

**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 Rights of Way Service**

The service is running at close to normal levels although there are still some difficulties associated with the limitations of home working.

The Highways Maintenance service continues to carry out the rights of way maintenance and enforcement function. The maintenance service is looking to add paths to its online complaints system on the Rights of way - maintenance and enforcement web page. This is being investigated but the public can contact the service directly by phone and email.

**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. There are no ongoing applications for definitive map modification orders. The Council is currently processing several public path order applications.

The government has announced that the 2026 cut-off date for unrecorded ways is to be abandoned.

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

As reported in December, ideas for the next Derby City and Derbyshire RoWIPs were discussed with the DADLAF City and County RoWIP Joint Subgroup in November 2021. It was recognised that the actions within the Statement of Action of the Derby 2014-17 plan may need revising because of the policy, societal and environmental changes that have occurred since it was produced. A further meeting to discuss proposed changes to the RoWIP actions is planned for the coming weeks.

## **Path Schemes Update**

**Derwent Valley Bridleway/Cycleway.** The proposed bridleway scheme will link Haslams Lane, Derby and Little Eaton village. A consultation on the revised bridleway scheme was carried out with relevant and interested stakeholders from December 2021 to January 2022. Officers are considering the responses and will report.

## **Sinfin Moor Bridleway scheme**

The proposed permissive circular horseriding route will connect Sinfin Moor Lane with the park. An on-site inspection with local park users and horse rider representatives took place last October. Parks Services are due to hold a delayed public consultation exercise in the coming weeks on the matter.

## **Consultation on proposed measures to improve cycling infrastructure**

Last November, the Council began a series of local consultations on a range of proposals to improve existing cycle routes and create new cycle routes to promote active travel in the city. The consultations ended last month.

The various schemes are being funded through grants awarded to the Council from the Department for Transport's Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) and Active Travel Fund (ATF).

There are four major TCF proposals at Railway Terrace, The Morledge and Traffic Street, Nottingham Road and on National Cycle Network Route 54/68 in Mickleover.

## **Other schemes**

There are other path schemes in the works and they will be reported on when more progress has been made.

## **Allestree Hall and Park**

The park is set to become UK's largest urban rewilding greenspace. Derby City Council will work with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and the University of Derby on a rewilding project for the park. A public consultation exercise is currently taking place on the rewilding project. People can get involved in the consultation online at [Allestree Rewilding | Let's Talk Derby](#). As well as the consultation survey to complete, there is space for sharing views and ideas to get the conversation started. The consultation ends on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

## **From the Council Newsroom (with updates from Ray Brown)**

### **Renewed Public Space Protection Orders**

Two renewed Public Spaces Protection Orders came into force in Derby to combat anti-social behaviour in Derby on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The first order was related to general anti-social behaviour. The second was related to dog control. DADLAF responded to the public consultation on these orders back in February 2021.

### **New outdoor gym equipment installed at Chaddesden Park**

New outdoor gym equipment has been installed at Chaddesden Park after several years of community fund raising.

In November 2017, The Friends of Chaddesden Park carried out a consultation to find out what the users of the park wanted most from the park and what improvements could be made. The consensus was that users wanted an area for exercise and some outdoor fitness equipment.

Following the consultation, The Friends of Chaddesden Park, alongside Derby City Council's Parks team - Derby Parks, raised funding for an outdoor gym on the park which is now located opposite the play area. Seven pieces of fitness equipment have been added to the park including a cross-trainer and pull up bars. Funders for the project were Coop local causes, Chaddesden Neighbourhood board, Derby Homes, Derby Parks, Wilmot, Gilbert and Berrysford Charity and the friends group.

### **Derby submits its bid to become UK City of Culture**

Derby Jazz, Museum and Art Gallery, Museum of Making at Derby Silk Mill, Derby Theatre, QUAD, Sinfonia Viva and EMCCAN have all made invaluable contributions to the bid both financially and culturally.

However, it's not just local organisations that have been supporting the bid. Ambassadors from the arts, industry, sport and education, based in the city and wider region, have also pledged their support for the city. These include award-winning actress Molly Windsor; musician, writer, actor and director Dr John Tams; Baby J from Baby People; Derby County Football player Max Bird; Nisha Nath, chair of Surtal Arts; Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire Elizabeth Fothergill; Dean Jackson, founder and CEO of HUUB, and Tracey Harrison from the Safe and Sound charity. The most recent bid supporter is Derby-born, critically acclaimed actor Jack O'Connell.

Similarly, the Culture Derby 2025 sign has been touring Derby showcasing the teams supporting the bid, as well as the key locations contributing to the city's culture. These include Derby Arena, Derbion, Kedleston Hall and many more. These images, along with other Culture Derby 2025 campaigns can be seen on social media by searching the hashtags #CultureDerby2025 and #CityofCulture2025.

Looking ahead from the final bid submission, the Government's Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) will choose four finalists who will make up the short list. Each of the four finalists will then be visited by judges. The final winner is expected to be announced in late Spring 2022, who will take the title of the UK City of Culture 2025. The current holder of the UK City of Culture 2021 is Coventry who was declared the winner in 2017.

### **East Midlands council leaders consider options for new devolved powers and resources**

The leaders of Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council have released a joint statement about options for devolution.

"It follows the publication of the Government's Levelling Up White Paper in which local leaders were invited to put forward a vision for improved services. If approved, authorities would be granted greater powers and more funding from Westminster, to improve services and the lives of communities and residents.

It is clear the Government's Levelling Up White Paper offers real opportunities for much needed investment in our region. We were pleased to be named in the White Paper as Cities and Counties which are ready for devolution of essential powers and resources, to help level up our places and economies.

It is important we consider all options and garner wide support. We have met to consider the options available to us, and there have been initial discussions between senior council officers and Government officials. It is too early to say where these discussions will lead.

We have made it clear that we are open to joint working, because we can see how collaboration between us and with our partners could bring significant benefits to local people. It is clear that the East Midlands has not had its fair share of government funding for a number of years, so it is important that we explore every avenue to address this issue."

### **Recommendation**

To note this report.