

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.

Definitive map and path orders

As stated in previous reports, work continues to be 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. Work continues on the drafting of orders for the city.

The service also continues to process public path order applications around the city.

Major path schemes

The Darley Park Cycleway. The cycleway, which will run through Darley Park, north to south, will be part hard surfaced as standard and part elevated timber boardwalk because of poor drainage. Construction work is still progressing.

Derby to Nottingham Cycle Route. The Derby section of this strategic route will follow the Spondon section of the former Derby Canal. The scheme planning is ongoing. A connection to the Bennerley Viaduct to the north would be investigated at some point but only after the main route has been constructed.

Derwent Valley Cycleway. This is a Highways England led cycleway scheme linking Haslams Lane, Derby and Little Eaton. There have been some changes to the management arrangements of the project and work on the scheme continues.

Other issues

Derwent Valley Heritage Way

The waymarking of this path was investigated in the summer and considered acceptable by our highways inspectors. A later investigation was not carried out following the extensive flooding of the fields over which the route crosses. The route will be looked at again during the planning work for the proposed Derwent Valley Cycleway which will follow a similar route.

Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP 2)

As stated in September, the update is proposed to be given at the next joint City and County RoWIP expected to be held sometime in the first quarter of the new year.

Recommendation

To note this report.