

## Agenda Item 7

### Report for the Derby and Derbyshire Local Access Forum

14<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### 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 the March 2019 report, 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. The first two orders mainly covering the former parishes of Allestree and Mickleover are due to be made imminently.

#### New path schemes

**Derwent Valley Cycleway.** In the March 2019 report, it was stated that Highways England had been successful in bidding for funds to support the development of the Derwent Valley Cycleway linking Haslams Lane to Little Eaton. A route has been proposed and planning applications for the scheme are to be submitted to Derby City and Erewash DC in due course.

**The Darley Park Cycleway.** The cycleway will run along an elevated timber boardwalk, for part of its length, is earmarked for construction for this financial year.

**Derby to Nottingham Cycle Route.** Derby and Nottingham City Councils, with support from Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire County Councils, are planning to create a new cycling route running from Derby to Nottingham. The Derby section would follow the Spondon section of the former Derby Canal. The scheme is being funded through the Department for Transport's Transforming Cities Fund. There will also be an expansion of Derby's current bike hire scheme and support for a new bike hire scheme in Nottingham.

#### Other work

The Derby Walking Festival took place from 18<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May and appeared to be successful.

## **Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP 2)**

An update on the Council's considerations for the next RoWIP was given at the joint DADLAF/Peak LAF RoWIP sub group in April. There was discussion about the usefulness of a new city-wide path user survey to establish path users' current needs and concerns. There was related discussion about what the resource implications of carrying out such a survey might be. There was also discussion about how best to gather up-to-date path network information. A further update is proposed at joint City and County RoWIP sub group later in the year.

## **Council news**

Christine Durrant, the Deputy Chief Executive and Strategic Director of Communities and Place, leaves the Council later this month after 22 years of service. The Planning and Rights of Way services are part of her remit.

## **Other news**

Amber Valley Borough Council has withdrawn its Submission Local Plan from examination. The Council will now have to set out a programme and timetable for a new plan. This has significance for the future location of housing and transport links (including off road paths and ways) in the wider Derby area.

## **Recommendation**

To note this report.