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South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum Meeting

An annual general meeting of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum will be held on **Wednesday, 12 July 2017 at 6.00 pm** in **Visitor Centre, Gibraltar Point National Nature Reserve, Gibraltar Road, Skegness, Lincs PE24 4SU** 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

John Law, (Other Interests)
Councillor Bob Adams, (Lincolnshire County Council)
Councillor Ray Wootten, (Lincolnshire County Council)
Rosemary Harris, (Landowners)
Councillor Gale Waller, (Rutland County Council)
William Cross, (Landowners)
Audrey Morley, (Landowners)
Andrew Childs, (Users of Local Rights of Way)
Alec Hill, (Users of Local Rights of Way)
Peter Hinton JP MBA, (Users of Local Rights of Way)
Sam Tate, (Users of Local Rights of Way)
John Williams, (Users of Local Rights of Way)
Ian Cox, (Other Interests)
Roger Linford, (Other Interests)
Barbara Smitheringale, (Other Interests)
1 Vacancy (Other Interests)
2 Vacancies (Land Owners)

**SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE AND RUTLAND LOCAL ACCESS FORUM AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2017**

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7	Countryside for All <i>(To receive a report from John Law (Vice-Chairman))</i>	7 (Pages 11 - 24)
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9	English Coast Path - Update <i>(To receive a verbal update from Chris Miller (Team Leader for Countryside Services) on the English Coast Path)</i>	(Verbal Report)
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11	Public Path Orders and Progress Report	
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11b	Rutland County Council <i>(To receive a report by Stuart Crook (Public Rights of Way Officer, Rutland County Council))</i>	11b (Pages 37 - 38)

- 12 Rutland County Council - Rights of Way Improvement Plan**
(To receive a verbal update from Stuart Crook (Public Rights of Way Officer) on the Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan) (Verbal Report)
- 13 Dates and Times of Future Meetings**
(The next meeting of the Local Access Forum is scheduled to be held on the following date and time: - (Verbal Report)
- 25 October 2017 – 6.00 pm – Rutland County Council)*

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SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE AND RUTLAND LOCAL ACCESS FORUM 5 APRIL 2017

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR R WOOTTEN (CHAIRMAN)

Representing Lincolnshire County Council: Councillor D Brailsford

Representing Independent Members: John Law, Rosemary Harris, Audrey Morley, Alec Hill, Peter Hinton JP MBA, Sam Tate, John Williams, Ian Cox and Roger Linford

Officers: Stuart Crook (Public Rights of Way Officer), Chris Miller (Environmental Services Team Leader (Countryside Services)) and Rachel Wilson (Democratic Services Officer)

42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/REPLACEMENT MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor William Cross, Mr Andrew Childs and Mrs Barbara Smitheringale.

43 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2017

AGREED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2017 be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

44 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2017

The Chairman reported that there were no actions arising from the meeting held on 25 January 2017. However, it was highlighted that an additional note had been added in relation to minute number 39 due to the receipt of further information following the meeting.

45 COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL

Consideration was given to a report from the Vice Chairman of the Local Access Forum which provided an update on the work of the Countryside for All Sub-Group.

The report provided Members of the Forum which an update on the following areas:

- Countryside for All Routes
- Dementia Friendly Walks
- Choice Unlimited Event

- Funding Bids
- Accessibility Ambassadors
- Lincolnshire Health Related Walks from April 2017
- Sensory Trails and Green Spaces
- Disability Sub Group Change of Name & Logo
- Gruffalo Spotters Trail

It was reported that in relation to the issues regarding the track joining the Grantham Canal, the Team Leader for Countryside Services advised that work had been undertaken to find out who owned this land, and it had been confirmed that this was owned by Lincolnshire County Council's Highways department. An e-mail would be sent to follow up and to discuss what improvements needed to take place.

It was reported that the Woodland Trust were willing to attend a meeting of the Forum in order to give an update on access definitions. The Vice-Chairman also advised that he would be meeting with one of the managers on 19 April 2017, and would report back to the Forum on the outcome of that meeting.

In relation to I-Spy in the Countryside, it was reported that since the last meeting various organisations had been approached regarding funding, and notification had been received that Leicester City Football Club were not able to assist with funding this year, and so funding was still being sought. It was commented that there were still some booklets left over from the Rutland event, and if the Forum was in agreement, the Countryside for All Sub Group would like to use these at the event in Leicester. Ideally, the Sub-Group was looking for a long term partner. It was queried whether Lincolnshire County Council would be willing to fund the cost of the folders which it was believed would be around £900.

It was reported that there had not been sufficient interest in the Accessibility Ambassadors at this time, and so it had been agreed to put this on hold in Lincolnshire and just focus on Rutland and Leicestershire.

There was disappointment that there were no Gruffalo trails in Lincolnshire at this time, and it was clarified that this was an augmented reality app for mobile phones which was aimed at children.

In relation to the Lincolnshire Health Related Walks from April 2017 it was queried whether any progress had been made with the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's), and the Forum was advised that contact needed to be made with the district councils again, as they had not contacted the Forum's Secretary as requested with a list of volunteers. The Chairman advised that South Kesteven District Council had a volunteer co-ordinator and he would pass on the contact details to the Vice-Chairman. It was also reported that the Lincolnshire Co-op had funded what was believed to be a permanent post to co-ordinate Walking for Health across the County.

A discussion took place regarding Yew Tree Avenue and the progress in relation to securing funding for the path between the car park and the Avenue. It was noted that there was a need to resolve the permissive access issues, as there were a number of

issues in relation to it being leasehold. Once there was clarity in relation to access issues, funding for improvements would be sourced. It was reported that a report had been submitted to the Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board regarding approval for a bid by Sport England for promotion of walking through a website which would allow people to track their walks. However, it was noted that this was only at the expression of interest stage, but the report did include reference to improvements to infrastructure. The Public Rights of Way Officer offered to send the link to the Vice-Chairman for information.

