

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. The first two orders mainly covering the former parishes of Allestree and Mickleover are now fully drafted and need formal sealing. Work continues on orders for the rest of 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. It is earmarked to be completed within this financial year.

Derby to Nottingham Cycle Route. The Council is working with neighbouring districts to create a new strategic cycling route running from Derby to Nottingham. The Derby section will follow the Spondon section of the former Derby Canal. The initial scheme planning is underway. The scheme is being funded through the Department for Transport's Transforming Cities Fund.

Derwent Valley Cycleway. Highways England, in partnership with the Derwent Valley Trust and Derby City Council, Erewash District Borough Council and Derbyshire County Councils, are managing the first phase of this cycleway scheme linking Haslams Lane in Derby and Little Eaton. A route has been proposed and is currently being surveyed. It is hoped that the scheme will be completed by March 2020.

Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP 2)

Consideration is being given to the contents of the next Rights of Way Improvement Plan. An update is proposed to be given at the next joint City and County RoWIP sub group later in the year.

Planning news

The Derby City Local Plan Part 2 (DCLP2) is proposed to go out for public consultation in early 2020. The Part 2 Plan follows on from and is guided by the overarching strategy of the DCLP1. The Part 2 Plan is concerned with allocating additional development sites and addressing more detailed policy issues.

Council news

The new Strategic Director of Communities and Place, Rachel North, is now in post. The Planning and Rights of Way services form part of her remit.

Other news

Defra staff have confirmed recently that there is to be a further delay in the implementation of those sections of the Deregulation Act 2015 related to public rights of way.

Recommendation

To note this report.