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Meeting: **Leicestershire Local Access Forum**

Date/Time: **Tuesday, 29th November 2016 at 5.30 pm**

Location: **Guthlaxton Committee Room, County Hall, Glenfield.**

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Membership

Mr. Terry Kirby (Chairman)

Ms. V. Allen	Mr. J. Howells
Ms. H. Brown	Mr. J. Law
Mrs. R. Camamile CC	Mrs. A. Pyper
Mr. R. Denney	Mr. B. Sutton
Mr. C. Faircliffe	Mr. P. Tame
Mr. M. Gamble	Mr. S. Warren
Mr. A. Hillier-Fry	

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Minutes of a meeting of the Leicestershire Local Access Forum held at County Hall, Glenfield on Monday, 4 July 2016.

PRESENT

Mr. T. Kirby (in the Chair)

Ms. V. Allen	Mr. A. Hillier-Fry
Ms. H. Brown	Mr. J. Howells
Mrs. R. Camamile CC	Mrs. A. Pyper
Mr. R. Denney	Mr. B. Sutton
Mr. C. Faircliffe	Mr. S. Warren
Mr. M. Gamble	

34. Welcome by Chairperson and apologies received.

The Chairman welcomed all those present and advised that apologies had been received from Paul Tame and John Law.

35. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27th April 2016 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

36. To advise of any items which the Chairperson has agreed to take as urgent.

The Chairman agreed to take three items as urgent, two of which would be taken elsewhere on the agenda.

The Forum was advised that there had been an accident involving a horse and rider over a bridge at Newbold Verdon which had involved the fire service to remove a horse trapped on a bridge as a result of poor signage and maintenance. It was felt that this could be avoided if farmers had been paid to maintain paths such as these.

The Forum was advised that the cyclical cuts programme had been revised to focus reduced funding on those routes that most benefited the public. A current consultation paper, A Roads to Zebra Crossings may be an opportunity to raise other parties becoming involved. It was felt that the landowners would be better placed to cut the grass if they had the support from the County Council.

37. Declarations of interest.

The Forum received an outline of what declarations of interests were and the different types of interests used by the County Council. Those present were invited to make any declarations in respect of items on the agenda.

No declarations were received.

38. Reports from committees and working groups.

The Forum received updates from the committees and working groups. A copy of the reports, marked 'Agenda Item 5', are filed with these minutes.

Arising from discussion the following points were raised:-

- (i). A report was circulated to members which outlined the outcomes of the Watermead Stakeholders meeting. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes. A follow-up meeting was scheduled for the 13th July which anyone was welcome to attend;
- (ii). Due to changes in the nature of current planning applications from when the generic planning advice was first agreed by the Forum, it was felt that it would be necessary to update the generic advice. An updated version was circulated to members and is filed with these minutes;
- (iii). The Forum agreed that subject to a couple of changes, the updated planning advice was reflective of the views of the Forum and was agreed. It was felt that it would be beneficial to strengthen the remarks regarding multi-user rights of way which should be promoted as widely as possible;
- (iv). The Verges Committee had not met for some time, and it was felt that it was becoming increasingly important to arrange a meeting. Vicky Allen agreed to organise a meeting in the next ten weeks.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the updated generic planning advice be agreed;
- b) That the updates from the committees and working groups be noted.

39. Reports from representatives on outside bodies.

The Forum received updates from Forum members who sat on outside bodies. A copy of the reports, marked 'Agenda Item 6', are filed with these minutes.

Arising from discussion the following points were raised:-

- (i). The latest meeting with the Heart of the Forest Access and Connectivity Forum had been a positive meeting, and those present had been updated on progress with new access schemes. There was also an update on the Black to Green initiative;
- (ii). The next EMLAF Chairs meeting was in September in Nottingham. It was suggested that signage and lost ways be discussed at the meeting to see what other Forums were doing. In addition to this it was felt that sustainable routes and diversion was an important issue due to recent flooding washing away paths and bridges;

- (iii). It was confirmed that the Natural and Historic Environment Partnership had been replaced by the Local Nature Partnership. However there were no meetings yet organised for this and there was no indication if a future meeting would be organised.

RESOLVED:

That the updates from representatives on outside bodies be noted.

40. Public Space Protection Orders and Officer Contact Update (Edwin McWilliam).

The Forum received a verbal update on the use of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs). Arising from discussion the following points were raised:-

- (i). The Forum was advised that PSPOs were used in a number of ways, and had been formed as a means for preventing anti-social behaviour;
- (ii). In Leicestershire they had been used in a variety of ways including restrictions during certain times of the day. Generally it was accepted that the organisation requesting a PSPO would have the means of enforcing it;
- (iii). There have been some attempts to enforce district-wide PSPOs such as those related to dogs.

41. Unrecorded Ways.

The Forum considered the next steps for the Unrecorded Ways projects and ways in which routes could be prioritised.

It was felt that the Forum would benefit from establishing a standalone committee to look at Unrecorded Ways, which up until now had fallen under the remit of the Network Opportunities Group.

