



County Council

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

Report to:	Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum
Date:	26 April 2016
Subject:	Progress of Public Path Orders

Summary:

A report on the progress of Public Path Orders

Recommendation(s):

That the report is noted and formal written advice given where required

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 of ongoing cases

The County Council is currently working on a number of cases most notably as follows.

- A package of diversions to realign routes in the Coastal Country Park area including the potential dedication of a bridleway over a current footpath. These are currently being preliminarily consulted upon following negotiation of agreements with the occupiers and owners
- Level crossing diversion orders at Tallington and Whisby the latter is currently being preliminary consulted upon
- An order to divert an obstructed bridleway onto an adjacent occupiers land at Blankney – The order has been negotiated to add a route behind a hedge onto arable land as opposed to through a residential garden.

- A diversion to enable the managed realignment of the coastal sea defence at North Somercotes
- The extinguishment of a short section of Restricted Byway at Barrowby currently subsumed into an area at the junction with the A1.
- The dedication of a new bridleway at Swinhope to improve equestrian access for a potential promoted trail.

These public path orders have been undertaken as they fall within one of three of the following strategic 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)

The County Council will be reviewing its position of public path orders when greater detail regarding the Deregulation Act 2015 regulations is known.

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.

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