

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

Report to:	Mid Lincs/South Lincs Local Access Forums
Date:	21/22 July 2015
Subject:	Progress of Public Path Orders

Summary:

A report on the progress of Public Path Orders

Recommendation(s):

That the report is noted

1. Background

The County Council has a power to divert, extinguish or create public rights of way either of its own volition or following an application to do so from the public. 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 **24** 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 1st April 2015 – **3**

Sleaford	<i>Diversion of Public Footpath No. 10</i>
Waddington	<i>Extinguishment of part Public Footpath No. 2</i>
Heighington / Washingborough	<i>Extinguishment of part Public Footpaths Nos. 6 & 2</i>

- a) There have been **1** orders confirmed with associated Legal Event Modification Orders since 1st April 2015.

Lincoln	<i>Diversion of PF 41 – Ballast Hole Rail Crossing</i>
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- b) The County Council have confirmed **1** further cases and is awaiting confirmation that the new routes are available with Legal Event Modification Orders to be made

Waddington	<i>Extinguishment of part Public Footpath No. 2</i>
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- c) The County Council have determined to take no further action on **0** further cases since 1st April 2013

- d) **0** case await determination by the Secretary of State

e)

	2014-15	2015-16
Orders confirmed & Legal Event Modification Orders completed	6	1
Orders confirmed awaiting Legal Event Modification Orders	0	1
Orders not confirmed	0	0
Cases awaiting determination by the Secretary of State	-	0
Cases abandoned	1	0

f) Synopsis.

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

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

3. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

n/a

c) Scrutiny Comments

n/a

d) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

6. Background Papers

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

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