The next stages of the Unrecorded Ways project would include looking at where the networks were missing by looking at Parish maps. To do this work, the Ramblers Association had agreed to match any funding for the project, and welcomed other organisations who use rights of way to contribute to the project.

It moved by Roy Denney, and seconded by Terry Kirby, that an Unrecorded Ways Committee be established with Stan Warren as the Chairman.

The Forum unanimously agreed to establish the Unrecorded Ways Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Unrecorded Ways Committee be established.

42. Items of Correspondence.

The Forum considered the items of correspondence sent a received since the previous meeting. A copy of the correspondence, marked 'Agenda Item 9', is filed with these minutes.

RESOLVED:

That the items of correspondence be noted.

43. Website and Google Group.

The Forum received a demonstration of the new Leicestershire Local Access Forum website, and was invited to submit any comments it had regarding the new website.

Members were advised that previously a more comprehensive description of members and their interests had been circulated with the hope of adding this to the website. It was hoped that this could be updated and added to the website.

Members were advised that the quality of the website generally had little effect on those joining the Forum owing to the recent expressions of interest. Large numbers of membership interest was primarily driven by active recruitment campaigns should the Forum fall below the statutory amount of ten members.

44. Circulation List.

The Forum considered the circulation list which had been used for some time now which alerted officers when an agenda had been published, and requested that it be forwarded to members to allow them to add interested officers to the circulation list.

45. Accessing old submissions.

The Forum discussed the issue of accessing previously submitted advice and responses to consultation, which at present was not available on the website. Members of the Forum suggested that officers look into ways a database of advice and statements submitted be maintained centrally.

46. Orders update (Edwin McWilliam).

The Forum considered the latest updates on the public path modification orders. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 13', is filed with these minutes.

Definitive Map Modification Orders varied in the amount of time it took to go through to the consultation process.

It was clarified that diversion of bridleway G67 was to allow for horse paddocks.

RESOLVED:

That the orders update be noted.

47. Any other items which the Chairperson has decided to take as urgent.

The Forum was advised that the County Council would shortly be launching consultation on its highways maintenance which would be of significant interest to members. As the end of the consultation period was before the next meeting, it was suggested that a meeting be arranged at the end of August to discuss the consultation document and to formulate a response from the Forum.

RESOLVED:

That a meeting be arranged to consider the 'A Roads to Zebras' consultation.

48. Dates of future meetings and diary for 2017.

The Forum considered a draft list of dates of future meetings. A copy of the list, marked 'Agenda Item 15', is filed with these minutes.

It was agreed that the Network Opportunities meeting in September take place on Tuesday 27th September and the meeting in February 2017 take place on Tuesday 7th February.

RESOLVED:

That the provisional future meeting dates be noted.

5.30 - 7.35 pm
04 July 2016

CHAIRMAN

REPORTS FOR NOV 2016 LAF MEETING

PLANNING AND TRAVEL COMMITTEE REPORT (Chairman - Roy Denney)

We have had two meetings with Charnwood Officers and consultants working on long term strategic plans to regenerate Thurmaston turning the focus towards Watermead Park. The maps will be available at the meeting and we will expand on the conclusions to date. Three of us attended the first consultation meeting and two the second and we particularly suggested the need for better access and linkage, promotion, advertising and visitor facilities. This will lead to a new long term local planning policy.

We continue to monitor the Network rail crossings situation and await developments re HS2. We have submitted our views into a new Railways Strategy for Leicestershire and await the outcome. One of the committee attended a consultation meeting with Network Rail in Market Harborough with plans for a footbridge at Little Bowden on display and a planning application has now been lodged for a stepped bridge as they cannot come up with anything better. The Forum sent in a response re Little Bowden pointing out that we did not accept that the crossing was dangerous and that it should not be closed but reserving judgement on the bridge on offer as there were mixed views in the committee. The number of steps involved make it unsuitable for many users but some members thought that it was better than nothing and if opposed we may just get a long and dangerous diversion. Members were asked to make their own submissions. They acknowledged that data does reflect that a ramped bridge would be optimal, but Network Rail does not have the land available to build such a structure. Network Rail has already reached local homeowner agreement to secure the additional land required to build the proposed stepped option only. A stepped solution is programmed to be operational within 12 months from the planning application being permitted. Land agreement has not been achieved for a ramped bridge. It could take 3-5 years to obtain a Transport and Works Act order, significantly increasing the cost of the scheme to the tax payer and it would result in the compulsory purchase of the home of local residents. This house would have to be demolished to create the large ramped structure. They are adamant that there is no safe signalling solution. There are also plans for line realignment in Market Harborough itself which will impact on rights of way

We have fed our suggestions into the North West Leicestershire DC District Plan and the Charnwood Local Plan and await the next steps in this process

We have engaged with Blaby DC and the developers of the Lubbethorpe development on the rights of way, public transport and open spaces elements of the scheme and are monitoring developments.

We have submitted opinions on two national consultations, The Future of Parks and Rural Tourism.

