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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, 14 January 2015 at 1.00 pm in Court Room, Stamford Town Council, Town Hall, St Mary's Hill, Stamford, Lincs PE9 2DR** 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, (Lincolnshire County Council) (Chairman)  
John Law, (Other Interests) (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor David Brailsford, (Lincolnshire County Council)  
Councillor William Cross, (Rutland County Council)  
Bryan Bowles, (Landowners)  
Rosemary Harris, (Landowners)  
Audrey Morley, (Landowners)  
Alec Hill, (Users of Local Rights of Way)  
Gordon Norris, (Users of Local Rights of Way)  
John Williams, (Users of Local Rights of Way)  
Ian Cox, (Other Interests)  
Dr Rebecca Johnson, (Other Interests)  
Paul Marshall, (Other Interests)  
Barbara Smitheringale, (Other Interests)  
2 Vacancies (Users of Local Rights of Way)  
2 Vacancies (Land Owners)



**SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE AND RUTLAND LOCAL ACCESS FORUM AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2015**

Item	Title	Report Reference
1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
2	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 October 2014</b>	(Pages 5 - 14)
3	<b>Actions arising from the minutes of the previous meeting</b>	
3a	<b>Minutes No. 20 - Hedge between Newstead Mill and Belmesthorpe</b> <i>(The Chairman to update the Forum on the response from Highways at Lincolnshire County Council regarding the hedge between Newstead Mill and Belmesthorpe)</i>	
3b	<b>Minute No. 25 - Definitive Map Modification Orders (Rutland County Council)</b> <i>(To receive an update from Stuart Crook, Public Rights of Way Officer, on the legal position in relation to outstanding Definitive Map Modification Orders at Rutland County Council)</i>	
4	<b>Countryside Access &amp; Rights of Way Improvement Plan Update</b>	
4a	<b>Rutland County Council</b> <i>(To receive a verbal update from Stuart Crook, Public Rights of Way Officer, Rutland County Council)</i>	(Verbal Report)
4b	<b>Lincolnshire County Council</b> <i>(To receive a report from Andy Savage, Senior Countryside Access Officer, Lincolnshire County Council, which outlines the progress made in the implementation of the Lincolnshire Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan)</i>	(Pages 15 - 42)
5	<b>Definitive Map Modification Orders</b>	
5a	<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)
5b	<b>Lincolnshire County Council</b> <i>(To receive a report from Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Maps Manager, Lincolnshire County Council)</i>	(Pages 45 - 64)
5c	<b>Derby and Derbyshire Local Access Forum</b> <i>(To receive a report from the Derby and Derbyshire (DADLAF) who have requested that this be discussed at each of the Local Access Forums and feedback provided to enable a joint response through the Regional East Mid Local Access Forum)</i>	(Pages 65 - 66)

- 6 Public Paths Orders Progress Report**
- 6a Rutland County Council**  
*(To receive a report from Stuart Crook, Public Rights of Way Officer, Rutland County Council)* (Pages 67 - 68)
- 6b Lincolnshire County Council**  
*(To receive a report from Chris Miller, Countryside Access & Definitive Map Manager, Lincolnshire County Council)* (Pages 69 - 72)
- 7 Disability Sub-Group Update**  
*(To receive a verbal update on the progress of the Disability Sub-Group)* (Verbal Report)
- 8 Travel4Rutland Project Update**  
*(To receive a verbal update from Stuart Crook, Public Rights of Way Officer, Rutland County Council)* (Verbal Report)
- 9 "Lost Ways" - Creation of a Sub-Group**  
*(To receive a verbal update from Mrs Rosemary Harris which will invite discussion regarding the establishment of a sub-group)* (Verbal Report)
- 10 South Lincolnshire Walking Festival**  
*(To receive the minutes of the South Lincolnshire Walking Festival Steering Group)* (Pages 73 - 78)
- 11 Date & Time of Future Meetings**  
*(To discuss and agree future meetings of the Forum)*

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**SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE AND  
RUTLAND LOCAL ACCESS FORUM  
15 OCTOBER 2014**

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

Representing Lincolnshire County Council: Councillor D Brailsford

Representing Rutland County Council: Councillor William J Cross

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

Officers: Andrea Brown (Democratic Services Officer), Stuart Crook (Public Rights of Way Officer, Rutland County Council), Chris Miller (Countryside Access Manager, Lincolnshire County Council) and Andrew Savage (Senior Countryside Access Officer, Lincolnshire County Council)

15 WELCOME

The Chairman opened the meeting and conveyed the news that Councillor Brian Montgomery, Rutland County Council and Forum Member, had sadly passed away. Members observed a minutes silence in honour of Brian.

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Dr Rebecca Johnson as this was her first meeting since becoming a member of the forum.

16 PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Stephen Horner of the Peterborough Local Access Forum attended the meeting and presented some information in relation to LEADER funding. As a member of the Northern Footpath Forum, which was started from the Peterborough LAF and incorporated a number of parish representatives (including Deeping St James in Lincolnshire), they were working to get a footbridge over the River Welland near the Deeping Lakes Nature Reserve. This would then make a good circular footpath for people in Deeping St James, North Borough and Peakirk. The majority of the footbridge would be positioned within Lincolnshire and applications had been submitted to relevant bodies to try and secure grants/funding. Mr Horner was seeking the support and assistance of the South Lincolnshire & Rutland Local Access Forum for this project.

During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- The forum agreed that this was a good scheme which would connect communities in both Lincolnshire and Peterborough but were asked to be mindful that there was a land ownership issue on the southern side of the River Welland as well as the issue of funding. Additionally, the close proximity of the Network Rail Bridge could also be an issue;
- This scheme had previously been looked at in detail when considering P4C but the main issue was funding. Even if this was not a venture for the near future, the support of the relevant Local Access Forums would be extremely helpful should funding become available;

#### RESOLVED

1. That the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum support the proposal for a footbridge over the River Welland near the Deeping Lakes Nature Reserve at such time sufficient funding becomes available; and
2. That the Chairman of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum, Councillor R Wooten, be given the authority to authorise relevant documents on behalf of the Forum in relation to this scheme.

