								
Greater Manchester	0	0								
Hampshire	0	0								
Herefordshire	2	0								
Hertfordshire	6	6						6		
Isle of Wight	0	0								
Isle of Scilly	0	0								
Kent	3	2				1	1			
Lancashire	5	5	1	1		1	1			1
Leicestershire & Rutland	0	0								
Lincolnshire	6	6	1			1	1	1	2	
London	0	0								
Merseyside	0	0								
Norfolk	4	4		1		1		2		
North Somerset	1	1		1						
North Yorkshire	8	6					1	1	1	3
Northamptonshire	1	1					1			
Northumberland	5	5		2			1		1	1
Nottinghamshire	2	2		1						1
Oxfordshire	1	0								
Shropshire	2	2							1	1
Somerset	2	2	1							1
South Gloucestershire	0	0								
South Yorkshire	2	2		2						
Staffordshire	2	2	1							1
Suffolk	1	1								1
Surrey	3	2				2				
Tyne & Wear	2	2		1				1		

**HLS SITES SUITABLE FOR WHEELCHAIRS**

continued

Location	Number of Sites in 2012	Number of Sites in 2013	YEAR GRANT SUBSIDY ENDS							
			2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Warwickshire	1	1		1						
West Midlands	1	1								1
West Sussex	0	0								
West Yorkshire	2	2							1	1
Wiltshire	1	1	1							
Worcestershire	2	2					1			1
TOTAL	85	75	7	12	0	9	9	12	8	18

\* Essex previously had a site categorised incorrectly in 2012

## Countryside For All report

11/04/15

### Countryside For All Route Literature

Gordon and Paul have completed four routes this year and they will be printed by the end of April.

Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust is ready to send their Rutland Water Nature Reserve route to the printers.

Identifying 4 more Lincolnshire routes for 2015/16 financial year.

Identifying 1 more Rutland route for 2015/16 financial year.

Gordon is continuing to work on interpretation panels for a number of sites

### Promoting Countryside For All using the slideshow

We have agreement to display the show at Whisby in the Boardwalk cafe.

Identifying health centres able to display the slideshow

Investigating the Choice Unlimited event, due to be held in Lincoln and how we can provide leaflets and the slideshow. Choice Unlimited is an event provided by Independent Living (LCiL) which is an organisation established by disabled people for disabled people, whose aim is to empower disabled people and to support them to live an independent lifestyle.

### New projects

Starting Listening for a walk project – aiming to do all Countryside For All routes

Examining listening posts

### Awaiting Natural England to provide date for a meeting re:

Standardised symbols

One stop web site encapsulating all Countryside For All routes across England

### Courses

Delivered two successful courses, Countryside For All and Dementia Friendly Walk Leader Training. Thanks must go to Debby Braunde for the excellent support and organisation provided.

Phil Garner ( Lincolnshire County Council, Public Health), has agreed to fund a further 3 Dementia Friendly Walk Leader training courses.

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# **Countryside for all**

10th March 2015

Whisby Education Centre, Lincoln

9.30 am Arrive

9.45 am Principles of Inclusion

10.15 am Introduction to the Equality Act

10.45 am Equality Act Scenarios

11.15 am Break

11.30 am Countryside for All Standards

11.45 am Introduction to Countryside for all leaflets

11.55 am Accessible Publishing

12.45 pm Access Auditing Technique

1.15 pm Lunch

2.00 pm Outdoor Access Auditing

3.30 pm Roundup, questions and evaluation

4.00 pm Finish

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# Countryside for all training course

10 March 2015

## Evaluation summary

9 forms completed

### 1. Please rate the following aspects of the course:

Number of responses

**Course content** excellent 9

**Course presentation** excellent 9

**Course material** excellent 8

good 1

**Venue** excellent 7

good 2

**Catering** excellent 8

good 1

### 2. Which part of the course did you find most useful and why?

- All was really good course.
- The information about the required standards and how to look at reasonableness in a practical way.
- The whole course was excellent. It was a useful refresher as well as providing loads of new information/guidance etc.
- Insightful course. Content was useful and thought provoking.
- Content and presentation. I came thinking I knew quite a lot and soon discovered I didn't know as much as I thought.
- Accessible design/audits – good to build on limited knowledge.
- Discussion on why it is important to carry out access audits.
- Discussion of the legal obligations of as company and the discrimination and equality act.
- All of it.

### 3. Which part of the course did you find least useful and why?

- The leaflet review was useful but may have been better to focus on one set of leaflets per group.
- None
- Introduction
- All useful
- Introduction – was interesting but fairly straightforward.

### 4. Do you feel confident in surveying sites for countryside for all leaflets? If not what further training/information would you require?

- Great tuition, would feel confident.
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes I feel confident.
- Yes

## 5. Any other comments?

- Great take away info for developing on our sites.
- Excellent day, thank you.
- Really enjoyable day, thank you.
- Interesting day, really useful.
- Thanks for putting this on.
- No
- Excellent day, thanks.

# **Dementia Adventure Walk Leader training**

**10th & 13th March 2015**

**Whisby Education Centre, Lincoln**

A two day training course run by Dementia Adventure CIC for people who are interested in setting up and running park or countryside walks for people living with dementia.