AGREED

1. The Chairman to pass the details of SKDC's Volunteer Co-ordinator to the Vice-Chairman.
2. The Public Rights of Way Officer to send the link regarding the report on the Sport England bid for promotion of walking to the Vice-Chairman.

46 GENERIC ADVICE TO PLANNERS

Consideration was given to a report by the Vice-Chairman which provided the Forum with the opportunity to consider some generic advice/response agreed by Leicestershire Local Access Forum to be given to planning authorities and/or developers.

The Team Leader for Countryside Services highlighted that this was an issue which needed to be picked up as there were long standing members of staff leaving authorities, and staff replacing them would not necessarily have the same level of knowledge or awareness around public rights of way issues. It was hoped that meetings with planning officers at district level could be arranged to discuss how public rights of way should be treated in large scale developments. It was suggested that time was right for the two forums to come up with a joint response. However, it was noted that early engagement between the planning officer and the developer was essential. It was suggested that this was something to consider for the next meeting. The Team Leader for Countryside Services offered to draft a brief version of what Leicester had produced for Lincolnshire and suggested that the Mid Lincs Access Forum should also add their signature to it so there was a co-ordinated response for the whole county.

A discussion also took place regarding recent changes to access to the walking routes around the Eyebrook Reservoir which seemed to have taken place. It was requested that Mr John Williams look into this further and update the forum at the next meeting.

AGREED

1. That the Team Leader for Countryside Services draft a brief document similar to the one produced by Leicestershire Local Access Forum.
2. That Mr John Williams update the Forum at its next meeting regarding access for walkers to the Eyebrook Reservoir.

47 EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL LOCAL ACCESS FORUM CHAIRS MEETING

The Chairman thanked the Vice-Chairman for his attendance at these meetings.

The Vice-Chairman provided an update on the meeting and advised that the minutes from the recent East Midlands Regional Local Access Forum Chairs Meeting would be circulated in the next few weeks. Members were advised that there were no other issues to report on other than what was already on the agenda for this meeting.

AGREED

That the Forum's Secretary be requested to e-mail the minutes from the recent East Midlands Local Access Forum Chairs Meeting, once they were available.

48 BENNERLEY VIADUCT

The Vice-Chairman provided an update in relation to the Bennerley Viaduct project. The Forum was advised that this was a project being taken forward by Sustrans involving Nottinghamshire County Council and were looking for support from Local Access Forums.

It was reported that the aim was to restore the Viaduct and bring it back into use as a walking and cycling trail. It was queried whether it would also be for use by horses, it was clarified that it had been deemed unsuitable for horses due to safety reasons as it was considered dangerous if the horse was able to see over the parapets. This reasoning was accepted as horses could be scared of heights, and the modification required to make the trail safe for horses would require a parapet of at least 1.8m which would obstruct the views and affect the purpose of restoring the viaduct for a trail.

It was commented that it was hoped that if the Local Access Forum gave support to this project, then the support would be reciprocated by Nottinghamshire when necessary. In closing, it was commented that this was a good project and would benefit a lot of people as well as providing accessible tourism.

It was also noted that the Mid-Lincs Local Access Forum were also willing to offer their support to this project.

AGREED

That the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum support the Bennerley Viaduct project.

49 PERMISSIVE ACCESS

The Vice-Chairman provided an update in relation to a suggested letter for MP's to send to Lord Gardiner relating to permissive access. It was commented that it was felt that this was something which needed to be done. However, the Vice-Chairman

did not currently have the capacity to undertake this task. It was noted that there had been two previous reports to the Forum regarding Permissive Access and it was queried whether it would be helpful if they were re-circulated.

The Team Leader for Countryside Services advised that nationally this was an issue and was being raised within the profession. It was thought that pressure for change could come from elsewhere, and it was not something that Local Access Forums would have to take on. It was expected that it was an issue which would be on the national agenda in the next couple of years.

The Vice-Chairman advised that he would revisit this issue if some capacity became available.

AGREED

That the update be noted.

50 DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDERS

50a Lincolnshire County Council

Consideration was given to a report from Lincolnshire County Council.

The Team Leader for Countryside Services clarified the reasons for the order relating to Castle Bytham being reclassified.

AGREED

That the report be noted.

50b Rutland County Council

Consideration was given to a report from Rutland County Council.

Clarification regarding the route of the bridleway in relation to the order in Wardley was provided.

A discussion was held regarding the issue of some landowners fencing in paths at the edge of fields and possible legal and maintenance issues for local authorities. The Public Rights of Way Officer agreed to circulate a report which had been previously written regarding these issues.

AGREED

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the Public Rights of Way Officer arrange for a previous report on the fencing in of paths to be circulated to the Forum.

51 PUBLIC PATH ORDERS AND PROGRESS REPORT

51a Lincolnshire County Council

Consideration was given to a report from Lincolnshire County Council.

A concern was highlighted by the Chairman regarding a path at Great Gonerby which was not recognised by the County Council. The Chairman was advised that if the path was recorded on the definitive map, then it would be the responsibility of the Council. However, if it was not recognised that would suggest that the Council was not responsible for the path. The Team Leader for Countryside Services requested that the details of the path be forwarded on to him and he would look into it further.

AGREED

That the report be noted.

51b Rutland County Council

Consideration was given to a report from Rutland County Council.

It was highlighted that the Order in relation to Hambleton was expected to be published on 6 April 2017.

AGREED

That the report be noted.

52 DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

AGREED

That future meetings of the Forum be held on the following dates, times and locations: -

- 12 July 2017 at 6.00pm – Gibraltar Point National Nature Reserve (AGM)
- 25 October 2017 at 6.00pm – Rutland County Council

A discussion took place regarding an issue which had been raised regarding cyclists racing on bridleways. However, it was understood that this issue also related to an ongoing case, and so it was suggested whether this should be referred to the next meeting of the Forum to be looked at in more detail. The Chairman advised that he would make some enquiries at the next Police and Crime Panel regarding a Police view on this offence.