We have also commented on the outline planning application for the major Broadnook development and have responded to a number of local consultations, the Leicestershire & Leicester Strategic Growth Plan and the Highways consultation A to Zebra included

CHARNWOOD FOREST STEERING GROUP

John Howells and I attended the first meeting moving the group in the new direction. This main group will now probably only meet twice a year and there will still be a stakeholders meeting annually. We see a role for us on the Environment Working Group and the Tourism Working Group which will include sport and recreation and John Howells and I may take one each, covering for each other. We may get involved in others depending on matters they are covering. I also have a role on the Development Group trying to ensure this happens.

The other major issue was the appointment of a coordinator to prepare a new lottery bid. He was jointly funded by County, the Districts and the National Forest. I have taken him for a whistle stop tour of the area to take the opportunity to press our desires and he is to attend our next meeting to put members in the picture.

We have made suggestions to him of possible desirable additional links by footpaths within the CF area and John Law has a dialogue with him on footpaths for all

Roy Denney Representative

LOCAL NATURE PARTNERSHIP

This body has not met. A large group of LNPs are engaged with DEFRA discussing the future of these bodies which cannot see a way forward without funding.

Roy Denney Representative

NATIONAL FOREST ACCESS & RECREATION GROUP

The National Forest is celebrating its first 25 years and has successfully shown that a healthy natural environment can stimulate economic growth and regenerate whole communities. They have been pioneering new approaches and promoting innovation and the challenge of the next 25 years is to move on as a now fairly mature forest in a different financial climate. The first step along this road was taken last spring when they became a charitable trust.

8.5 million trees have been planted; forest cover has more than tripled; we have miles of new paths, bridleways and cycleways and the 75 mile NF Trail. Over 200 hectares of new wildlife friendly habitat has been created; nearly 100km of new hedgerows and 150 ponds

They are now running a consultation for individuals to say what they think and if members wish to comment they should visit : nationalforest.org/mynationalforest

Roy Denney Representative

NETWORK OPPORTUNITIES REPORT FOR**29/11/16 LAF MEETING****1. COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL****Access to the countryside for the disabled**

We are working with the Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living, the Mid and South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAFs to train people to become Accessibility Ambassadors, for parks, green open spaces and the countryside. Details can be found in the Accessibility Ambassadors for parks, green open spaces and the countryside report, which is with this report. We are currently looking for expressions of interest from the disabled and their carers in becoming accessibility ambassadors. This will be advertised at various events for the disabled throughout the three counties.

Dementia Inclusive Walks

The first quarterly report for the Shire Community Solutions grant has been completed and submitted to Leicestershire County Council, a copy is also with this report. Dementia Adventure are currently setting up training dates with districts. A number of different organisations have been contacted to recruit volunteers. We will shortly be working on a press release with Leicestershire County Council to attract volunteers and promote the sensory strolls.

Choice Unlimited

Whilst the date for the Leicester Choice Unlimited has not been announced, it is expected to be in April. With the need to promote the Accessibility Ambassadors project and Dementia Inclusive Sensory Strolls, it would be useful to have a stand at this event representing the Leicestershire LAF. This poses two questions:

Dependant on date, who from the LAF will be able to attend this event?

Can Leicestershire County Council fund the stand?

2. HIGHER LEVEL STEWARDSHIP

The South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF will be examining the results of the consultations 26th October 2016. It is expected that the outcome of those consultations will be announced in November 2016

Ex Co-op Farms routes

A meeting is to be arranged with the Wellcome Trust to encourage the Trust to continue to provide permissive access. This meeting will not take place until the outcome of the above consultations have been discussed at the next Leicestershire LAF meeting.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

We were notified of our successful application to the Shire Community Solutions fund in May 2016 and received the first grant payment in June. During the first 6 months we have completed the following actions;

Links made with following organisations:

Charnwood Borough Council
 Melton Borough Council
 Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
 Oadby & Wigston Borough Council
 Harborough District Council
 Blaby District Council
 North West Leicestershire District Council
 Age UK Leicestershire & Rutland
 Bradgate Park Trust
 Leicester Centre for Integrated Living
 Walking for Health - Leicester

Local councillor progress updates: Two councillors with portfolios including Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing & the Mental Health Champion have been updated with progress. Councillor from Blaby District Council, Harborough District Council, Rutland County Council

Liaison with volunteering organisations:

Voluntary Action Leicestershire - Coordination with VALonline to produce profiles for volunteer opportunities and specific local volunteer training opportunities with local partners

Melton training: <https://do-it.org/opportunities/65424493-aaa4-46bf-a608-1fa6e6c12dce>

Dementia Adventure organisation profile <https://do-it.org/organisations/dementia-adventure>

Other groups approached & materials produced for distribution re volunteer recruitment/interest in training upskilling:

John Storer House - Charnwood
 Alzheimer's Society – Leicestershire & Rutland
 Womens Institute
 Royal Voluntary Service
 Dementia Friends Regional Office
 BMC Mountain training

7 coordination meetings taken place with 9 organisations

3 training dates booked – (one delivered) see below

Promotion & marketing of materials:

- Production of volunteer role description flyer for distribution at events and online mailings
- Production of list of organisations to contact re recruiting volunteers
- Production of mini Power point presentation to use with local groups/memory cafes