## **Outcomes and benefits**

- Learn about why exercise and walking outdoors in particular benefit people living with dementia
- Use DA's risk/benefit assessment to choose where and how to plan your walk
- Understand about Dementia and be able to answer people's queries
- Look at why you want to be a walk leader, and the skills & responsibilities involved
- Design a walk and understand the benefits
- Get outside and try your hand at demonstrating everything you have learned
- Understand how the walks can be delivered in partnership with local organisations in order to reach your audiences

## **Programme – Day One**

0930	Arrive
10.00	Welcome and introductions
1030	Dementia Adventure
10.55	Walking, nature and the outdoors
11.30	Break
11.45	Dementia awareness and activity & walks
12.30	Challenges and solutions
1.15	Lunch

2.00	Planning a dementia friendly walk
2.30	Introducing risk
3.00	Promoting your walk
3.50	Recap / next steps
4.00	Finish

## **Programme – Day Two**

0945	Arrive
10.00	Welcome and recap
10:15	Why be a walk leader
11.30	Break
11.45	Walk Leader skills & responsibilities
12.15	A walk outdoors
1.00	Lunch
1.45	Designing your dementia friendly walk - exercise
2.15	Being a walk leader - exercise
3.00	Benefits of being a walk leader
3.10	Next Steps – dementia friendly walks in your area
3.40	Personal action plans
3.50	Recap / evaluation
4.00	Finish

Training day supported by Kath Pyke, Project Leader – East Midlands, Dementia Adventure  
 Email: [kath@dementiaadventure.co.uk](mailto:kath@dementiaadventure.co.uk) Tel: 07531 215918 [www.dementureadventure.co.uk](http://www.dementureadventure.co.uk)

# Dementia Adventure walk leader training course

10 & 13 March 2015

## Evaluation summary

13 forms completed

### 1. Please rate the following aspects of the course:

		No. responses
<b>Course content</b>	excellent	12
	good	1
<b>Course presentation</b>	excellent	12
	good	1
<b>Course material</b>	excellent	12
	good	1
<b>Venue</b>	excellent	13
<b>Catering</b>	excellent	13

<b>2. Do you feel confident to lead Dementia Adventure walks?</b>	<b>YES</b>	13
	<b>No</b>	0

### 3. Which part of the course did you find most useful and why?

- Sensory topics.
- The information about Dementia and how we can adapt walking for health walks to make them 'dementia friendly'. I found the 2<sup>nd</sup> day outside activity very useful & informative.
- All aspects – helped improve knowledge in all areas. This makes for a competent walk leader (enhanced awareness).
- Engagement and how to communicate effectively to reduce potential barriers.

- Learning about dementia as a condition and the adaptations required to make a walk dementia friendly.
- I found the thought provoking process useful. I now think about addressing more people emotionally rather than simply dealing with fact. We all need more of that. The walk planning & demo was also very reassuring.
- Dementia as an umbrella term for multiple conditions.
- I found all the course content interesting & informative.
- With working with exercise referral I found the science behind dementia really interesting.
- Putting walks into practice and planning the walk.
- The use of the environment to stimulate the senses.
- All of it, thank you.
- Uses of the senses to make a walk interesting.

**4. Which part of the course did you find least useful and why?**

- No
- I can't think of anything
- Background to dementia should use separate dementia awareness course.
- Leading a walk (practical) as I already deliver walks for referrals.
- It was all useful.
- I found all content useful.
- Risk assessing and general walk leader duties because I am well accustomed to this.
- None, all relevant.
- None.
- Walk leader responsibilities- only because I'm already trained.
- None.

**5. Is there anything you would like to see included in the course?**

- More info on dementia/or refresher course.
- More information on dementia sufferers.
- At the moment, I feel everything is included.
- More information on the condition itself.
- As a new person to led walks I felt it was a comprehensive course. I don't feel anything was missed.
- Maybe squeezed into a 1 day course.
- No fully covered.
- No.
- No.
- More detail into dementia as a condition.

6. Would you recommend this course to others?	Yes	13
	No	0

7. If not why not?

8. Any other comments?

- Very good 2 days.
- Thank you for the information.
- Excellent course, well presented and executed.
- Very enjoyable. Well delivered. Excellent venue.
- Thank you for an informative and enjoyable couple of days.
- Great course, very interested to learn more! Thank you!
- Perhaps the course could be condensed to 1 day.
- I hope a lot more volunteers coming forward & the whole program is implemented quickly.
- Personally, I feel the course could be over just one day if you are already walk leader trained. Thank you for a great & informative 2 days.

