

17 July 2023

TITLE OF REPORT: Progress of Rights of Way Matters**REPORT OF: Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance and Strategic Director, Housing Environment and Healthy Communities**

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 March 2023 and June 2023.

Background

2. The Rights of Way matters are set out in Appendix 2.

Recommendations

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

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	Winlton & High Spen	Definitive Map Modification Order	The Order was re-advertised and the consultation period ended on 30th June 2023. Objections have been received. The Order will be sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination.
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. This matter is currently being reviewed.
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 determination in due course. This matter is currently being reviewed.
4	Clarty Lane – Upgrade public footpath LA/33 to bridleway	Lamesley	Definitive Map Modification Order	The Order was made on 16 th November 2022. The objection period ended on 9 th February 2023. The objections have not been withdrawn and the Order will be sent to the Secretary of State for determination.
5	Cushy Cow Lane – Upgrade public footpath RY/27 to bridleway	Ryton Crookhill Stella Crawcrook Greenside	Definitive Map Modification Order	The Order was made on 8 th February 2023. The objection period ended on 30th March 2023. Objections have been received. Awaiting confirmation as to whether objections will be withdrawn. If the objections are withdrawn, the Order will be confirmed. If not, the Order will be sent to the Secretary of State for determination.
6	Claim for a bridleway at Barlow Lane, Barlow	Winlton High Spen Crawcrook Greenside	Definitive Map Modification Order	An application was received on 26 th March 2020 to record a Bridleway onto the Definitive Map and Statement at Barlow Lane, Barlow. On 19 th July 2021, Committee approved the making of a DMMO to add the claimed bridleway from Barlow Lane, Greenside to Barlow Lane, Barlow. Order to be made and advertised.
7	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 was received on 14 th August 2020 to upgrade public footpaths BL/11/1, BL/19/1, BL/19/2 and BL/19/3 to bridleway status at Blackhall Mill and Chopwell. The application is currently being investigated, evidence to be reviewed and a Report will be prepared for Committee in due course.

8	Claim for a bridleway at Horsegate, Chopwell	Chopwell Rowlands Gill	Definitive Map Modification Order	An application was received on 14 th August 2020 to record a Bridleway onto the Definitive Map and Statement at Horsegate, Chopwell. The application is currently being investigated, evidence to be reviewed and a Report will be prepared for Committee in due course.
9	Mill Lane Urpeth to Riding Lane – claim to upgrade footpaths to a bridleway	Lamesley	Definitive Map Modification Order	An application was received on 19 th July 2021 to upgrade public footpaths LA/25, LA/26/1 and LA/26/2 to bridleway status at Mill Lane Urpeth to Riding Lane. The application is currently being investigated, evidence to be reviewed and a Report will be prepared for Committee in due course.
10	Extinguishment of Bridleway WH/62 and Footpath WH/194 – Derwent Walk Country Park	Whickham North Whickham South & Sunnyside	Public Path Extinguishment Order	Following approval of Committee on 21 st November 2022, the Order was made on 18 th January 2023. The objection period ended on 20 th February 2023. Awaiting confirmation as to whether objections will be withdrawn. If the objections are withdrawn, the Order will be confirmed. If not, the Order will be sent to the Secretary of State for determination.

PRINCIPAL WORKS CARRIED OUT ON THE RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK – March 2023 and July 2023.

March 2023	Keelmans Way, Clara Vale	Reopened
April 2023	Lamesley 72a. Birkland Lane to Birkheads Lane	Resurfacing and drainage work.
April 2023	Lamesley 69/48 Black Lane/Waverly Road, Wrekenton	Resurfacing and drainage work.
April 2023	Gateshead 1	Resurfacing and drainage work.
May 2023	Strimming commenced	Strimming of the PROW network commenced.

PLANNED WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK – March 2023 and March 2024.

Lamesley 72	Sections 2,3 & 4, Kibblesworth	Resurfacing and drainage work to commence after September when nesting season is over.
Gateshead 1	Harlow Green	Resurfacing- Completed May 2023.
Lamesley 57	Rockcliffe Way, Eighton Banks	Reinstate footpath- Met with the new landowner & new neighbour. Ground works are currently taking place and the new owners are supportive of the reinstatement. Site inspection needed with Gateshead Council engineer once ground works are complete to agree a way forward.

AREAS OF THE RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK WITH ASB/MOTORBIKE ISSUES

BLAYDON BURN	Blaydon	Ongoing motorbike issues. Police aware.
MARLEY HILL	St Cuthberts Road, Marley Hill/Sunniside	Working with the landowner to improve legal access and signage to reduce trespassing and anti-social behaviour. Highlighting the issue of motorbike misuse with the police/community safety officers.
WHITEHILLS	Leam Lane/Whitehill Drive	Motorbike misuse and fly tipping. Access restrictions have been damaged. Repairs to boundary fence and gates are ongoing.