#### 17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr John Law and Mrs Audrey Morley.

#### 18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9 JULY 2014

In relation to page 7, The Drift – it was confirmed that, at present, no other unsurfaced roads within Lincolnshire or Rutland would be closed during the winter months but members of the Forum were advised that each case would be judged on its' own merit, as per a matter of policy. The TRO did include barriers to put the closure at The Drift into effect but it was confirmed that only motorised vehicles were restricted from its' use.

#### RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2014 be signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

#### 19 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 19a Minute No. 5 Hedge between Newstead Mill and Belmesthorpe  
The Chairman noted that he had not yet received a response from the Highways Manager in relation to this item.

RESOLVED

That the Highways Manager be contacted by the Chairman of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum for an update.

19b Minute No. 6 Joint Annual Report 2013/14 (Volunteer Insurance)

The Volunteer Indemnity Form had been included as part of the agenda pack. Members were advised that there was a dedicated website for Countryside Access with a specific section for Volunteers:-

<http://microsites.lincolnshire.gov.uk/countryside/prow-management/how-you-can-help/>

The webpage includes an on-line application form and contact details should anyone be interested in becoming a volunteer. A Volunteer Handbook would be made available to all volunteers.

Tools required to be a volunteer would be supplied, including materials and safety equipment needed (for example: maps, high visibility waistcoat, first aid kit, gloves, secateurs, etc.)

Lincolnshire County Council apply the same standards of health and safety to authorised volunteers as employees with volunteers being covered by the Council's employee liability insurance. Risk assessments for all activities would also be undertaken for all volunteers.

Further information could be sought from the Countryside Access Team on 01522 782070 or e mail [countryside\\_access@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:countryside_access@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

19c Minute No. 9 Public Path Orders Progress Report (Bridleway Creation - Oakham to Egleton)

The letter received from the Senior Transport Manager of Rutland County Council in relation to the proposal for a Bridleway between Oakham and Egleton was noted by the forum.

During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- Members were disappointed that the proposal was not supported by the Parish Meeting due to an objection being raised, despite initial indications being supportive;
- Progress was being made in terms of cancelling the legal orders due to grant funding being reallocated. Legal colleagues had, therefore, been instructed to cancel the order and funding moved to another scheme;

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

20 COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS & RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
UPDATE

20a Rutland County Council

The Public Rights of Way Officer, Rutland County Council, advised that no update was available as no progress had been made. It was hoped that progress would have been made by Christmas and that a report would be available at the next meeting.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

20b 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 directed members to page 20, which included the spend before the year end.

No questions were asked.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

21 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND LEVEL CROSSINGS

Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager, provided a verbal update in relation to level crossings and advised that Network Rail were looking to close a number of level crossing across the country. Within the Lincolnshire, the major scheme was the East Coast Mainline and each of the crossings throughout the county were being considered.

Meetings had been held with relevant organisations, ADEPT, IPROW, etc, and frank discussions had taken place to try and establish who had responsibility for each crossing across the nation. The main conflict was where the railway blocked the community from the open countryside and how they could access this should the level crossing be closed. It was suggested that, should the Forum be minded to, Mott MacDonald be invited to the next meeting to give a presentation regarding this issue.

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During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- Where a byway had been restricted and diverted as a bridleway, the existing rights would have to be removed and new rights created at a different, more appropriate level. Transport and Work Act Orders would be dealt with directly by the Secretary of State;
- Members noted that it was becoming more and more frequent that bridleway gates were locked and padlocked.

RESOLVED

1. That the report and verbal update be noted; and
2. That the Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager invite a representative from Mott MacDonald to attend a future meeting to give a presentation on the plans for level crossings.

22     DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDERS

22a    Rutland County Council

A report was received on the progress of the Definitive Map Modification Order in Rutland.

Stuart Crook, Public Rights of Way Officer, introduced the report and advised that it was unclear if legal officers had drafted these orders as yet.

RESOLVED

1. That the report be noted; and
2. That the Public Rights of Way Officer make contact with legal officers at Rutland County Council to request a progress update on behalf of the Forum.

22b    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 directing members to page 65 which provided the active case list.

During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- In relation to Carlton Scroop/Ancaster, no objections had been received, having spoken to the landowners;
- In one case in Ancaster it was expected that a public inquiry would be required;

- The number outstanding were due to policy issues and a backlog from the outset. Due to the size of the county, there was a considerable amount of land where Rights of Way could be claimed;
- It was thought that cases in Alford and Skegness (page 66) may be outstanding for some years to come, unfortunately;
- In relation to the case in Skegness (progress noted on page 63), it was reported that the next case to be dealt with would be Alford with Skegness after that. It was likely this would be February/March 2015;
- By 2020 Natural England should be within the County but the potential change in government between now and 2020 may have an effect on the completion of the Coastal Trail. However, it was expected that this would be complete by 2020.

## RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

23 PUBLIC PATH ORDERS PROGRESS REPORT23a 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 explained that, in relation to Uppingham Ref E307 officers were trying to persuade the Open Spaces Society to withdraw their objection but because there were proposed modifications to the order that this would still be considered by the Planning Inspector.

Braunston was to be removed from the list as the diversion was no longer required.

No questions were asked.

## RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

23b Lincolnshire County Council

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

No questions were asked.

## RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

24     THE FUTURE DELIVERY OF LINCOLNSHIRE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY SERVICE

A verbal update was given to the Forum by Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager regarding the future of the Public Rights of Way Service during the upcoming restructure of Lincolnshire County Council.