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## PERSONAL ACTIONS PLANS

We asked all attendees to commit to three actions, three things they will now go away and 'do':

Here are the actions arising from the day:

### 1. An action which can be done by next week (Short term)

- Start adding more information on the walks I already lead ie touch, sound, visual things.
- Speak to care home (Stones Place) re joining pilot to Monday VIP walk. Speak to VIP members on Monday.
- Find out where more able bodied **plwd (people living with dementia)** are – Discuss their wants/needs. What can they do?
- Take part in a supervised walk
- Meeting with local hotelier. Assess site. Link in local group Louth
- Assess resources. Access DEEP – learning exercise – engagement
- \*Speak to volunteers. Research dementia & local services in N Kesteven. Speak to Dementia café
- Read all information from the course
- Attend, assist as volunteer walk leader on local walk magna Vitae
- Learn more about dementia as a condition and then look at ways we can
- offer opportunities to plwd and their carers
- Study the information and notes

Learn more about dementia and the science behind it

Start taking part in some walks. Find dementia friendly walks.

### 2. An action which can be done in the next month (Medium term)

- Establish some links with dementia care homes/ and groups
- Find some dementia friendly walks in targeted areas.
- Lead walks as part of exercise referral roles. Keep up to date on pilot schemes for dementia
- Find out more information about Vascular dementia and Alzheimers
- Meet with volunteers/partners interested in setting up walk. Devise pilot walk. Promote to memory café/GP's/Health professionals
- Liaise with our coordinator regarding visits to dementia organisations to publicise walks
- Meeting with community groups and memory café – Alzheimers Society to promote walks
- Work alongside the NK team to liaise with partners (Age UK, Alzhiemers Soc etc) to share ideas and get feedback for proposed plans.

- S— (sp?) Weir- go and back Carly, Help to run a walk
- Promote training course to others
- Look at potential walk locations and what support network is available
- Introduce a pilot walk on 23<sup>rd</sup> March or 6<sup>th</sup> April
- Promote up and coming walks by visiting dementia cafes

### **3. An action which can be done in the next 3-6 months (Long term)**

- List of local contacts in area – Age UK, Alzheimers Soc, Care homes, Housing Associations etc DEEP
- Send out letters and meet with Agencies to discuss possible walks/areas etc. Pilot local walks with local people, dignatatories etc prior to walks starting.
- Lead/assist with dementia friendly walk
- Trial the walks and start to raise interest/awareness and get people outside
- Provide support. Promote course. Help keep initiative going in minds of funders etc
- Promoting walks, help assist with walks in East Lindsey area
- Run a pilot walk at Whisby Nature Centre Park and review for future walks – make sustainable.
- Deliver a pilot/see what is going to work/ Feedback and act on that
- Assist/start walks
- Deliver pilot walk at Whisby/Feedback – use to adapt walk/Start walk, plan route, advertise
- Run pilot walk/review/rollo out walk to other sites/train volunteers/Evaluate
- Start walking groups for plwd, getting people involved and familiar with new walks.
- To aim to have enough members to move to an independent walk
- Lead a dementia friendly walk!

## FUNDING COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS

### DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

#### INTRODUCTION

With budgets becoming tighter, funding of some projects will suffer, as it is more important that funding is focussed on what is seen as essential projects. This means that other areas of work which the LAF and its sub groups would like to see materialise may not happen. This may also have an impact on the ROWIPs' of the two County Councils. This discussion document investigates what could be done to aid fund projects which are outside the statutory duties of the Lincolnshire and Rutland County Council.

#### HOW NORFOLK LAF IS TACKLING THE ISSUE

Following contacting Fiona Taylor (Natural England) in relation to Community Interest Organisations, Fiona mentioned Norfolk LAF is in the process of setting up a CIO (Community Interest Organisation) and registering with the Charity Commission. Once agreed this means the LAF CIO can then apply to organisations for funding where statutory bodies cannot. Don Saunders (the Norfolk LAF chair) and Kirsty Webber – Walton (Norfolk County Council provided the following information:

*“Members of the Norfolk County Council Projects team are providing administrative support and managing the application on behalf of the group. The CIO has its own bank account and Treasurer. The Chair of the CIO is the Chair of the LAF.*

*The charitable objectives of the CIO are around advancement of health for the population through improving countryside access so that people have opportunities to be active outside in their local environment and to benefit their health from doing so; also conservation and restoration of the environment for environmental and public benefit in areas of public access.*

*This includes agreeing project ideas and identifying external funding streams that will enable projects to happen. The LAF may offer links to people and organisations that could be a useful part of projects and officers will build partnerships in order to take projects forward and involve LAF members as appropriate.”*

#### EXAMPLE OF CIO OPPORTUNITIES

Attracting funding for:

1. ROWIP projects which the LAF deem as important which cannot be funded and are outside the Lincolnshire and Rutland County Council statutory duties.
2. Digitally scanning both County Council historic records to aid research into Lost Ways.
3. Permissive routes in accordance with the “Future of Public Access in Stewardship Schemes” discussion document.
4. Buying land to dedicate as PRoW
5. Working with other organisations to attract funding for major improvements to the PRoW Network

### **WHAT WE COULD DO**

We could set up a CIO for the LAF or see if other LAFs in our Region would be interested in creating a Regional CIO, where each LAF would have a member on the CIO to enable them to take their LAF's project or joint projects forward.

### **QUESTION**

Should we investigate further the costs, challenges and opportunities of setting up a CIO and provide further information to the next Forum meeting?

### **NOTE**

This same paper is being requested to be included for discussion for the July Leicestershire LAF meeting.