

## County Council

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

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

#### Summary:

A report on the progress of Public Path Orders

#### Recommendation(s):

That the report is noted

### 1. Background

The County Council has a power to divert, extinguish or create public rights of way either of its own volition or following an application to do so from the public. The Council may also enter into agreements with landowners regarding the dedication of public rights.

### 2. Summary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>Lincoln</b>	<i>Special Diversion Order (Rail Crossing) of PF 41</i>
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- e)

	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
Orders confirmed & Legal Event Modification Orders completed	3	2
Orders confirmed awaiting Legal Event Modification Orders	0	0
Orders not confirmed	0	0
Cases awaiting determination by the Secretary of State	-	1
Cases abandoned	1	1

**f) Synopsis.**

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

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

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

### **3. Consultation**

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

n/a

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

n/a

#### **c) Scrutiny Comments**

n/a

#### **d) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

n/a

### **6. Background Papers**

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

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