£90m in overall budget reduction was to be found over a three year period which would affect services across the County Council. All departments would be asked to consider at what reductions could be made. The Forum would be kept updated throughout the process and it was hoped that as much of the service would be retained as possible.

The Director responsible for Countryside Access would be meeting with the Leader of the Council in the near future to discuss how this budget could be shaped. It was explained that both the Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager and the Senior Countryside Access Officer were now within the Environmental section rather than Highways.

During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- Rutland County Council budget remained the same have made necessary cuts previously;
- The Green Lane Network did have some form of highway status but it was unclear on maps whether greens lanes were footpaths or carriageway, which may cause initial issues during the transition period as Highways did not afford these lanes the same priority as other networks. Footpaths would continue to be afforded the same importance. The Countryside Access team would also be sharing an open plan office with Highways colleagues which would felt to improve communication and working relations.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

25     DISABILITY SUB-GROUP UPDATE

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

It was confirmed that four walks had now been completed and the next meeting would focus on the funding for printing and distribution of the leaflets/booklets.

- Gibraltar Point, Skegness
- Westgate Woods, Boston
- Hartsholme Country Park, Lincoln
- Grand and North Parades, Skegness

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In respect to Gibraltar Point, Skegness, it had been decided to go ahead with the walk despite having no permanent toilet facilities available as there was a temporary toilet block and café there.

Hartsholme Country Park walk was not of the same standard as those at Whisby but there footpaths were level and a new bridge had been put in place so it was a good walk.

Grand and North Parades in Skegness were near the boating river and cycle path and have some huts and parking and facilities for making tea/coffee.

Mr Norris advised that funding was a particular issue as a lot of fundraising would be required to meet the costs of printing, etc. The Chairman suggested that the Sub-Group approach the local County Councillor in each area as they may be able to allocate a percentage of their Community Budget to the scheme.

Dr Rebecca Johnson advised that she was aware of a small charitable trust, which supports Rights of Way for disadvantaged groups, who may be interested in supporting the schemes.

Members were encouraged to put forward any suggestions for walks for consideration in 2015.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the update be noted;
2. That details of the charitable trust be provided by Dr Johnson; and
3. That Members provide suggestions for walks for consideration in 2015

**26 TRAVEL4RUTLAND PROJECT UPDATE**

Stuart Crook, Public Rights of Way Officer, provided a verbal update and circulated a plan which highlighted routes at Ashwell, Preston to Uppingham, Ryhall, A47 and the Egleton Bridleway upgrade (funding for which will now be used towards the Exton Coach Road to Cottesmore).

During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- Previous views were that horses should not be on the cycle tracks but, having considered the needs of equestrian users, it was anticipated that further discussions would be held with Highways colleagues;
- Concern was noted about the increase in cyclists and the dangers of riding behind a horse if the proposals were that horse riders were to share cycle paths.

**RESOLVED**

That the update be noted.

**27     ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**Rights of Way**

Clarification was requested for Members that, when dealing with Rights of Way, that they would also deal with maintenance issues. The Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager confirmed that, as officers, they would be responsible for the work involved in maintenance. The Members of the Forum, however, would act as a strategic advisor on other bodies.

**Disability Sub-Group**

Due to the sad loss of Brian Montgomery, the Disability Sub-Group had a vacancy. Members were asked to consider if they would be able to fill the vacancy, preferably from Rutland if possible.

**Workshop**

Following an email from Fiona Taylor at Natural England regarding LEADER funding, the Senior Countryside Access Officer advised that they were looking for workshop topics in the event that funding be secured.

**Forum Vacancies**

It was noted that there were four current vacancies on the Forum and Members asked to give consideration to other people who may be able to join. It was not imperative that Members be local to the areas covered by the Forum. If there was any interest shown, or further information required, Members were advised that both Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager, and Andy Savage, Senior Countryside Access Officer, should be contacted in the first instance.

**28     DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum be held in the Court Room, Stamford Town Council, Town Hall, St Mary's Hill, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 2DR on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 1.00pm.

It was hoped the next meeting would be held in Skegness in April 2015 but this would be confirmed nearer the time.

The meeting closed at 7.43 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: **14 January 15**  
Subject: **Countryside Access and Rights of Way  
Improvement Plan Update**

**Summary:**

A report outlining the progress made in the implementation of the Lincolnshire Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

**Recommendation(s):**

- i) That the forum notes the contents of the report.

## 1. Background

The responsibility to produce a Rights of Way Improvement Plan is a statutory duty arising from the Countryside and Rights of way Act 2000. The first Lincolnshire Countryside Access & Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) was adopted by the County Council on 3 April 2007.

The ROWIP is being implemented under four themes, each with a strategic aim and supporting the wider social objectives of the County Council including the aims of the LTP2:

- Sustainable Transport – *Strategic Aim to increase the use of the network for sustainable transport and utility trips*
- Health and Well-being – *Strategic Aim to make it easier for people to incorporate exercise into their daily lives and lead healthier lifestyles*
- Rural Economy and Tourism – *Strategic Aim to support local businesses and tourism through access improvements*
- Social Issues – *Strategic Aim to enable more people to enjoy walking and riding*

There is also a separate strand of Core Tasks that will assist in the management of the network and access opportunities.

The Countryside Access & Rights of Way Improvement Plan Year Action Plan is attached to this report as Appendix A.

## 2. Summary

### Progress Report

**Network Management-** The highway divisions have continued to make general improvements through improved maintenance and enforcement works. In the period April 2007 to October 2014 these have included;

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

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

Improvement schemes are currently being progressed on the following routes.

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

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

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

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

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

### **3. Consultation**

#### **Scrutiny Comments**

n/a

#### **Executive Councillor Comments**

n/a

#### **Local Member Comments**

n/a

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

n/a

### **4. Appendices**

<b>These are listed below and attached at the back of the report</b>	
Appendix A	Countryside Access & Rights of Way Improvement Plan Action Plan

### **5. Background papers**

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

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) .