- Production of flyer promoting Melton Mowbray training – Melton Borough Council/Dementia Adventure
- Promotion of project through Leicestershire Dementia Action Alliance highlighting opportunities for involvement
- Promotion of project at Rutland Choice Unlimited event 19.10.16 Rutland
- Explored opportunities with Radio Leicestershire

TRAINING SESSIONS

Training sessions completed

4.10.16 Training Melton Offices – Melton Borough Council (14 places) Walk location –Wilton Park & Melton Mowbray Country Park – delivered

Training sessions confirmed

23.2.17 – Training at Sport in Desford – Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (14 places) – Walk location: Argents Mead, Hinckley

1.3.17 – Training at Council Offices, Loughborough – Charnwood Borough Council – Walk location Queens Park, Loughborough

Action from training:

Melton Borough Council 4.10.16 training – 5 attended training including two staff from MBC. Two volunteers offered to support dementia inclusive walks one in Long Clawson village, the other in Wilton Park Melton Mowbray. Kath Pyke (DA) also contacted attendee who supports adult groups with learning difficulties re outside opportunities for target groups. 1 x volunteer will incorporate learning into beginner's health walks in Melton Mowbray. One attendee has also committed to incorporate the training into their Dementia Friends Train the Trainer scheme.



Melton Borough Council - Sensory walks training 4.10.16 Wilton Park, Melton Mowbray

PRESS COVERAGE

We successfully achieved press coverage in:

- The Leicester Mercury: <http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/charity-helping-set-up-walks-for-dementia-sufferers-in-leicestershire/story-29451802-detail/story.html>
- Pressat: <http://www.pressat.co.uk/releases/dementia-inclusive-walks-are-coming-to-leicestershire-5b6c60c0bc7da7a75e02fc18e04eb9d6/>
- PressReader - Hinckley Times: 2016-07-20 - Partner call for dementia www.pressreader.com/uk/hinckley-times/20160720/281981786938513
- Dementia Adventure social media pages – regular promotion of training & volunteer opportunities for the Inclusive walks programme on Twitter

All organisations have shared on their social media pages

ISSUES IDENTIFIED & LEARNING

As discussed with Andy Hayes at the end of October, we are unlikely to hit targets in terms of the number of volunteers trained due to the issues identified below. The issues identified have provided us with some key learning for the future. We now expect to train a maximum of 50 volunteers (target originally 105) throughout the full programme, but anticipate that the people trained will go on to set up dementia inclusive activities and therefore have a significant impact on people living with dementia in Leicestershire. This has been evidenced through the training session in Melton which has already led to a commitment to support dementia friendly walks and other activities.

Main issues identified;

- Capacity and cuts within Local authorities. Walks programmes managers with local councils have had funding and posts reduced. Consequent increase in work load has reduced capacity and resources to support start of new walks programme.
- Local authorities no longer have dedicated staff roles for volunteer support and coordination. This translates to difficulty in recruiting and managing volunteers due to capacity and resource constraints.
- Changes in retirement age and benefits schemes puts additional constraints on numbers of volunteers available. Organisations are asking more of their volunteers and conscious of overloading. Viewed as a scarce commodity. VAL online has hundreds of unfilled volunteer role descriptions.

We would be very happy to provide further information and support to Leicestershire County Council's learning in funding and delivering programmes of this nature that rely on volunteer commitment and partnership working so improvements can be made for future agreements.

PLANS FOR NEXT QUARTER

We will continue to work with partners to implement spring training and walks programmes and liaise with the other identified interested parties to gain commitment to training. We will also continue to build contacts with dementia support organisations to help promote the activities.

We will continue to promote with volunteer recruitment agencies already contacted including Voluntary Action Leicestershire and will source new opportunities to recruit volunteers such as through Voluntary Action South Leicestershire.

As agreed with Andy Hayes, we will continue to target the district councils and other identified as our

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top targets above. However, due to the issues identified with the district councils, we will also consider the following avenues;

- Linking with Share & Care Dementia Cafe based in Lutterworth
- Speaking to Sarah Carter at LCC who is responsible for finding volunteering opportunities for LCC employees.

We will continue to promote the programme through;

- A press release has been drafted to promote the scheme and highlights volunteer recruitment (to be release November).
- Coordinate project publicity and information needs and materials County wide
- Publicise with Leicester Mercury and Mirror news group training dates and start of walks programmes
- Newsletter article for national Dementia Adventure mailing
- Explore photo opportunities for first walks
- Utilise Dementia Adventure website and social media channels.

We will review progress at intervals and if numbers are still an issue, we could consider contacting the following organisations to gauge interest in volunteer training;

- Wildlife Trusts
- Green space organisations (Bradgate Park Trust, Leicestershire County Council Countryside Parks services).
- Royal Voluntary Service
- Directly organising our own local volunteer training event and recruiting volunteers to attend (rather than going through a district council to organise)

ANY OTHER COMMENTS

The Shire Community Solutions Fund, in its first funding phase has been crucial in building partnerships, information, contacts and support in the implementation phase of the programme and particularly helpful to this stage of project start up.

In addition we are very pleased with the profile and support that this named grant provides in promoting this project.