The meeting closed at 7.54 pm

COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL – Report

Report for LAF meetings 12 & 18/07/17

1. COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL ROUTES

1.1. Lincolnshire

We are now aiming to have details of the 5 new route leaflet details with the designer/printer by the end of July. It has been confirmed that the track from the Casthorpe Road to the Grantham Canal towpath belongs to Lincolnshire County Council. Unfortunately money is not readily available to upgrade the track and access gate. It has been decided to provide the route leaflet to reflect the current state of the route. When the road from the towpath has been placed on the definitive map we will work with Lincolnshire County Council the Canal and River Trust to obtain funding for improvements.

Progress on the Freiston Shore RSPB route leaflet has come to a stop, as we are hoping to include information about the new World War 2 Museum which is adjacent to the site. The Museum, besides being an excellent museum offers disabled toilet facilities, a fully accessible site and a cafe is planned when funds become available. We believe providing information about the Museum on the Freiston Shore leaflet, will encourage more people to use the route on the RSPB site. As soon as the organisation's charitable status is resolved, we will finalise the leaflet. If we do not receive this information by the end of July we will finalise the leaflet without the Museum's information.

Now funding has been won for Woodhall Spa Airfield route, we will be looking to carry out the survey for this route later in the year.

Funding has also been secured to produce folders for the Lincolnshire route leaflets. The capacity of the existing folder has now become inadequate due to the number of route leaflets we now have. We aim to have the new folders available for use during August.

Action: Chris Miller – Please make the sub group aware of when the route from Casthorpe Road to the Grantham Canal towpath is placed on the definitive map.

Chris Miller – Please let the sub group know when the funding is received from the Nineveh Charitable Trust

1.2. Rutland

The success of the Rutland leaflets and folder is displayed in the Choice Unlimited section of this report in 5.3.

2. INCLUSIVE COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS COURSE

Nineveh Charitable Trust has provided funding for the Inclusive Countryside Access course. The course will take place at the Whisby education centre 23rd November 2017. We will be discussing with the trainer how we can spend more time on the practical side during the day.

3. WOODLAND TRUST

A meeting took place between John Law and Louise Tuffin, a regional manager responsible for 16 counties including South Lincolnshire and Rutland. The minutes of this meeting have been circulated prior to this meeting. The aim of the meeting was to persuade the Woodland Trust to create route leaflets in Countryside For All format for their most accessible countryside routes. We are still in conversation over this matter and have asked for a meeting with the CEO to explain the reasons the most accessible routes should be in Countryside For All format. Another region including north Lincolnshire has requested that 10 members of their staff are included in the Inclusive Countryside Access course which we have won funding for.

The Woodland Trust is aiming by 2025 to have 10 top level visitor sites, 250 "Welcome" sites, the remainder would be described as locally loved. The Welcome sites would include car parks, signed and have waymark routes. The welcome sites in South Lincolnshire will include Alma Park, Londonthorpe and The Pinewoods. Gorse Field in Rutland will become a Welcome site.

We have asked if the George Henry Wood can have an accessible route suitable for people with wheelchairs. The following is an extract from the response we have had *"The biggest barrier for access is the parking situation; currently there is a layby people park in that is in fairly poor condition. It has been recognised that parking needs to be looked at for the wood, but the Trust won't be in a position to do this for a few years yet. In addition, the deer fencing onsite necessitates the need for the current kissing gates to remain in place for a while yet. So in a few years it is likely that we review the whole site in terms of its visitor offer, which will include access considerations, but there isn't scope to do anything in the near future I'm afraid."* The sub group will be asking if an outline plan of a route can be drafted, if any trees are on the route can be cleared whilst they are still young saplings. This will reduce the work and cost required for the future route.

An example of the Woodland Trust's draft new access statement has been received. We will be going back to them pointing out where the statement is lacking in information for the disabled.

4. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY WALKS – RUTLAND

Monthly walks are taking place at the Lodge Trust. We are advertising for further volunteers to receive the funded training. This training has been booked for early July but is dependent on the number of volunteers that are interested in taking part.

We previously booked the training for April but only had one person interested. We have advertised the training places in a number of places and with a number of organisations.

5. CHOICE UNLIMITED EVENT

5.1. Rutland

Voluntary Action Rutland has joined the working group. This should help ensure the event is an annual event for many years to come. The next meeting of the working group is 29th June. We are looking to finalise the venue, date and how we include the Local Offer into the event. The sub group also has a meeting 5th July where we will be discussing how we can improve our display to encourage more disabled people and children to take part in activities. As outcomes of these meetings were not available prior to this report being submitted a verbal update will be provided at the LAF meeting.

ACTION: John – Provide an update on the outcomes of the Working Group meeting and the Countryside For All sub group meeting.

5.2 Lincolnshire

We are currently building a small working group to help us take the project forward. Those who have currently agreed to be part of the working group besides the LAF are: Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service, Lincolnshire County Council Childrens Services, Lincolnshire County Council Adult Care and Community Wellbeing Service through the Public Health Locality Lead, Lincolnshire Voiceability, Tonic Health and Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum.

After visiting the Springfield event Centre and having discussions with the Centre managers we have decided, if we get the backing and funding, to hold the Choice Unlimited event at that venue in May 2018. LCIL, the organisation which delivers the event has been kept in the loop with progress. Once the members of the working group have been finalised a meeting will be held with LCIL. We have been asked to include a representative of TED (Taste, Eat and Drink project running until 2021) East Lindsey in the working group. If TED want to be involved it will be mainly as an observer. The focus of this working group will be on Spalding. Depending on the outcome of the Spalding event and ensuring it becoming an annual event, we may then look at other locations to hold a Choice Unlimited event in Lincolnshire.