## APPENDIX A

### Review of Statement of Action

#### Core Tasks

Ref	Action	Target date	Work Undertaken	Level of Completion
CT1	Review the Definitive Map Modification Order Priorities Policy and Public Path Order Policies in line with the RoWIP, to give a potentially higher priority to key routes that will improve or increase access.	2008	-Comprehensive review of DMMO policy completed in 2010. -PPO policy reviewed 2010.	Completed
CT2	Review the current Path Priority System for the maintenance and enforcement of PRow	2008	Path Priority System maintained under review.	Completed
CT3	Review Maintenance and Enforcement Policies for PRow and publicise to farmers, landowners and the public	2008 – 2009	Draft Enforcement Manual completed.	Partially Complete
CT4	Review current Parish Paths Partnership scheme and explore new ways to increase community involvement	2008	Review of parish paths partnership scheme completed in autumn 2009.	Completed
CT5	Undertake whole network condition survey	Complete by 2010	Survey complete – undertaken through the proactive inspection regime which ensures all paths receive an inspection at least once in a three year period.	Completed
CT6	Seek opportunities to reduce the number of unnecessary stiles and barriers on the PRow network	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	258 unnecessary stiles and barriers removed and 326 stiles replaced with kissing gates.  Promoted routes surveyed to identify unnecessary stiles and barriers.	Completed

CT7	Continue to fully sign and waymark the PRow network	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	1,825 new roadside fingerposts installed either in new locations or to replace those in poor condition in addition 2,188 paths waymarked.  Promoted routes surveyed to identify routes requiring signing or waymarking.	Completed
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> </ol>	Completed

		<p>6. Goulceby PF No. 25 – Surface improvement works undertaken on village path.</p> <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>	
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			<p>23. Glentham PF 844 – Resurfacing and revetment works.</p> <p>24. Market Rasen PF 162 – Resurfacing works.</p> <p>25. Conningsby PF 224 – Resurfacing works.</p> <p>26. Skegness PF 307 – Surfacing works.</p> <p>27. Upton PF 50 – Surfacing works.</p> <p>28. Gedney PF 15 – Surfacing and revetment works.</p> <p>29. Sleaford PF 17 – Surface improvements</p> <p>30. Skellingthorpe PF No. 15 –Surface improvements</p> <p>31. Wellingore PF 5 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>32. Nocton PF 10 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>33. Reepham PF 131 – Culvert Improvements</p> <p>34. Waddingham PF 72 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>35. Walesby Byway 524 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>36. Lincoln PF 11 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>37. Bourne PF 1 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>38. Saxby PF 9 – Bridge Upgrading</p> <p>39. Market Rasen PF 163 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>40. Grasby PF 49 - Surface Improvements</p> <p>41. Trusthorpe PF 863 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>42. Trusthorpe PF 816 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>43. Sleaford PF 948 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>44. Lincoln PF60 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>45. Skellingthorpe PB 3 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>46. Waddington PF 3– Surface Improvements</p> <p>47. Claxby PF 107 - Surface Improvements</p>	
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			<p>48. Barrowby PF 7 - Surface Improvements  49. Grantham PF 12 - Surface Improvements  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>	Completed

			<p>Comments submitted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Stamford – Newstead Development Proposals consultation.</li> <li>-Lincoln Eastern Bypass</li> <li>-Grantham Southern Quadrant Relief Road</li> </ul>	
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>	Completed

			<p>Lincolnshire walks information now displayed at selected bus stop locations.</p> <p>Bus stop information displayed on the revised CAMs Web system.</p> <p>ADT participation in the Lincolnshire County Council 'Walk, Bike and Share ...' event.</p> <p>Development of 2 walks from Lincoln bus routes.</p>	
SOA6	Public rights of way guidance for planning authorities and developers	2008	Meetings held with planning authorities to standardise the format and promotion of orders. Specific guidance to developers and district councils to be undertaken in 2012.	Completed

### Health and Well Being

Ref	Action	Target date	Works Undertaken	Level of Completion
SOA7	Improve infrastructure on paths used for health walks initiatives	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Improvement of health walking network undertaken with £110,000 of Lincolnshire PCT funding. 496 miles of health walking routes surveyed for improvements and programme of improvement works devised.</p> <p>The programme of improvement works included surface improvements, bridge upgrading and improvements to path infrastructure.</p>	Completed

SOA8	Reduce number of unnecessary barriers on PROW	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Unnecessary stiles and barriers identified during routine maintenance works removed on identification of funding.  258 stiles were removed as unnecessary and 326 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	Areas of highest health deprivation identified and mapped - information sent to LCC highways divisions with recommendation of targeted improvements in highlighted areas.  Walking and cycling information distributed to 18 health centres in highlighted areas (March 10).  Walking and cycling information offered to all health centres (2011).	Completed
SOA11	Undertake accessibility audit of the network	2011	Following consideration full network accessibility survey considered impossible to undertake. Full network condition survey therefore used to obtain accessibility information.  Accessibility audit undertaken of all Lincolnshire Walks during 2010.	Partially Completed
SOA12	Develop a range of key routes in conjunction with disability groups.	2012	5 Countryside for all routes published using Aggregate Levy Sustainability Funding (2010)	Completed

