

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 December 2017 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. Most of the draft work has been carried out and we hope to make the full order by end of June 2018.

There is one modification order in the process of being made in the Chaddesden area.

There are two current public path order applications in progress (including the Littleover bridleway creation order referred to below). There are several other potential path orders in the pipeline.

New path schemes

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

The Council's planning application for the construction of a major cycle path running through the whole length of Darley Park has been approved by the planning committee despite some objections on its scale.

Derby's River Gardens are to benefit from major re-landscaping as part of the 'Our City Our River' (OCOR) flood prevention project. The River Gardens will be

undergoing a makeover, with work including new paths for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as landscaping improvements.

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

Other work

Derbyshire Police Service has been running a targeted programme to tackle the anti-social use of motorcycles, which is a particular problem on some of the city's paths and ways. The service has been helping to identify problem ways.

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 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 has still to decide its plans regarding the next RoWIP. It is proposed that internal discussions will take place in the 2018/19. When there is more clarity, the RoWIP sub group will be convened in order to how to develop the improvement plan.

The Council has begun investigatory work on its Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

Active Travel Forum update

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

Other news

Paul Robinson, the Council's Chief Executive, leaves on 18th March to take over as Chief Executive at Worcestershire County Council. Christine Durrant, Strategic Director for Communities and Place and Deputy Chief Executive, will take over as Acting Chief Executive. A new Chief Executive is expected to be appointed in the summer. There are other changes also taking place at the director level of the Council.

Derby City Council's Planning Control Committee granted approval for a new Swimming Pool Complex at Moorways Sports Centre. The facility will include a ten-lane, 50 metre swimming pool; leisure water for families and youngsters, as well as a learner pool. Derbyshire construction firm Bowmer and Kirkland have been appointed as the Council's preferred build contractor.