

21st March 2022

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 2021 and March 2022.

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, Pelaw and Heworth South, Windy Nook and Whitehills, Wardley and Leam Lane.

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	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 was withdrawn as the objector withdrew their objection. The decision from the Secretary of State was received on 22nd January 2020. The order was confirmed and a copy of the Inspector's Decision is attached as an appendix to this report.
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.
6	Clarty Lane Upgrade public footpath LA/33 to bridleway	Lamesley	Definitive Map Modification Order	Following committee on 18th November 2019, instructions are with legal to progress making the order.
7	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.
8	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.
9	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.
10	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.
11	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 2021 and March 2022.

December 2021	Highfield, Blaydon 34	Installation of 2 x kissing gates and housing
December 2021	Marley Hill, Whickham 99	Replace stile, fence line and horse stile
January 2022	Chopwell, Blaydon 98	Bridge repair
January/February/March 2022	Whitehills Gateshead 1 and 16 Felling 33, 41, 42 and 43	Resurfacing
February/March 2022	Leam Lane, Felling 44	Resurfacing