			4 Countryside for all routes published in association with the Lincolnshire LAFs using LCC Public Health funding – spring 2014.	
SOA13	Promote health walking schemes and help partners with development of new schemes.	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Promotional links established and support mechanisms in place.</p> <p>Ongoing. PCT funding enabled expansion of health walks schemes and GP referrals. Funding secured through “Choosing Health”.</p> <p>Support given to Boston leisure and health walks to produce 6 walks leaflets.</p> <p>Attendance at the ‘Getting out There’ event.</p> <p>‘Explore the Lincolnshire Countryside’ – Posters published July 10.</p> <p>Funding provided in association with Lincolnshire PCT to enable the creation of additional access in the Westgate Wood extension at Boston.</p> <p>Anderby health walking group established. 2 bridges installed at Anderby.</p> <p>Support given to Sustrans in East Lindsey to produce health walks leaflets.</p> <p>Attendance at Lincs Walks forum.</p> <p>Annual advert placed in GP and community magazines.</p>	Completed

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> <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>	Completed.
SOA15	Produce targeted information for doctors surgeries, health centres in areas of highest health deprivation	Throughout Plan life	8 Adverts and editorial articles featured in various editions of the 'Lincolnshire New GP	Completed

		2007-2012	Community Health Care Magazine'. Leaflets sent to health centres (2010). Information sent to all health centres (2011).	
SOA16	Publicise barrier free routes	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Audit undertaken of all routes included in Lincolnshire Walks series of leaflets.  5 Countryside for all routes promoted using Aggregate Levy Sustainability Funding.  Infrastructure information displayed on the Cams Web Map.	Completed
SOA17	Promote responsible countryside access	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Responsible countryside access promoted through various media including the LCC website, County News, Agenda magazine and local and national press.  Countryside Code promoted on the Countryside web site.  Attendance at 'Get out there' event (2009).  Attendance at 'Sustainable Schools Showcase' (2009).  'Countryside Access' education pack published.  Attendance at local shows (Lincolnshire and Heckington shows).	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 Basingham.</p> <p>North Willingham No. 523 – Surface improvement works undertaken through Willingham Woods.</p>	Completed

			<p>Tattershall Public Footpath Nos. 222 and 225 – Footpath connecting Tattershall village and 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>	
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			<p>Sleaford PF No. 17 – Surface improvement works adjacent to the River Slea.</p> <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	Improve the maintenance and management of routes close to popular areas of the county and key tourist attractions.	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>	Completed

			<p>Viking Way Surface Improvements - Somerby PF49 and Waddington PF No. 3</p> <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>	Completed

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-2 Limewoods cycling leaflets published.</li> <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> </ul>	
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			<p>-Support given to the LCCP for the production of the walks leaflets.</p> <p>-Access advice provided for the Lincolnshire Coastal Grazing Marshes project.</p>	
SOA23	Develop a Lincolnshire Coastal trail	2012	Marine and Coastal Access Act provided Royal Assent in November 2009. No further action required at this time.	Partially Complete
SOA24	Provide public transport information at key sites and promoted routes	Ongoing	<p>Travel Line and LCC public transport information published on walking and cycling leaflets.</p> <p>Lincolnshire walks information now displayed at selected bus stop locations.</p> <p>Lincolnshire walks information included in the LCC area bus guides.</p>	Completed
SOA25	Produce walking, cycling and riding information in a variety of formats and for holiday accommodation providers	Ongoing	<p>Lincolnshire Tourism produced 15 Walking Discovery Packs as part of the 2008 marketing campaign promoting Lincolnshire as a short break destination for walking, cycling and golf. Packs made available to accommodation providers.</p> <p>Outdoor Guide produced (Lincolnshire Tourism).</p> <p>Lincolnshire Outdoor Guide distributed to TICs in Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Norfolk and South Yorkshire.</p>	Completed

			<p>9 Countryside for all routes published.</p> <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	1,825 new roadside fingerposts installed either in new locations or to replace those in poor condition in addition 2,188 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	Partially Complete

			years 1 - 4. Austerity measures resulted in re-examination of vegetation cutting schedule during implementation year 5.  P3 scheme review currently underway.	
SOA33	Complete audit of busy road crossings and implement prioritised programme of improvements	2011	Audit of road and rail crossings now complete. Short list of most 'hazardous' crossings forwarded to LCC Divisions, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, Highways Agency and Network Rail. Austerity measures prevent any further action at this time.	Partially Complete
SOA34	Improve management of existing routes available for motorised users and carriage drivers.	2011	Audit of unsurfaced UCRs completed. Production of management plan underway.	Partially Complete
SOA35	Identify all cross boundary links with neighbouring authorities to ensure consistency of maintenance and promotion.	2011	Identification of cross boundary links and issues yet to commence.	No action taken
SOA36	Pilot a project to prepare signage incorporating distance and destination information to key routes.	2012	Limewoods Signage – Public rights of way signage in the Limewoods area replaced with oak fingerposts.	Completed
SOA37	Support highway divisions with the implementation of Quiet Lanes.	2012	Funds no longer available to undertake Quiet Lanes project in North Division pilot area.	No action taken
SOA38	Develop a range of circular routes for cyclists and equestrians in areas of highest demand. Identify suitable roadside verges and "behind the hedge" links to create safer links between existing routes and improve management of those links identified. Support DEFRA schemes that increase access and link PRow.	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Officer time spent on ROWIP area priorities mapping.  8 Lincolnshire cycling leaflets produced.  Lindsey Trail – route opened spring 2012.	Partially Completed

			Consultation responses provided to Natural England in response to Higher Level Stewardship Applications.	
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.	Completed

			Involvement in the Wolds Walking Festival, Spires and Steeples Trail events, Wash Week, LCCP programme of events and Boston Community weekend.	
SOA46	Develop policies and guidance which explain how the authority manages PROW and access	2011	<p>Policy areas identified and included in officer work programmes.</p> <p>Work undertaken to produce;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Path priority system,</li> <li>-Accessibility Guidance,</li> <li>-DMMO policy,</li> <li>-PPO policy,</li> <li>-Enforcement Manual.</li> </ul>	Completed
SOA47	Promote leaflets and access information to increase confidence and take up by none users.	2007	<p>Natural England produced leaflet for the revised Countryside Code. Information also displayed on the LCC Countryside micro site.</p> <p>Searchable database of Lincolnshire Walks produced for LCC website.</p> <p>46 Lincolnshire Walks Leaflets produced.</p> <p>8 Lincolnshire Cycling Leaflets produced.</p> <p>9 Countryside for all routes published.</p>	Completed
SOA48	Improve driver awareness of equestrians	2011	Equestrian leaflets distributed through Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership as part of Driver Improvement Programme.	Completed