Kath Pyke – Project Leader Dementia Adventure

John Law – Network Opportunities Chair – Leicestershire Local Access Forum

LLAF Unrecorded Ways Sub-Committee

Meeting held on August 24th 2016 in Goscote Committee Room, County Hall

MINUTES

Those Present: Jim Storer, Mike Gamble, Vicky Allen, Roy Denney, Heather Brown, Allen Francis, Heather Brown, Ken Brockway, Clive Fennell, Nigel Vincent, Chris Faircliffe, Alex Pyper, Piers Lindley (LCC), Stan Warren (Chair)

1. Welcome and Introductions

SW welcomed all to the first meeting of the Unrecorded Ways Sub-Committee (previously Working Group), and each person present briefly introduced themselves to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Received from John Howells, John Law, Paul Tame

3. Minutes of Last Meeting of Unrecorded Ways Working Group

Notes from the final meeting of the Working Group had been circulated prior to the meeting, and were reviewed for progress on actions decided then.

4. Matters arising not otherwise on the Agenda

4.1 JS had supplied gpx images of the higher category routes to PL.

4.2 JH has reviewed slides from BHS Training and considered them appropriate.

4.3 Routes at East Norton and Loddington added to Priority 1 list

4.4 All routes in Coleorton added to Priority 1 list.

5. Current situation

SW summarised that we had two main spreadsheets at the moment:

a) a list of almost 3000 non-definitive routes, categorised by type, and all mapped by JS. No public benefit test had yet been applied. This obviously far too great a number to ask volunteers to research in depth, and further priority tests need to be applied. Further routes may yet be found as research continues.

b) a list of potential evidence gathered from on-line searches of the Leics. CRO and Kew NA on-line catalogues. Not all the CRO records are yet on-line, and new acquisitions occur regularly, so apparent lack of evidence at this time should not prejudice flagging a route as high priority for research.

To assist volunteers, JS has developed a pro-forma of likely sources to act as a checklist for findings.

6. Ways Forward (experiences from Notts, Northants and Sussex)

Both Sussex and Northants have around the same no. Of active DMMO applications outstanding as Leics., but admit that none have resulted directly from their current research. Notts have far more, and this is largely due to one dedicated RA volunteer. Sussex and Northants have experienced difficulties in attracting volunteers from user groups, and are looking to historical societies and other special interest groups. They both regard the Inland Revenue 1910 returns as key evidence, and Northants also refer to the OS Boundary Sketch maps and Object Name Books. Sussex emphasise the need to focus on routes of public benefit, and suggest alternative approaches to getting a route recognised – asking the landowner to dedicate, or getting it added to the List of Streets. The key points arising from a general discussion on the way forward were as follows:

PL stated that waiting for the much delayed statutory guidelines on the Deregulation Act should not inhibit research – only the process will change, not the evidence required to support a claim.

MG offered his Project Management expertise to suggest how should move from the ‘looking for routes’ stage to the co-ordination of volunteers doing in depth research. SW to supply more detailed information on the current state of play.

RD, SW and JS will be attending an RA seminar in Birmingham on October 5th, hopefully to gain further insight into ways of tackling the issues involved.

VA emphasised that we are looking for unrecorded higher rights as well as unrecorded routes.

From previous discussions on high priority routes and potentially ‘hot’ parishes, SW to draw up a list of the first tranche of high-priority routes to be researched, with a view to displaying these on maps at the next meeting and further refining it. Further additions to this list invited.

Ideally we should aim for a ‘quick win’, based on strong evidence and public need. PL emphasised that DMMO claims are rarely not objected to by the landowner affected. Routes currently well-used should have lower priority, as a claim based on usage is not affected by the cut-off date.

7. Funding Volunteer Research and Fund Management

Three User Groups have pledged a total of up to £1 per annum to support ongoing research. It is anticipated that this will be largely required for travel expenses, photography permits, photocopying and purchase of digital copies of documents from the National Archive. As all the groups are registered charities with strict guidelines on accounting practices, it was agreed that the fund would best be administered by an independent body. RD to resume discussions with LCC on whether they are able to provide this service. The BHS has separate funding available to aid research claims into higher rights on existing definitive routes, although this should not preclude LLAF funds being used for this aim.

8. Sources of Evidence

The key primary evidence is lodged at Leics CRO and Kew National Archive.

LCC also hold useful evidence at County Hall, including Highway Maintenance Handover Records, Parish Returns for the Definitive Map, and records of tribunals arising from appeals against the Draft Definitive Map. These can be inspected at any time by prior arrangement. PL agreed to arrange an overview for interested LLAFF Sub-Committee members at prior to the next meeting on September 29th at 1400.

PL suggested Railway and Canal Acts are good evidence showing paths, and researching these may appeal to volunteers with special interest in transport.

Other sources which can be checked for potential routes without travelling are:

Cassini Map Reprints – SW has a full set for Leicestershire

The Village Atlas – SW and VA have copies

National Library of Scotland website

Public libraries identified as having a Local Studies Collection are as follows:

Coalville SW to check

Hinckley AF to check

Loughborough VA to check

Market Harborough AP to check

Melton Mowbray

Oadby SW to check

Wigston SW to check.

