

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 March 2018 report, the current priority is being given to 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. The draft work has almost been completed and we hope to make the full order by July 2018.

New path schemes

The on-going bridleway creation schemes in Alvaston (by agreement) and Littleover (by order) referred to in previous reports should be completed by the summer.

There are numerous cycleway schemes of varying scale at the planning, design stage and implementation stage.

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 Council will produce a report exploring the options for putting together the next 10-year RoWIP by the end of September 2018. In particular, officers will attempt to demonstrate how the new RoWIP would fit in with the upcoming Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for the area. After the report has been produced, the RoWIP sub group will be convened to consider the proposed options.

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.

Active Travel Forum update

The forum continues to meet quarterly. Cycling improvements are currently the main focus of the forum.

Council news

Following the May 2018 local elections, the Conservative Group has formed a new minority administration with the support of the Liberal Democrats and UK Independence Party. Councillor Chris Poulter is the new leader of the council. Councillor Mike Carr is the new mayor.

Carole Mills has been appointed as the new Chief Executive and is expected to take up her post in August. A qualified accountant, Carole, who has a national profile, is currently Chief Executive at Milton Keynes Council. Christine Durrant, Strategic Director for Communities and Place and Deputy Chief Executive, is currently the Acting Chief Executive.