SOA49	Produce Countryside Access newsletter	2011	Publication of newsletter to commence in 2012.	No action taken
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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	Waiting for approval from legal
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 Oct 2014:

0 Orders confirmed  
 0 Case referred  
 1 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 14 January 2015**  
Subject: **Progress of Orders Work from October 2006 – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

### Summary:

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

### Recommendation(s):

That the report is noted

## 1. Background

As Surveying Authority the County Council has a statutory duty to keep under continuous review the Definitive Rights of Way Map and Statement for Lincolnshire and to make orders to take account of events requiring the map to be modified. This is carried out by the processing of Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMOs) which are either applied for by the public or initiated by the Authority on the discovery of evidence.

Highways & Traffic Guidance Note HAT33/3/11 sets out that such cases will be dealt with in order of receipt/initiation unless one or more of the eight “exception criteria” apply.

The criteria are as follows:

1. Where there is sustained aggression, hostility and ill feeling within a community that is causing severe disruption to the life of that community, and that in processing the case early there is a strong likelihood that this will reduce.
2. Where there is a significant threat to the route, likely to cause a permanent obstruction (e.g. a building, but not, for example, a locked gate or residential fencing).
3. Where there is, or has been, a finding of maladministration by the Local Government Ombudsman on a particular case and that in

processing the case the County Council will discharge its duty to the Ombudsman's decision.

4. Where legal proceedings against the County Council are instigated or are likely to be instigated and it is possible that the Authority has a liability.
5. Where there is a risk to children on County Council owned property and land or where the claimed route would provide for a safer alternative route to a school, play area or other amenity for children.
6. Where there is a significant financial saving to the County Council (and therefore taxpayers) through the processing of an Order.
7. Where a new application is received that relies on evidence of a case already received or, if the new application forms part of or is adjoining to an existing claim, the new claim will be dealt with at the same time as the older application.
8. Where the route will significantly assist in achieving a Countryside and Rights of Way Improvement Plan Objective or Statement of Action.

The above numbered exception criteria do not cover every eventuality and it is recognised that in exceptional circumstances there may be other reasons why it would benefit the public for a case to be considered out of normal order. Officers will not prioritise any case under such circumstances and any appeal will only be considered by the Definitive Map & Statement of Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee.

Initially the priority of a case is set by Officers however there is a right of appeal for any affected persons whereby a decision is made by the Definitive Map & Statement of Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee.

Appendices A, B and C to this report outline the progress that has been made over since the inception of the revised Schedule of Priorities and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

## **2. Conclusion**

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

### **3. Consultation**

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

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

#### **c) Local Member Comments**

**d) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

n/a

**4. Appendices**

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

**5. Background papers**

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

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

<b>CASES WHERE AN ORDER WAS NOT MADE</b>				
Parish	Further details	Formal Application?	Decision Date	Reason not made
Careby, Aunby & Holywell	Reclassification of RB1	No 24/10/1996	22/11/2006	Unable to reclassify Restricted Byway to Footpath or Bridleway Status
Bassingham	Reclassification of RB 5	No 13/1/1998	22/11/2006	Unable to reclassify Restricted Byway to Footpath or Bridleway Status
Bassingham	Reclassification of RB 4	No 12/06/1996	22/11/2006	Unable to reclassify Restricted Byway to Footpath or Bridleway Status
Billingborough	Reclassification of RB 10	No 02/05/1996	22/11/2006	Unable to reclassify Restricted Byway to Footpath or Bridleway Status
Ruskington	Downgrading of RB 127	Yes 02/02/1987	23/01/2007	Insufficient evidence
Horncastle	Claimed Public Footpath	Yes 01/10/1991	06/06/2007	Insufficient evidence
Wrangle	Claimed Public Footpath	Yes 17/09/1994	04/07/2007	Claimed path dedicated by landowner instead (PF987)
Osgodby / Owersby	Claimed Public Footpath & BOAT- Washdyke Lane	Yes 05/12/1990	03/07/2007	Decision not to make, no appeal by applicant
Old Somerby	Upgrade to BOAT status	Yes 07/11/2002	02/10/2007	DEFRA upheld decision, insufficient evidence
Copsley & Humby	Re-alignment/diversion of PF1	No 25/08/2005	18/03/2008	Realignment not necessary - requires diversion order
Uffington	Realignment of PF 10 (Main Rd to Turnpike Rd)	No 31/01/2007	01/08/2008	Insufficient evidence
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.

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<b>CASES WHERE AN ORDER HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CONFIRMED</b>				
Parish	Further details	Formal Application?	Date of Confirmation	Notes
Hough on the Hill (Gelston)	Realignment of Public Footpath 9	Yes 12/02/2002	17/01/2007	
Halton Hologate	Claimed Public Footpath from PF160 to Highfield Lane	Yes 03/07/2002	05/03/2007	
Sleaford	Public Footpath 12 to Boston Rd and Recreation Ground	Yes 21/06/1999	16/03/2007	
Sleaford	Deletion of Public Footpath 11	No 12/10/2006	18/04/2007	
Waddingham	Claimed Public Footpath from Joshua Way to The Green	Yes 15/05/2000	20/04/2007	
Anderby Creek/Huttoft	Claimed Public Footpath Anderby creek and Moggs Eye	No 21/08/1996	23/04/2007	
Snitterby & Waddingham	Claimed Public Footpath from Carr Lane to Black Dyke	Yes 15/11/1997	02/05/2007	
Snitterby & Waddingham	Claimed Public Footpath from Carr Lane to Green Lane	Yes 15/11/1997	02/05/2007	
Uffington	Claimed Public Footpath from Casewick Lane to School Lane, across school playing field	Yes 06/09/1999	05/06/2007	
Billinghay	Claimed Public Footpath from St Michaels Close to Playing Field	Yes 04/06/1998	08/06/2007	
Pulletby	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.