Need to check whether any original material relating to footpaths is held (not commercial OS maps or publications), and assess potential usefulness – this may lead to other sources.

9. Attracting volunteers

It was agreed that we should not engage volunteers until we have a clear view of tasks available, and some methodology in place. Concern was expressed that we may have already disengaged volunteers because of this situation.

Many of the actions described above could be divided into 'bite-size' tasks, which would not require in depth research. A list of such tasks should be compiled as soon as possible – input invited.

AP agreed to co-ordinate the collection of contact details for local history groups, etc. KB has information which he will supply to AP.

The principal local user groups (RA, LFA, and LRBA) to continue to give the project a high profile in Newsletters and on Websites.

It was agreed that a Volunteer Event should be organised early next year, possibly at County Hall, to give a clear overview of the project and discuss in detail the opportunities available.

Every attempt should be made to give volunteers tasks associated by location or interest with their personal wishes.

10. OpenStreetMap

OpenStreetMap is a free to use mapping tool and database moderated by volunteers. SW is now a registered user, and has commenced adding all routes in our Category 12 (List of Streets Publicly Maintained Routes) to the map. It is not a statement of status. It is felt that by adding these routes, public awareness of their existence, and potentially usage, will be increased. KB reinforced the view that it is primarily for clearly defined visible routes, and cannot be used for 'potential' routes which may be disputed.

11. Arrangements for next meeting (September 29th)

SW will not be available for this meeting. RD agreed to chair. The possibility of electing a Vice-Chairman was discussed, but not pursued.

The meeting will be at County Hall, commencing at 1430, but interested members can have an overview of the records held pertaining to Rights of Way at 1400.

12. Any Other Business

AP had sought clarification of the name of the group – it was confirmed that it is now the LLAU Unrecorded Ways Sub-Committee. Any reference to 'Lost Ways' should be avoided if at all possible.

The meeting closed at 1550.

Next Meeting on Thursday September 29th at 1430 in County Hall (Room to be confirmed)



**HEART OF THE FOREST FORUM
ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY WORKING GROUP
NOTES OF MEETING HELD 22 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Present:	Bethan Scragg (BS)	-	National Forest Company
	Edwin McWilliam (EM)	-	Leicestershire County Council
	Tim Crump (TC)	-	Differentia
	Steve Pardue (SP)	-	Differentia
	Steve Palmer (SPa)	-	Local resident
	Graham Morrison (GM)	-	HoFF Trail Network
	Mike Ballantyne (MB)	-	National Forest Charitable Trust & HoFF
	Pat Thomas (PT)	-	Ashby Woulds Town Council
	Roger Poole (RP)	-	Local resident
	Mary Holland (MH)	-	BHS/LRBA
	Richard Dyason (RD)	-	ODA Parish Council
	Shawn Brotherhood (SB)	-	Sustrans
	Vicky Allen (VA)	-	LRBA
	Graham Knight (GK)	-	Moira Replan & HoFF

Apologies: Roy Denney, Lynne Pass, John Howells, Terry Kirby, Alan Dowell, Andy Cranch, Zoe Sewter, Richard Groves, Gail Archer.

1. Welcome from the Chair

1.1 EM welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the main focus of today's meeting would be the Orientation and Interpretation Plan (OIP) work.

2. Notes of the last meeting

2.1 The notes of the meeting held 20 June 2016 were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Cycleway – Hicks Lodge to Moira

NWLDC have confirmed that funding for the route from the old print works to Moira Furnace swing bridge is in place and that LCC is intending to carry out the works this financial year. The route has had to be slightly amended to reflect a recent planning application for housing bordering the path.

3.2 It is hoped that the multi user route through the new development at Moira will link with the new route. However, PT pointed out that there has been problems with flooding on this site and so no deadline for completion has been firmly agreed yet.

3.3 Village Hall Moira to Maybury Wood Link

PT had nothing new to add regarding this link.

3.4 MB requested that the future of the underpass at Reservoir Hill be put on the next

meeting's agenda. GK added that this should also be added to the priority list.

4. Orientation and Interpretation Plan

- 4.1 TC and SP talked through a presentation on their thinking for the OIP work so far and invited comments from the group.
- 4.2 RP would like to see the industrial archaeology celebrated as part of this work. He mentioned that extraction companies now work more sympathetically, with conservation in mind, than they did many years ago. We were very lucky with Hicks Lodge to have good people who were environmentally considerate and protected the small clump of woodland whilst quarrying works were being carried out there.
- 4.3 VA cautioned not to bury clues from the past amongst the trees.
- 4.5 RP highlighted that Geoff Pursglove has written a book about the Ashby Canal which could be a useful source of information and photographs.
- 4.6 RP suggested obtaining photographs and maps of the underground roads and surface areas and laying them on top of each other to show the locations. A model could also be made showing the different seams at each mine. TC agreed that this is a good idea for the future, but would not form part of the OIP project at the present time.
- 4.7 SB enquired if there will be links on where to find more information. SP replied that a leaflet will also be produced which will give more information than the interpretation signs.
- 4.8 The history of the canal at Oakthorpe should also be included (lime was received from Ticknall and sent out from Oakthorpe), as well as the mining history. SP reiterated that any additional ideas, outside of this current project, could be written into the masterplan for future consideration.
- 4.9 All liked the idea of using the miner's nicknames and thought that it helped to bring the stories alive. GK also mentioned that the village of Moira was named after the Irish Earl of Moira, as he owned the land.
- 4.10 VA was concerned that a lot of visitors may not look for further information and so questioned if there should be more information available on the signage. Not everyone agreed with this and thought that the signage should provide an introduction to the area for visitors and then they could go away and find out more if they wanted to. BS commented that there are already some information boards in place around the Heart of the Forest area, so the new ones would be enhancing and building on this existing information. MH thought that the images would attract people first and then they would stop to read any information that they were interested in.
- 4.11 RP has lots of photographs showing Hicks Lodge as a working quarry. He would be happy to use these to form a collage that can then compare what Hicks Lodge looks like now.