5.3 Leicester Tigers Event

We had three tables at the event, one funded by Leicestershire County Council, one funded by Rutland County Council and one funded by a private donor. Thanks must

go to Stan Warren (Leicester City and Leicestershire LAF) for helping to set up the displays and John Howells (Leicestershire LAF chair) who assisted John Law by speaking to the people visiting our display. The purpose at being at the event was to encourage disabled people, their carers and the elderly to visit and enjoy the countryside. Our aim was to engage with the visitors, talk about their interests, talk about countryside activities and signpost them to the relevant leaflets or organisations which could help them pursue their countryside interests. The activities we promoted included countryside for all routes, Walking for Health, Dementia Friendly Strolls, horse riding, carriage driving, cycling and sailing as well as some other activities. We also had a number of park leaflets. We were kept busy for most of the day, although there were times when we were waiting for visitors. At times we could have done with three of us working at the display. The location of our display within the hall was excellent. We used a TV, laptop computer and a static display. Part of our remit was to attract potential accessibility ambassadors, we used the computer display to promote this as well as a screen show by LCIL. Next year we will be able to use all our display tables and equipment to focus on all aspects of promoting countryside access for the disabled. There were a number of areas we felt we could improve on:

A banner stating what we represent

Only allow leaflets on our display which represent our message

Seek funding of a table from Leicester City Council via the Leicester City LAF to promote Leicester parks

Ensure district councils promote their Walking for Health and Dementia Friendly Strolls

Use the large screen for the promotion headlines

Use the computer screen to promote details of individual activities. This is currently being reviewed by the Lincolnshire and Rutland LAFs Countryside for All sub group.

The Leicestershire LAF members are being asked 4th July whether their organisations would be willing to fund two banners. These banners would not be LAF specific, this would enable them to be used at any event for the disabled across the three counties.

ACTION: John Law – Provide a verbal update on the outcome of funding for banners.

Following the event at Leicester an email providing feedback was sent to Active Rutland, each of the Leicestershire districts and Leicestershire County Council Public Health. Everything on display from Lincolnshire and Rutland was well received. Below is the extract from the email:

Good morning

I hope you have enjoyed your break. On copy is John Howells, Chair of the Leicestershire Local Access Forum (LAF) and Stan Warren who represents the Leicester City and Leicestershire LAF. Both John and Stan worked on the display with me at the Choice Unlimited event. Also on copy is John Costor from LCIL and Sandra Pugh from Ellesmere College. LCIL deliver the Choice Unlimited event. I am providing you with feedback from the event, to enable the local access forums and yourselves deliver an even better event for the disabled, their carers and the elderly next year.

Dementia Friendly Walks/Strolls

We only received leaflets from Rutland which displayed the Rutland programme. There was a lot of interest from individuals and representatives of carers organisations. Whilst some of the people lived in the Rutland area, there was disappointment from many who had picked up a leaflet to find there was nothing for Leicestershire. We asked those outside Rutland to send us their email address to enable us to forward the relevant programmes to them. To date we have not received their contact details. This does stress the importance of having the relevant promotional material available on the day of the event.

Walking For Health

We received leaflets from Rutland and Leicester City displaying the Walking For Health programme. Once again these leaflets were taken quickly but there was disappointment that no districts had provided their walks programme.

Trips, Slips and Falls

This set of leaflets was provided by North West Leicestershire. This leaflet did not really belong on our display however the leaflets were soon picked up by individuals and care organisations. There were many good comments from all sectors about the information on the leaflet. Two people did say when they had rang the phone number on the leaflet, they never received a response. These leaflets and other questions from the public did show the need for the districts, City and County Council to have a display and answer questions from those who attend the event in the future.

Countryside For All route leaflets

The leaflets for Rutland and Lincolnshire were quickly taken up by individuals and organisations examples of the route leaflets can be seen at: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/countryside/visiting/visiting-the-countryside/countryside-for-all/120947.article> We were also asked for Countryside For All leaflets for Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire and Norfolk. This information will be fed back to the relevant LAFs. There was tremendous disappointment that there were no leaflets for Leicestershire. We spent a fair amount of time with 17 people explaining the Countryside For All leaflets and showing them the access information. All were asked, "If you had these type of leaflets for Leicestershire would

it encourage you to get out in the countryside? All replied yes to this question. Some other comments from those we spoke to in relation to the lack of Countryside For All leaflets in Leicestershire are displayed below:

Many said they did not visit country parks or the countryside as they felt it may not be accessible

Many did not know of Watermead Country Park

Three said they visited Bradgate Park as it was the only accessible countryside they knew. Two stated they liked Bradgate Park but as it was the only place they could go, they did tend to get fed up of it.

Many asked why there were no route leaflets for Leicestershire

One said it was shameful Leicestershire had no route leaflets

Two said it was disgusting that Leicestershire had no route leaflets

Lincolnshire has 16 Countryside For All leaflets and will have a further 5 by the end of the year. There are also organisations in Lincolnshire budgeting to produce these leaflets in the future. Rutland currently has 3 leaflets with three organisations aiming to add further route leaflets for the County. The funding for the route leaflets initially came from council funds for both counties. Funds for the leaflets have since been provided by charitable bodies, private sponsorship, Anglian Water and Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. It will be a great shame if we have no Leicestershire route leaflets of Countryside For All standard available for next year's Choice Unlimited event. Leicestershire has many very accessible countryside routes. The lack of promotion of these sites/routes in the Countryside For All format, makes accessible sites inaccessible. Please contact me for further information if you are interested in providing Countryside For All leaflets for your most accessible sites.