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<b>CASES WHERE AN ORDER WAS NOT CONFIRMED</b>				
Parish	Further details	Formal application?	Decision Date	Notes
Sutton St Edmund	Claimed BOAT - Hallgate Road	No 31/10/1988	19/09/2008	Not confirmed by Inspector
Woolsthorpe by Belvoir	Claimed Public Footpath from County boundary to Brewer's Grave	Yes 25/03/1999	23/01/2009	Not confirmed by Inspector
Woolsthorpe by Belvoir	Claimed Public Footpath from Village Street to Brewer's Grave	Yes 23/12/2001	23/01/2009	Not confirmed by Inspector
Woolsthorpe by Belvoir	Claimed Public Footpath from Church to Brewer's Grave	Yes 23/12/2001	23/01/2009	Not confirmed by Inspector
Woolsthorpe by Belvoir	Claimed Public Footpath from Chequers Inn to Brewer's Grave	Yes 23/12/2001	23/01/2009	Not confirmed by Inspector
East Stockwith	Realignment of Public Footpath No. 37	Yes 23/12/2001	03/06/2009	Order incapable of being confirmed, owing to drafting error
Kirkby Underwood	Deletion of Public Footpath 7	Yes 18/04/1983	14/09/2009	Not confirmed by Inspector
Temple Bruer with Temple High Grange	2 Claimed BOATs - Cocked Hat Plantation	No 06/02/1985	28/09/2010	Not confirmed by Inspector
Mablethorpe	Claimed Public Footpath from Queensway to King Georges Field	Yes 15/08/2005	19/05/2011	Not confirmed by Inspector – Insufficient evidence to prove a specific route
Newton & Haceby	Upgrade of Restricted Byway 11 to BOAT Newton to A15	Yes 27/05/2004	15/06/2011	Not confirmed by Inspector – Insufficient Evidence (LCC objected after having been made to make the order on appeal by the applicant)
Sanby	Claimed Public Footpath between Chapel Lane and Public Footpath 218	Yes 27/04/1984	30/03/2012	Not confirmed by Inspector
South	Claimed Public Footpath from Kiln Lane to High Holme Road	Yes 25/04/2007	20/04/2012	Not confirmed by Inspector
Langrville	Leagate Rd to Mere Booth Rd.	Yes 26/07/1983	19/06/2012	Not confirmed by Inspector
North Hykeham / Lincoln	Station Road to Clarke Road	No	25/01/2013	Not confirmed by Inspector
Anderby	Sea Road to Creek Outfall	Yes 25/7/1983	23/4/2013	Not confirmed by Inspector – Insufficient Evidence
Stamford	Welland Mews to Water Meadows	Yes 8/2/2007	28/6/2013	Not confirmed by Inspector – Considered to be operational railway land
Holbeach	Woodhouse Lane to Hurn Bank	Yes 14/6/1983	31/7/2013	Not confirmed by Inspector – Insufficient Evidence
Wickenby	Wickenby Railway Bridge to Wickenby Wood Corner	Yes 11/12/1990	18/3/2014	Not confirmed by Inspector – Insufficient Evidence

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

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

The current Schedule of Priorities policy is now eight years old (albeit with some minor alterations since the original of 2006). In that time Lincolnshire County Council has resolved the following:

- Cases resolved by determining that insufficient evidence exists to warrant the making of an order **19**
- Cases resolved following the confirmation of an order **45**(11 by Secretary of State)
- Cases resolved following the non-confirmation of an order **18**
- Cases currently outstanding with the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS **1**
  
- Total cases **83**

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

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

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

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

Horncastle – Claimed Public Footpath along Holt Lane to Banovallum Gardens

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This case was number 110 on the priority list. The sub-committee allowed the appeal on the grounds that there was "sustained aggression, hostility and ill feeling within a community that is causing severe disruption to the life of that community, and that in processing the case early there is a strong likelihood that this will reduce".

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

See above.

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

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

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

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

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

No further progress has been made on this case.

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

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

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

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

Lincoln - Claimed Public Footpath from Dunkirk Road to Breedon Drive

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

No further progress has been made on this case.

Mumby - Realignment of Public Footpath No. 59

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Caistor – Claimed Public Footpath between Buttermarket & Plough Hill

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

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

**CONFIRMED following the withdrawal of objections**

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

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

The case was 129 on the priority list. The sub-committee did not allow the appeal based on the grounds that there was “sustained aggression, hostility and ill feeling within a community that is causing severe disruption to the life of that community, and that in processing the case early there is a strong likelihood that this will reduce” also the Town Council felt that the claimed route may be useful to the fire-brigade in dealing with the regular arson attacks to the beach huts at Sandilands.

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

This case was number 94 on the priority list. The sub-committee allowed the appeal on the grounds that there was “sustained aggression, hostility and ill feeling within a community that is causing severe disruption to the life of that community, and that in processing the case early there is a strong likelihood that this will reduce”.

