

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 now 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 received a query about the online form link on the Rights of way - maintenance and enforcement web page, only being relevant to roads. This is being investigated but in the meantime the customer services email address and the Streetpride contact number have been added to the web page.

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. Some things are on hold but will continue later this year. There are no ongoing applications for definitive map modification orders. The Council is currently processing several public path order applications.

Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP 2)

It is hoped to explore ideas for the next Derby City RoWIP with the City and County RoWIP joint subgroup later in the year.

Path Schemes Update

City Centre to Wyvern Cycleway. The cycleway will provide a continuous route between the city centre and the Wyvern Retail Park as well as offer better access to Spondon. The second phase of works adjacent Chequers Road is ongoing.

Sinfin Moor Park Permissive Bridleway. The proposed permissive circular horse-riding route will connect Sinfin Moor Lane with the park. It is hoped that consultations with local park users and horse riders can be resumed later this year.

Derwent Valley Cycleway. The proposed cycleway scheme will link Haslams Lane, Derby and Little Eaton village. The scheme is progressing.

Allestree Hall

The Council is in the process of completing the sale of the historic Allestree Hall. There will be no restrictions to public access outside of the curtilage of the Hall itself. There is no further information on the future of the Allestree Park Golf Course beyond the previous council statement that the course would be converted into parkland.

Derby Public Space Protection Order

Derby has introduced a new city-wide dog fouling specific PSPO which will include two conditions:

Firstly, it would be an offence for a person in charge of a dog not to remove faeces if their dog defecates on any land.

Secondly, that a person in charge of a dog should be able to produce a device for, or other suitable means of removing dog faeces and transporting it to a bin, whether or not the dog has defecated. In practical terms, this means Public Protection Officers will be able to ask residents who are walking their dogs if they have 'means of disposal' (dog waste bags) for any dog waste.

In both cases, this is unless permission was granted or the person had received an exemption.

Anyone found not complying with conditions in the order could be subject to an on the spot fine of up to £100, reduced to £75 if paid within 10 days.

The order has been in force since the end of April.

A letter sent by the Secretary of DADLAF to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire, has requested that the forum be consulted on all PSPOs in the county and be regarded as a helpful source in highlighting such orders.

From the Council Newsroom

Cycle Derby's Active Travel Tour began last month. The tour will run over the coming weeks and promote exercise and mental wellbeing in schools across the city and inspire schoolchildren to be the very best that they can be. The Cycle Derby team will be joined by top cyclists, Leigh Timmis and Danny Butler.

An Active Travel Map for Derby was launched at the beginning of this year and can be downloaded free from the Cycle Derby website.

<https://www.cyclederby.co.uk/pages/cycle-routes-maps>

The Council's Grounds Maintenance teams took part in the '**No Mow May**' **campaign** led by Plantlife, the conservation charity, last month and reduced their amount of mowing, allowing areas of grass in city parks, open spaces and highway verges to bloom with wildflowers. The aim of the campaign is to boost the availability of pollen and nectar for pollinating insects such as bees and butterflies.

The **Beat the Street** game finished last month. 164 schools, charities and community and workplace teams took part. 28,227 individual players participated and covered a total of 234,379 miles by foot, bicycle and scooter.

Recommendation

To note this report.