

22nd March 2021

TITLE OF REPORT: Progress of Rights of Way Matters

REPORT OF: Strategic Director, Corporate Services and
Governance and Strategic Director, Housing
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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 November 2020 and March 2021.

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.

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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, 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	Winlaton & 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	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.
5	Clarty Lane Upgrade public footpath LA/33 to bridleway	Lamesley	Definitive Map Modification Order	Following committee on 18 th November 2019, instructions are with legal to progress making the order.
6	Cushy Cow Lane Upgrade public footpath RY/27 to bridleway.	Ryton Crookhill Stella Crawcrook Greenside	Definitive Map Modification Order	In progress, application was due to be brought to committee on the 16 th November, but more time was requested by the BHS to gather more user evidence. Being brought to this committee.
7	Claim for a Bridleway at Barlow Lane, Barlow.	Winlaton High Spen Crawcrook Greenside	Definitive Map Modification Order	An application has been received on the 26 th March 2020 to record a Bridleway onto the definitive map and statement at Barlow Lane, Barlow. This is now being investigated.
8	Blackhall Mill to Chopwell Upgrade public footpaths BL/11/1, BL/19/1, BL/19/2 and BL/19/3 to bridleway.	Chopwell Rowlands Gill	Definitive Map Modification Order	An application has been received on the 17 th August 2020 to upgrade public footpaths BL/11/1, BL/19/1, BL/19/2 and BL/19/3 to bridleway at Blackhall Mill and Chopwell.
9	Blackhall Mill to Armondside Upgrade public footpath BL/28/1 to bridleway.	Chopwell Rowlands Gill	Definitive Map Modification Order	An application has been received on the 17 th August 2020 to upgrade public footpaths BL/28/1 to bridleway at Blackhall Mill.
10	Claim for a Bridleway at Horsegate, Chopwell.	Chopwell Rowlands Gill	Definitive Map Modification Order	An application has been received on the 17 th August 2020 to record a Bridleway onto the definitive map and statement at Horsegate, Chopwell.

Completed Matters

None

PRINCIPAL WORKS CARRIED OUT ON THE RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK – November 2020 and March 2021

November 2020	B6317, Main Street, Crawcrook. Ryton 65	Repair stone steps.
November 2020	Stargate Roundabout, A695 Blaydon 83	Repair fence line and access.
November 2020	'Dilly Line' Greenside. Ryton 103	Repair access controls.
December 2020	A693, Watergate Bank, Whickham. Whickham 91	Stile repair.
January 2021	Keelman's Way, Ryton. Ryton 75	Revetment improvements.
January 2021	St Cuthbert's Road, Marley Hill Whickham 99	Reinstating of footpath, vegetation cutback.
February 2021	Wellington Road, Dunston. Whickham 4	Hedge laying.
February 2021	A695, Crawcrook Ryton 49	Reinstating footpath, vegetation cutback.
February 2021	Keelman's Way, Clara Vale. Ryton 75	Closure due to landslide.
February 2021	Bradley Fell Road, Greenside. Ryton 1	Vegetation cutback and access improvements.
March 2021	Birkland Lane, Kibblesworth. Lamsley 72	Repair horse stile and fencing.
March 20201	Barlow Lane, Greenside. Ryton 103	Repair steps.