Cycling

A number of enquiries were received in relation to cycling for the disabled at Rutland Water. I believe Wheels For All were also received a lot of interest. One member of the public who was disabled told me that hiring a bike at Rutland Water had encouraged him to buy his own bike and he now cycles on a regular basis. Both Lincolnshire CC through Lincolnshire Sports and Rutland CC have purchased bikes for the disabled and these are hired out through cycle hire centres. It would be useful if Leicestershire CC and Leicester Shire and Rutland Sports could investigate whether this is a possibility at Hicks Lodge.

School children

There was a noticeable lack of disabled school children at the event. At the Rutland event, although it was in school holidays, they contributed to the event in a number of ways. I believe that this encouraged other disabled children to join the clubs which were promoting the activities. There is no reason why disabled children cannot take

part and visit these events in school time. It is important that they are aware of the opportunities from an early age. I realise that Ellesmere College and Birkett House do a very good job in helping their students but seeing things in a different environment can generate interest. Both Ellesmere and Birkett House sites are close to the City Choice Unlimited venue. Creating a display for Ellesmere and Birkett House and helping out at these displays at Choice Unlimited would be a valued experience for the students. Encouraging other disabled school children to attend with their parents or as a party would also prove useful. I have to admit that I have not managed to attend the Local Offer Live event. I believe this has been a good showcase for disabled children. The Choice Unlimited event provides another opportunity for disabled children and they should be encouraged to take part and attend.

If you wish to discuss how you could benefit from a display at Choice Unlimited next year please contact John Costor (on copy).

The local access forums promote many aspects of countryside access. Whilst the feedback above has covered some of our observations, a full report will be provided under Countryside For All at the next LAF meeting, this will then be available as a public document. As mentioned in the opening paragraph we are looking at how we can improve the local access forums display at the next Choice Unlimited event to encourage disabled people to enjoy activities in the countryside.

One closing thought which touched me, was a girl in her late teens or early twenties who was in a wheelchair and looking for places to go in the Leicestershire countryside without being dependent on other people to go with her. She had recently been to some "wheelchair friendly" routes, to find they were definitely not suitable for her. My thoughts are, if we do not provide route leaflets in Countryside For All format for Leicestershire, even the disabled who are very determined in venturing out into the countryside will give up.

Should you have any queries in relation to the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

John

John Law

*Member of the Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forums,
Countryside For All sub group*

The email was sent to 3rd May, we have only had one response. This was from Blaby District Council. They have requested four weeks notice in future to enable them to provide us with leaflets and walk programmes. We will take this comment on board for the next event.

We have received some **VERY GOOD NEWS** since the email was sent. The next Leicester Choice Unlimited event will combine with the Local Offer Live event. The Local Offer has been ran as a separate event by Leicester City and Leicestershire County Council for families who have children with disabilities or special educational needs. We were concerned with the lack of children at the Leicester Choice Unlimited event. However it does mean we have to work harder to get sponsorship to pay for I – Spy books or similar to give out at these events. This combined event will ensure we see disabled children and their parents and special school representatives at the 2018 event.

6 FUNDING BIDS

6.2 Nineveh Charitable Trust

As mentioned previously we have been successful in obtaining a grant from the Nineveh Trust. This will allow us to fund an Inclusive Countryside Access course, a larger capacity folder for the Lincolnshire Countryside for All leaflets and a Countryside for All route leaflet for Woodhall Spa airfield.

6.3 Replenishment of current leaflets

Whilst we currently have ample stock of the Rutland leaflets, a number of Lincolnshire leaflets will be at their reorder level next year. As it takes time to gain funding from grants, we will start to look for suitable funders to approach this year. Initially we will ask site owners to see if they are prepared to fund the leaflets.

6.4 I-Spy In the Countryside

Neither Severn Trent Water or Leicester City Football Club are able to provide the £410 required for the 300 booklets to give out to children with disabilities at the Choice Unlimited events, to encourage them and their parents to explore the countryside. We are looking at other avenues to obtain this funding. If we are successful we may include in the order of the 300 a variety of I-Spy booklets representing the countryside. If anyone has any ideas of funding bodies which might prove useful please let the sub group know.

ACTION: All – Provide information on any funding group which is likely to fund obtaining I-Spy booklets to hand out to disabled children.

6.5 Chapel Six Marshes

Although the route surface improvements have been priced, we have worked with LCC to identify how we can improve the interest on the site. LCC may submit an

application to the East Coast Community Fund for financing this project. If the LCC is not able to apply for this funding we will be applying for funding from this source.

6.6 Ashing Lane Nature Reserve

We are still waiting for the key players of the Nettleham Woodland Trust to be available to enable us to arrange a meeting to discuss the car park improvements and extension of the all ability path. Further news re the state of the surface of Ashing Lane and the planned maintenance is awaited.

Action: Chris Miller- Please provide an update for the next LAF meeting

6.7 Chambers Farm Wood

We are working with the Forestry Commission to see how we can extend the all ability trail and improve the current route.

6.8 Coastal Country Park

A site meeting has been arranged with LCC 12th July to discuss the how we can improve access for the disabled in the coastal country park.

ACTION: John/Richard – Provide verbal update

7 ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS

We will be trying to attract ambassadors for Leicestershire and Rutland at a Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living event which is being held 23rd June.

ACTION: John – Provide verbal update

8. SENSORY TRAILS AND GREEN SPACES

Due to workload this project has not progressed any further.

9. DISABILITY SUB GROUP CHANGE OF NAME & LOGO

We are now using “Countryside For All” as our name. We are still trying to find time to create a logo. We are keen to see the new LAF logos, if we get agreement early enough we will be able to get them printed on our five new route leaflets.

ACTION: All – Agree on the new LAF logo.

10. GRUFFALO SPOTTERS TRAIL

We are still waiting for information from the Forestry Commission in relation to the Gruffalo spotters trail. We will continue to chase this up as we feel that it is a very useful way of encouraging children to get into the countryside.

