

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 March 2024 and July 2024.

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	Winlaton & High Spen	Definitive Map Modification Order	DMMO has been sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination as an opposed Order.
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. Discussions with applicant, site visit to be arranged.
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	Documents being prepared to submit DMMO to Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination as an opposed Order.
5	Cushy Cow Lane – Upgrade public footpath RY/27 to bridleway	Ryton Crookhill Stella Crawcrook Greenside	Definitive Map Modification Order	Documents being prepared to submit DMMO to Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination as an opposed Order.
6	Claim for a bridleway at Barlow Lane, Barlow	Winlaton High Spen Crawcrook Greenside	Definitive Map Modification Order	The Order was made on 26th June 2024. The objection period ends on 21st August 2024. If no objections are received, the Order will be confirmed, and the Definitive Map and Statement will be updated. If objections are received, the Order will be sent to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination.
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 21st November 2022, the Order was made on 18th January 2023. The objection period ended on 20th 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.
11	Claim for a footpath at Low Spen Woods, Rowlands Gill	Chopwell and Rowlands Gill	Definitive Map Modification Order	Being brought to this Committee meeting.
12	Claim to add a byway open to all traffic from Earls Drive to Glenbrooke Terrace	Low Fell	Definitive Map Modification Order	Application being brought to this Committee meeting.