

Agenda Item 7

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 the December 2018 report, work is being 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. This work requires the identification of paths and ways that have been extinguished or diverted and their replacement ways and footways. It is expected that the first two orders mainly covering the former parishes of Allestree and Mickleover will be made within the next few weeks.

New path schemes

Derwent Valley Cycleway. Highways England have been successful in bidding for £1.415m from the National Designated Funds Programme roads to deliver accessibility improvements to the north of Derby. The funding will support the development of the Derwent Valley Cycleway linking Haslams Lane to Little Eaton.

Oaklands Avenue (Littleover) bridleway. This scheme, which was referred to during the Section 106 presentation by Rachel Reid in March last year, is being officially opened this morning by the Mayor of Derby (and DADLAF forum member), Cllr Mike Carr.

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

Other work

The service continues to identify opportunities for providing a more connected path network and publicise leisure walks and events.

Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP 2)

An update on the Council's considerations for the next RoWIP will be given at the proposed joint City and County RoWIP sub group later in the year.

Active Travel Forum update

The Forum continues to meet regularly covering many topics. The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), cycle infrastructure, personalised travel planning and the city's air quality are amongst the current topics for discussion.

Council news

The Council budget was approved on 27th February 2019. There was nothing in it which should directly affect the Rights of Way Service.

Future of Allestree Hall. The next phase of the marketing exercise has been launched and includes a targeted campaign to generate further interest in this high profile opportunity. A closing date for the receipt of bids has been set for Friday 22 March 2019.

As part of the process, any bidders will need to show:-

- Their proposed approach to the sustainable long term reuse of the Hall
- Their experience in dealing with the reuse of Listed Buildings
- Financial standing
- Funding proposal
- Proposals for the golf course.

Following the closure of the bidding process, Property Services will be in a better position to assess the potential future uses and intentions of the prospective purchasers.

Recommendation

To note this report.