- 4.12 It was questioned if the proposed location by the lake at Hicks Lodge was right for placing the signage. Andy Cranch from the Forestry Commission will be able to advise on this.
- 4.13 SP mentioned that the design of the waymarkers and finger posts need to be considered, as some will have to comply with county council regulations. VA said that each post and marker should clearly show who can use the route.
- 4.14 SP asked if everyone thought that the locations and interpretation proposed was okay to proceed with. The next step is to produce a map showing the hubs and associated themes (i.e. the type of information you'll see at each hub). This group can then help to feed in stories for each hub.
- 4.15 SP mentioned that discs could be incorporated into the design for each hub and these could be adapted into a kit to take into schools to help form workshops for the children.
- 4.16 RP mentioned Mrs Cotton and approaching her to assist with the incorporating of a viewpoint disc on her land showing the area's landmarks. Funding could come from elsewhere.
- 4.17 Each member of the group was given the opportunity to add any other thoughts and memories that could be included in the interpretation.
- 4.18 EM would like to have the clay pipe industry, the clay and coal dust which was prevalent in the area and 'drops' (caused by mining subsidence) included in the interpretation too.
- 4.19 VA recalled the smell of coal fires whilst horse riding through Blackfordby in the 1980's.
- 4.20 MH would like to have modern horse symbols on the signage as well as old pit pony images.
- 4.21 RD would like to include how the Industrial Revolution started and its strong links with this area. He'd also like to mention the ancient history too.
- 4.22 GM commented that the lake at Willesley Wood had appeared overnight, due to subsidence. He thought photographs of Hicks Lodge (now and then) would give a powerful sense of the landscape transformation that has taken place.
- 4.23 SP suggested having benches with a name of a local miner on each. SP liked this idea very much, but highlighted that there is no budget for benches at the present time. Again this is something that could be put forward for future consideration.
- 4.24 PT mentioned that the wooden steps by the bridge near Poplar Avenue are original. She also remembers the smell of smoke.
- 4.25 MB commented that gardeners used to report that they could grow really good, big vegetables and put it down to 'underground heating'.

- 4.26 MB also said that there is a need to check for photographs of pit ponies at the South Derbyshire collieries as he had been unable to locate any in the past.
- 4.27 SB thought that this project is a wonderful opportunity to tell the stories to a new generation and leave a memorable impression for the future.
- 4.28 GK commented that the mining community were a 'family' and very close knit, looking out for each other.
- 4.29 He also thought that there is a story to tell which highlights the 200 years it took to scar the landscape through mining and how it has taken only 25 years to restore it.

5. Any other business

- 5.1 RP suggested celebrating the 25th anniversary of The National Forest by producing badges which people can buy.
- 5.2 EM asked that the maps of the themes for each hub be circulated to the group before the next meeting, so that they had a chance to consider them and forward any comments.
- 5.3 EM concluded the meeting and thanked everyone for their contributions.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2.00pm on Thursday 8 December



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER SOAR AND GRAND UNION CANAL
PARTNERSHIP**

**WEDNESDAY 27th July 2016 AT 10.00AM
Abbey Pumping Station, LEICESTER.**

Present:

Sir Peter Soulsby (PS), Leicester City Council (Chair)
Hugh Butler (HB), Melton and Oakham Waterways Society
Mike Handford (MH), Melton and Oakham Waterways Society
Anne Provan (AP), Leicester City Council
Cllr Eric Vardy (Cllr EV), Charnwood Borough Council
Anna Low (AL) Leicestershire County Council
Martin Peters (MP) Leicester Shire Promotions
Peter Williams (PW) LROS
Paul Lillie (PL) Pillings Lock Marina
Cathy Fleming (CF) FIPT
Simon Papprell (SP) Canal and Rivers Trust
Helen O'Brien (HOB) Leicester City Council
Cllr Adam Clarke (Cllr AC) Leicester City Council
Adrian Lane (ALA) Leicester City Council
Victoria Candlish (VC) Environment Agency
David Newborough (DN) Environment Agency
Richard Brown (RB) Charnwood Borough Council
Shonagh Merrigan (SM) Leicestershire County Council (minutes)

Welcome and introductions

Action

1. PS welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a short update on the background of Abbey Pumping Station and the plans for the future. Steam Days happen every month and PS encouraged everyone to attend.
2. AL informed everyone of some general housekeeping and what to do in case of a fire.