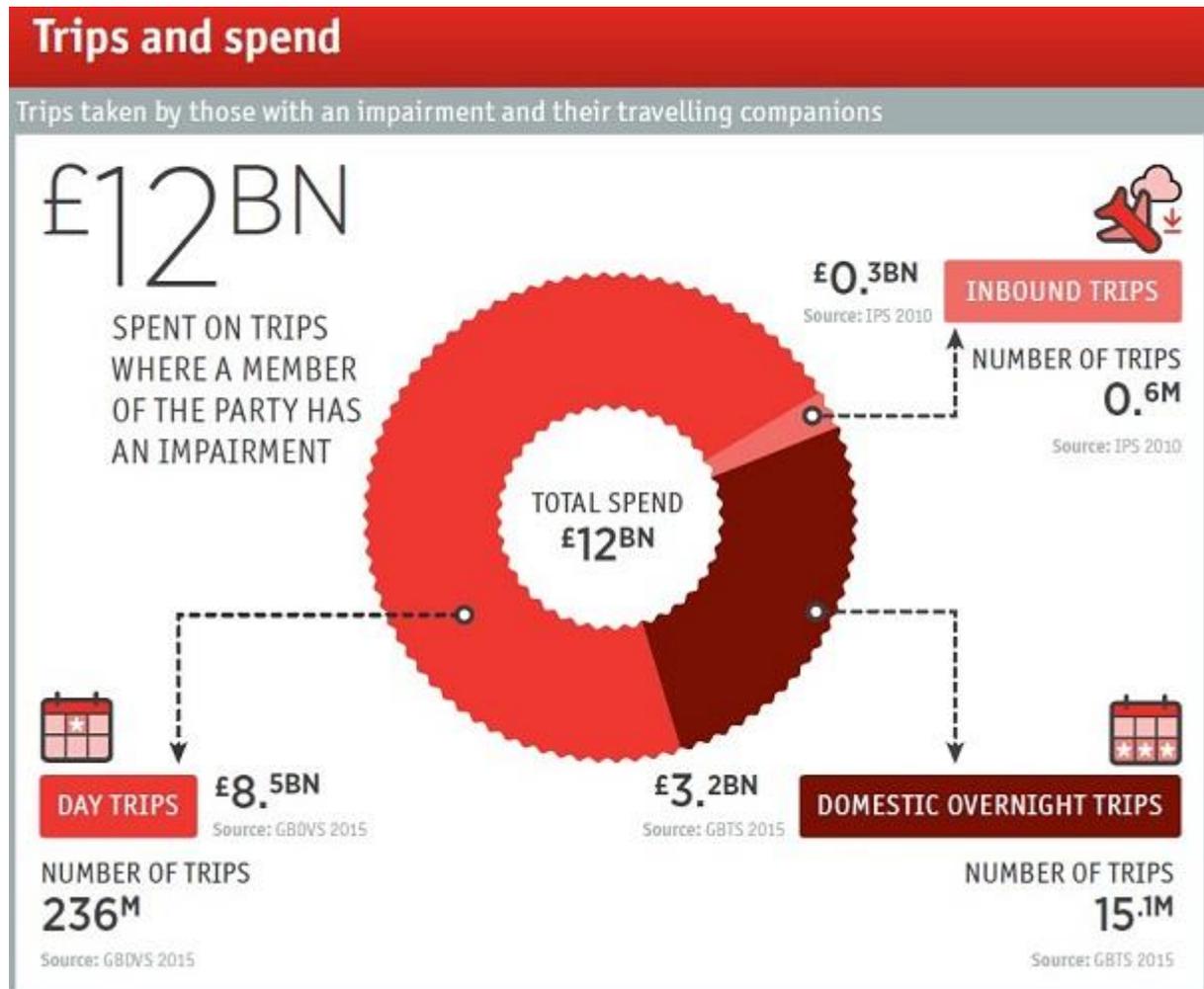
ACTION: John – Provide a verbal update

11. VISIT ENGLAND PURPLE POUND

Discussions by email have been taking place with Visit England, the reason for this was initially for enquiring for funding for a National Countryside For All web site. Visit England suggested we looked at their web site displaying “Understanding the accessible tourism market”. This certainly gives another reason for us to keep a focus on countryside for all. Details from the Visit England web site are shown overleaf (figures from 2015):

Understanding the accessible tourism market

Good accessibility benefits all visitors. Disabled people have the greatest need for accessible facilities and services but only around 8% use a wheelchair, with many more having other mobility, hearing or visual impairments. People with health conditions and impairments – and their travelling companions – spend £12 billion a year on tourism in England.



- In 2015, nearly one in five tourism day trips in England were taken by people with an impairment and their travelling companions, spending £8.5 billion.
- In 2015, 18% of all overnight trips by British residents in England were taken by those with an impairment and their travelling companions, worth £3.2 billion.
- Over half a million people with a health condition or impairment visit England from abroad each year, spending around £3 million.

In addition to this, our research reveals that visitors who make up the accessible tourism market are:

- More likely to take longer trips
- Find seaside destinations particularly appealing
- Anecdotally very loyal

12. VISIT ENGLAND AND THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL WEB SITE

We continue to have an exchange of emails with Visit England in relation to a Countryside For All routes nationwide to be hosted on their web site.

ACTION: John – Provide verbal update

13. CHANGING PLACES TOILETS

When examining the toilet facilities with Springfield Event Centre it was learnt that grants for the refurbished toilets had been received from both the District and County Council. This did include disabled toilets but not “changing places toilets”. Changing places toilets defined by Mencap are for “people with profound and multiple learning disabilities, as well as people with other physical disabilities such as spinal injuries, muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis often need extra equipment and space to allow them to use the toilets safely and comfortably” The Leicestershire Ashfield school Youtube clip highlights this need. We only have changing places toilets in Lincolnshire in the following locations in Lincolnshire:

Lincoln	The Showroom
Lincoln	North Kesteven Leisure Centre
Lincoln	Yarborough Leisure Centre
Horncastle	Swimming Pool
Boston	Princess Royal Sports Arena
Louth	Meridian Leisure Centre
Grantham	Jubilee Church Life Centre
Skegness	Briar Way Public Conveniences

In Rutland we only have one Changing Places Toilet which is in Oakham. Rutland Water is a major attraction for outdoor activities, It is disappointing that it has no Changing Places Toilet.