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

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

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

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

Holbeach – Claimed Footpath between Langwith Gardens & Stukeley Hall Drive

This case is number 67 on the priority list. The sub-committee allowed the appeal on the grounds that there was “sustained aggression, hostility and ill feeling within a community that is causing severe disruption to the life of that community, and that in processing the case early there is a strong likelihood that this will reduce”

**CONFIRMED**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Colsterworth – Deletion of Public Footpath No. 14

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Problems with the Definitive Map Modification Order Process

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Public Path Orders update - Rutland County Council - Jan 2015

Location	Status	Path Ref	Legislation	Application Date	Comments
Uppingham	Footpath	E307	HA s119	17/07/1998	Confirmation notice due to be published w/c 12th 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 Oct 2014:

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

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

Report to:	<b>South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum</b>
Date:	<b>Wednesday 14 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>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) 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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## South Lincolnshire Walking Festival Steering Group Inception Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> December 2014

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### MINUTES

#### Present:

Debby Braund - Lincolnshire County Council Countryside Access  
Chris Miller – Lincolnshire County Council Countryside Access  
Penny Ward – Heritage Lincolnshire Architecture and Culture Team Leader  
Fran Taylor – Boston Borough Council Healthy Walks  
Carly Togher – 1life North Kesteven Healthy Walks  
Mike Chapman – Spalding Ramblers  
Judy Chapman – Spalding Ramblers  
Alison Crow Stamford Ramblers  
John Oliver – Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust SE Lincs Warden  
Stuart Parker – Lincolnshire Ramblers Lincs Area Secretary  
Keith Thompson – Sleaford Ramblers  
Derek Booles – Grantham Ramblers  
Ann Martin – Boston Ramblers  
John - Boston Ramblers  
Derek- Boston Ramblers  
Bev Gormley – Heritage Lincolnshire Cultural Events Officer

#### Apologies/Not present:

Liz Bates – Heritage Lincolnshire CEO  
Rachael Smith – South Kesteven Healthy Walks  
Ray Bowden – South Holland Healthy Walks  
Donna Sutton – North Kesteven District Council Spires and Steeples challenge  
Chris Andrews - RSPB

1.	Introductions	Bev introduced herself and asked everyone present to share who they were and which organisation they represented
2.	Background to the South Lincolnshire Walking Festival	<p>Bev gave a short presentation on the background to the new walking festival and why Heritage Lincolnshire were organising it. Slides available at <a href="http://www.slideshare.net/HeritageLincs/slwf-presentation-for-cultural-officers">http://www.slideshare.net/HeritageLincs/slwf-presentation-for-cultural-officers</a></p> <p>Bev explained that Heritage Lincolnshire already organises the Lincs Wolds Walking Festival and would be using that model to pilot the new festival in the south of the county covering Boston, South Holland, North and South Kesteven. The festival is planned to link up with other events and festivals such as the Spires and Steeples challenge, the Stamford Georgian Festival and the Spalding Pumpkin Festival</p>
3.	Role of the steering group	Bev explained the role of the steering group as a group of advisors and partners whose audience has a vested interest in the SLWF. She also asked everyone to consider stepping up to the chairperson role. <b>ACTION – All</b> to consider being chair person or nominating someone for the role for the next meeting.
4.	Planning stages	Bev shared the current walk calendar, and action plan with the group. She also shared the website on the screen.
5.	Budget, funding, sponsorship and advertising	<p>Bev described how the festival was being funded and that funds are being sought to cover the running costs. There was some discussion about launch and finale events similar to those arranged by the Wolds Walking Festival. Bev stated that as there is currently no budget for launch and finale events they would have to be very low key. As this is a pilot we won't be trying to attract sponsorship as the festival has no proven track record, except the good reputation of the Wolds Walking Festival and Heritage Lincolnshire. This is something that can be looked at if the festival continues in the future. Bev has compiled a list of organisations to contact regarding advertising in the walks brochure. To help keep costs down we will be using the Heritage Open Days distribution channels within the county.</p> <p>Bev asked if anyone knew of a suitable 'first walk' with a venue so that press could be invited. John Oliver</p>

		suggested LWT's Willow Tree Fen and thought that the local garden centre might like to be involved as a venue for facilities and refreshments. <b>ACTION - Bev and John</b> to meet at Willow Tree Fen in January.
6.	Activity plan and next steps	Bev referred to the activity plan and stated that the next step is to send out walk registration forms to those who have already expressed an interest. Fran Taylor submitted 14 expressions interest from her Boston walk leaders group. In early January Bev will be sourcing quotes for information leaflets, then. All walk registration forms must be submitted by 23 <sup>rd</sup> February in order to be printed in the brochure. The official launch will be early January when the press releases will be distributed asking for walk leaders to come forward.
7.	Any other business	<p>Insurance – Walks will be insured under the organisations the walk leaders belong to.</p> <p>Dogs – It will be up to the walk leader if dogs (on a short lead) are allowed on the walk. The walk leader tells us on the registration form if dogs are allowed. Bev has approached Jerry Green dog rescue to see if they want to lead a dog walk.</p> <p>LCC Countryside Access Team – As September/October is ploughing season we need to keep in mind that some paths across fields may not be visible. It might be worth finding out who the landowner is for each walk. Chris and Debby would prefer to be sent the routes as soon as possible to avoid a backlog. Debby suggested emailing the registration form to all of the steering group members. Chris said he would tell the South Lincs local access forum about the steering group and that it might be useful for Bev to attend one of their meetings. <b>ACTION – Bev</b> to send routes to Debby as soon as they are received, and will email the registration form to steering group members. <b>Chris</b> to speak to local access forum.</p> <p>There was a question about how many walks per day. Bev said 3/4 walks a day would be great</p> <p>Stuart – requested that everyone think about public transport when registering walks</p> <p>Volunteer expenses – As with the Wolds Festival, there will be no expenses for pre-walking the route</p> <p>Hill Holt Wood – Keith Thompson suggested getting in</p>

		touch with Hill Holt Wood. <b>ACTION</b> – <b>Bev</b> to get in touch.
8.	Date and venue of next meeting	After registration closes



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