

Agenda Item 8

Report for the Derby and Derbyshire Local Access Forum

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Derby City Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan

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General Service

The Rights of Way service, within the Planning Division, continues to carry out the network management side of the rights of way function including the work on updating the definitive map and dealing with public path orders. The Highways Maintenance service continues to carry out the rights of way maintenance and enforcement function. The Network Management team handles temporary path order applications.

Definitive map and path orders

As stated in the June 2018 report, work is being carried out towards the production of the legal event modification orders that are required to bring the definitive map areas covering Derby up to date. This work requires the identification of paths and ways that have been extinguished or diverted and their replacement ways and footways. It had been hoped to have the first orders made by July 2018. The orders have taken longer to produce than expected owing to the complexity of presenting the public path history of several areas of the city in a clear manner. It is now expected that the first orders will be made by the end of the year.

New path schemes

The Littleover bridleway scheme, which was referred to during the Section 106 presentation by Rachel Reid in March this year, should be completed by the end of the year.

There are numerous other cycleway and footpath schemes of varying scale at the planning, design and implementation stages across the city.

Other work

The service continues to identify opportunities for providing a more connected path network when large new development proposals are submitted to the Council. The service also continues to publicise leisure walks, including its popular self-designed circular walks, on its Walking in Derby webpage.

Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP 2)

The Rights of Way service will produce a brief report for internal Council discussion, which will explore the options for putting together the next 10-year RoWIP. The report will be available by the end of September 2018. In particular, officers will attempt to demonstrate how the new RoWIP will fit in with the upcoming Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for the area.

After the report has been considered by officers, the RoWIP sub group will be convened to consider officers' thoughts on the way forward. It has been agreed with the Chair and Vice Chair that members from Derby's cycling community should be invited on to the sub group as co-opted members. Several members are already actively engaged in the LCWIP process.

The Council is working with its neighbouring Councils in the D2N2 region to create a regional Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). D2N2 is the local enterprise partnership region for Derby and Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire) Strategic growth and strategic connectivity are to be analysed sub-regionally and that will have an impact on how schemes are prioritised. There are three proposed sub regions:

- the Derby-Nottingham metro area
- the Chesterfield-Mansfield urban area
- the remaining areas of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

The City and County RoWIPs will both have close links to the proposed D2N2 LCWIP. The next stakeholder meeting for the LCWIP is expected to take place on 24th October 2018 in Nottingham.

Active Travel Forum update

The forum continues to meet regularly covering many topics ranging from ebikes to cycling routes to health and fitness.

Council news

Carole Mills has taken up her post as Chief Executive. Verna Bayliss has been appointed Acting Director of Planning and Transportation, which covers the Rights of Way service.