Clearly we need more of these facilities, especially at the coastal resorts. This will help us to encourage disabled people to enjoy our countryside and coastal attractions. It will also help benefit the local economy. To ensure there is a growth in these facilities organisations requesting grants should be made aware of this need and provided help in obtaining funding for this cause.

All the UK Changing Places Toilets are identified on the Changing Places web site which belongs to Mencap. Mencap have authorised us to have the changing places web address on the walk leaflets. They have also asked if we would like to be added to their list of supporters on their 'Changing Places' website http://www.changing-places.org/about_us/supporters_of_the_campaign.aspx .If we are to act as a supporter they will place both county council’s web address on the list. This is clearly a matter for both county councils to consider.

ACTION: Chairman - Can a letter be written to the appropriate member/ officer and ask when organisations apply for funding to improve facilities, they are made aware of the need for changing places toilets?

Chairman – Can a letter be written to the appropriate members/officers for the Lincolnshire County Council and Rutland County Council to be included in the list of supporters on the “Changing Places” web site?

Chairman – Can a letter be written to Anglian Water to see if they have any plans to construct a Changing Places Toilet at Rutland Water?

14. APPROACHING ORGANISATIONS FOR ANNUAL FUNDING

As discussed at the last meeting, we will initially be aiming for funding partners for Rutland. We aim to discuss costs of the Rutland Choice Unlimited event with LCIL before approaching potential funding partners.

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

Report to: **South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum**
Date: **12 July 2017**
Subject: **Definitive Map Modification Orders - Ongoing**

Summary:

A report on the progress of Definitive Map Modification Order Currently being undertaken

Recommendation(s):

That the report is noted & formal written advice provided as required.

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.

Appendix A provides an outline of the position of cases currently deemed to be "active" within the prioritisation policy.

2. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Outline summaries of "active" modification order cases as at 30 th June 2017
Appendix B	Appeals against prioritisation – Q1 2017-2018
Appendix C	Definitive Map Case Prioritisation (LINK) – Paper copies available on request

3. 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 - HAT 33/3/11
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APPENDIX A – Outline Summaries of "active" modification order cases

PARISH	CASE No.		CASE TITLE	FORMAL APP?	Date	UPDATE
North Ormsby	379	PF	Alleged PF between north end of PF 357 and highway in centre of North Ormsby	Yes	14/11/2014	DMMO seeking to record a PF made 25.01.2017 - No objections received – Order confirmed 29.03.2017
Hogsthorpe	49	PF	Sea Lane to Maiden Lane	Yes	11/12/1986	Compiling Statement of Grounds
Castle Bytham	136	RB	Reclassification of RB 3	No	03/08/19	Order not confirmed by Planning Inspectorate (PINS) 02.05.2017, as requested by the Council
Ancaster	2	RB	Regrade from RB to BOAT	Yes	13/11/1991	Reviewing evidence.
Coningsby	182	PF	School Lane to Dogdyke Road	Yes	06/11/1997	Submitted to PINS 27.04.2017
Tetford	365	PF	Addition of "missing link" North Road to PF 33	No	30/09/2013	Summary for decision under way.
Long Bennington/Westborough and Dry Doddington	377	PF	Alleged PF Westborough Lane-bridge on Church St. along east bank of River Witham. Also access to route from Winters Lane & Sparrow Lane	Yes	19/09/2014	PINS Schedule 14 decision received: Appeal dismissed 12.06.2017.
Ludborough	378	PF	Alleged PF along track running to and from PF 107	Yes	06/10/2014	Reviewing evidence.
Navenby	384	PB	Alleged PB Grantham Road-Doncaster Gardens	Yes	16/04/2015	DMMO made seeking to record a PF along the Application route on 23.06.2017: objection period 06.07.2017-18.08.2017.
South Willingham	97	PF	Hainton Road-High Street	Yes	30/04/1986	DMMO proposed for confirmation subject to modifications proposed by PINS in Decision dated 26.04.2017 – advertisement period 25.05.2017-22.06.2017, objections received – currently being considered by Inspector.
South Willingham	98	PF	Moors Lane to A157	Yes	30/04/1986	PINS Decision issued 26.04.2017 – Order not confirmed.
South Willingham	99	PF	Moors Lane to Poplar Farm	Yes	30/04/1986	As above.
Woodhall Spa	193	PF	Mill Lane to river Witham	Yes	12/05/1998	PINS Decision issued 11.04.2017 – Order confirmed subject to modification to add extract from 1905 OS Map to Order. Advertisement period 10.05.2017-21.06.2017, no objections received so will be confirmed.
Heydour	48	PF	PF to be diverted	No	01/01/1985	Reviewing evidence.
Aunsby & Dembleby	5		Aunsby RB 6 plus section to Manor House Farm, Aunsby PB 9, Heydour RB 18	No	11/07/1985	Reviewing evidence.
Mablethorpe & Sutton	106	PF	High Street to Broadway	Yes	16/09/1985	Reviewing evidence.
Grimoldby	43	PF	From Mill Lane	Yes	23/10/1985	Writing Statement of Grounds, confirming part of Order.
Burgh-le-Marsh	18	PF	Faulkers Lane	Yes	10/02/1987	Draft Statement of Grounds complete.

