

TITLE OF REPORT: Progress of Rights of Way Matters

REPORT OF: Strategic Director, Corporate Services and
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Purpose of the Report

1. To update Committee on the progress of Rights of Way cases, plus the principle works carried out on the network between July 2019 and November 2019.

Background

2. The rights of way matters and completed matters are set out in Appendix 2.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that the Committee note the report and the updates highlighted in bold.

APPENDIX 1

1. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

2. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Nil

3. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

Nil

4. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

5. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

Nil

6. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

7. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Nil

8. WARD IMPLICATIONS

Chopwell and Rowlands Gill, Blaydon, Ryton Crookhill and Stella, Whickham North, Birtley, Lamesley, Crawcrook and Greenside, Dunston Hill and Whickham South and Sunnyside, Winlaton and High Spen

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Nil

Current Matters

Item No	Case	Ward	Application/ Proposal	Progress/Action
1	North View	Winlton & High Spen	Definitive Map Modification Order	The order has been made but objections have been received. The Order will need to be sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. This is being prepared to be submitted in due course.
2	Application to add a bridleway between RB 44 and Derwent Walk.	Whickham North, Blaydon	Definitive Map Modification Order	The definitive map modification order has been drafted and waiting for instruction to advertise it.
3	Claim at Thomas Street Eighton Banks Right of Way 62	Lamesley	Definitive Map Modification Order	The order has been made but objections have been received. The papers have been prepared and the Order will be sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation in due course.
4	Claim for a Footpath at Sherburn Towers, Rowlands Gill	Rowlands Gill, Blaydon	Definitive Map Modification Order	An application was received on the 18 th August 2015 to record a footpath onto the definitive map and statement at Sherburn Towers, Rowlands Gill, which was approved by committee on 18 th March 2016. The order was made on the 9 th June 2016 and the objection period for that order expired on 3 rd August 2016. One objection was received to the order, which was not withdrawn. The papers were sent to Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 18 th December 2018. The public Inquiry is set for 10th December. The objector's representative has indicated they will be withdrawing their objection, but we have not received confirmation of this yet. A verbal update will be provided on this at the Committee if appropriate.
5	Creation Agreement for Footpath Ryton 120	Ryton	Public Path Creation Agreement	Committee approved the making of a public path creation agreement on 12 th October 2012. The draft agreement was sent to the landowner's agent on the 31 October 2017 but they have indicated that they will not be responding until opportunities for the land to the south of the development site are considered.

Completed Matters

None

PRINCIPAL WORKS CARRIED OUT ON THE RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK – July 2019 and November 2019

July 2019 August 2019 September 2019	Annual Strimming Programme	As agreed with contractor.
September 2019	Footpath Lamsley 9, Sunnyside	Construction of 2 x stiles where they had been removed.
September 2019	Bridleway Felling 44, Lingey Lane to South Tyneside.	Removal of 4 x K barriers and 2 x metal chicane bollards.
October 2019	Bridleway Felling 44/3. Access from Ridgeway, Leam Lane.	Installation of handrail and repair to steps.