Stamford	101	PF	Cherry Holt Lane to Priory Road	Yes	03/04/1987	Reviewing evidence.
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BOAT – Byway Open to All Traffic

RB – Restricted Byway

PB – Public Bridleway

PF – Public Footpath

- **Total Number of cases (Formal application or Self-initiated) – 144 outstanding inclusive of 3 Orders awaiting determination by the Secretary of State at 29th June 2017)**

APPENDIX B – Appeals against prioritisation – Q1 2017-2018

No DMMO prioritisation appeals were submitted or heard over the period since the last forum meeting.

APPENDIX C – Definitive Map Case Prioritisation

ACTIVE CASEWORK

Parish	File	Status	Further details	Application/Acceptance	Active	Priority Ranking
Middle Rasen	72	PF	Caistor Rd to Gatehouse Lane	05/08/1987	Yes	1
Hogsthorpe	49	PF	Sea Lane to Maiden Lane	11/12/1986	Yes	2
Ancaster	2	RB	to BOAT	13/11/1991	Yes	3
Coningsby	182	PF	School Lane to Dogdyke Road	06/11/1997	Yes	4
Tetford	365	PF	Addition of missing link to PF 33	30/09/2013	Yes	5
Ludborough	378	PF	Claimed footpath along track running to and from PF107	06/10/2014	Yes	6
Navenby	384	PB	Claimed bridleway from Grantham Road to Doncaster Gardens	16/04/2015	Yes	7
Heydour	48	PF	PF to be diverted - from Southern end of PF 3 to church Lees	01/01/1985	Yes	8
Aunsby & Dembleby	5	PROW	see file	11/07/1985	Yes	9
Mablethorpe and Sutton	106	PF	High St to Broadway	16/09/1985	Yes	10
Grimoldby	43	PF	from Mill Lane	23/10/1985	Yes	11
South Willingham	97	PF	Hainton Rd to High St	30/04/1986	Yes	12
Burgh-le-Marsh	18	PF	Faulkers Lane	10/02/1987	Yes	13
Stamford	101	PF	Cherry Holt Lane to Priory Rd	03/04/1987	Yes	14
Woodhall Spa	193	PF	Mill Lane to R.Witham Bank	12/05/1998	Yes	15

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Definitive Map Modification Orders update - Rutland County Council - Jul 2017

Location	Ref	Status	Path Ref	Legislation	File Date	Comments
Preston	RCCDC/M4	Footpath	Barbers Lane	WCA s53(3)(b)	17/12/2003	Confirmed by PINS 16th May 2017
Thorpe-by-Water	RCCDC/M10	Footpath		WCA s53(3)(c)(i)	08/11/2013	Waiting to be referred to PINS
Oakham	RCCDC/M11	Footpath		WCA s53(3)(c)(i)	04/12/2013	
Wardley	RCCDC/M8	Bridleway		WCA s53(3)(c)(i)	09/02/2014	Submitted to PINS 20th February 2017
Clipsham	RCCDC/M12	Footpath		WCA s53(3)(c)(i)	12/11/2014	Application rejected 29th March 2017
Ketton	RCCDC/M13	Footpath	E335	WCA s53(3)(c)(i)	18/09/2015	
Langham	RCCDC/M15	Bridleway	D85	WCA s53(3)(c)(iii)	16/11/2016	Application rejected 26th April 2017 - Appeal lodged
Clipsham	RCCDC/M16	Footpath		WCA s53(3)(c)(i)	22/05/2017	Resubmission of RCCDC/M12 with new user evidence

Since Apr 2017:

- 1 Orders confirmed
- 1 Case referred
- 1 New cases received
- 2 Order declined

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

Report to:	South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum
Date:	12 July 2017
Subject:	Progress of Public Path Orders

Summary:

A report on the progress of Public Path Orders.

Recommendation(s):

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

1. Background

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

2. Summary of ongoing cases

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

- A package of 8 diversions to realign routes in the Coastal Country Park area including the potential dedication of a bridleway over a current footpath. The proposed Orders have been submitted for authorisation.
- A proposal to extinguish, create and divert in respect of Little Hale Public Footpaths 2 and 3, which is currently awaiting provision of a bridge.
- A diversion Order is being prepared in respect of Mablethorpe and Sutton Public Footpath 323.
- A diversion of part of Public Footpath No. 124 and extinguishment of a non-definitive footpath at North Wold Farm in Tealby: an Order was made 05.05.2017, with the consultation period running to 15.06.2017. No objections were received therefore the proposal is awaiting certification of the route.

- A proposal to divert Old Bolingbroke Public Footpath 198, for which the consultation period also ended on 15.06.2017. No objections were received therefore the proposal is awaiting certification of the route.
- A proposal to divert Irnham Public Footpath 7, for which consultations ended on 16.06.2017. No objections were received therefore the proposal is awaiting certification of the route.
- Extinguishment and creation orders in Market Deeping and Deeping St James parishes seeking to provide an improved route for a well-used public footpath in a developed area were made, with a consultation period running to 02.06.2017, however an objection has been received. The proposal will be passed to the Planning Inspectorate to determine.
- An extinguishment proposal in respect of an obstructed public footpath in Ruskington which lies close to a convenient alternative route: the Order has been confirmed, with the confirmation advertisement period running to 13.07.2017.

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

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

The County Council is developing a provisional Public Path Order Policy, which will eventually determine the order in which proposals are processed. This will need to be ratified before it can be implemented, and is subject to any changes necessary once regulations in respect of the Deregulation Act 2015 are issued.

3. 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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Public Path Orders update - Rutland County Council - Jul 2017

Location	Status	Path Ref	Legislation	Application Date	Comments
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	Scoping for quarry extension now submitted!!
Langham	Footpath	D85	HA s119	24/04/2015	Boundary issue! Seeking modification of route.
Hambleton	Footpath	E341	HA s119	07/05/2015	AW boundary issues! Remains unconfirmed.
Manton	Footpath	E195	HA s119	11/01/2017	

Since Apr 2017:

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

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