Apologies for absence

Cllr P Posnett	Leicestershire County Council
Michael Jeeves	Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust
Sam Village	Leicestershire County Council
Victoria Hudson	Leicester City Council
Jonathan Vann	Environment Agency
Andy Oughton	LOPC
Claire Install	LRWT
Paul Dadford	Melton and Oakham Waterways Society

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

3. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true



record of the meeting.

Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

4. No matters arising

Marketing and Communications Plan

5. Martin Peters talked the group through a PowerPoint presentation on the Marketing and Communications plan which was put together by the Marketing Sub group.
6. The PowerPoint reviewed what the Partnership has already done:
- The online portal, (which MP asked everyone to keep advertising and raising awareness of).
 - The Social Media Workshop, which was well attended.
 - The Marketing Sub Group was formed
 - Draft marketing plan created
7. The draft marketing plan was created to be a simple but effective framework. It was agreed that we wanted to have a 'single voice' approach with the aim to get more people using the waterways and supporting businesses and organisations.
8. The target audiences of the draft marketing plan are:
- Boaters, primary audience is hire users who tend to be actively dissuaded from stopping in Leicester
 - Land based leisure users – anglers, walkers, cyclists, environmentalists, nature lovers
 - Water based sports participants – canoeing etc.
9. The aim is to try and raise awareness of the waterways.
10. The draft plan comes up with a slogan that everyone can use-

THE RIVER SOAR TRAIL

enjoy our beautiful rivers, canals, waterways and beyond

11. MP asked that all partners use this as part of the 'single voice' approach. The River Soar and Grand Union Canal logo can also be used by the partnership to form an identity.
12. We want people to know that Leicester is a safe and nice place to stop and stay.
13. MP then took the group through the Activity Plan and spoke about the next steps.
14. The activity plan looked at all the target audiences, the key message we want to get across to them and then the



- communication methods we can use to get this message across.
15. There was a suggestion that we have an ongoing programme of educational visits for hire staff, for example staff on the front desk, so they can understand the customer experience on the waterway.
 16. PL said that he had spoken to other Marinas and they were all very positive about this.
 17. AL suggested that the Canal and River Trust get involved with this.
 18. PL asked SP from CRT for a list of all boat hire users, so that he can draft some text with MP and send this out with the details of the educational workshop. Pilings Lock is happy to provide the boat for the educational visits.
 19. PS agreed that this was a good approach and that PL was leading on this with assistance from the CRT.
 20. Other suggestions included a supply of new promotional/information guides, which go beyond to providing practical and useful information for the reader. Also advertise talks and guided walks on the Web portal and the social media account; and running a 'Have a go' sessions, where partners all hold an open day on the same day, which is also advertised on the web portal and social media accounts.
 21. It was discussed that Facebook would be the main social media account that we use, and the partnership will not use twitter at the moment.
 22. PS thanked MP and everyone involved with the marketing and communications plan. He agreed with the 'single voice' approach and thought this was a very good idea. He asked partners if they agreed and members thought this was the right approach for the partnership.
 23. SP asked how this linked into other marketing plans and MP explained that it links into the action plan and has connections to other plans such as the Charnwood Forest Regional Park.
 24. AP spoke about the different aspects of the plan and how the relevant partners can all play their part to contribute and achieve the actions in the plan. A few suggestions were put forward.
 25. PS spoke about using the River Soar Trail and the concept of it, he agreed that this is a very good way to show that the river is continuous.



26. A discussion between the partners took place about the trail being continuous as it is not clear in certain areas. We need to clarify to the public that the trail is continuous, this can be helped by maps and leaflets. This should help to attract visitors from outside the Leicestershire boundaries.
27. It was agreed that partners should go away, do the work and come back to the meetings with an update. Nominations for actions to be completed by certain partners were discussed; AP will get in contact so that everyone is clear on their actions.
28. Cllr EV discussed other authorities as well as Charnwood attending the meeting and getting involved. AP informed the group that members from each relevant authority are invited to the meeting but rarely attend. It was agreed that there should be some encouragement to get the other authorities to attend the meeting and contribute to the group.

Social Media Update

29. AP informed the group that we need to approve a Social Media presence and the code of conduct on how the account will be used and policed.
30. MP produced a paper outlining the Social Media guidelines for the Partnership and asked everyone to agree these.
31. The Social Media account will be on Facebook. Twitter will not be used because of people's expectations on how quick they will get a reply as it is more of an instant messaging service.
32. PS asked for the partners opinions on social media.
33. PL informed the group that he has a Facebook account for his business and that they have had no real problems with it and he would recommend it to the group. He said that it's mainly used for customers to post pictures and comment on. He also advised that you can block people very easily if needed.
34. AL asked who would maintain the Facebook account.
35. MP suggested that LP could have an overview with several different administrators.
36. PS suggested we should make the account live and have a review in 6 months.
37. Partners agreed that they were happy for the account to be live.



Loughborough Flood Risk Project

38. VC introduced herself and spoke about her work on the emerging Loughborough Scheme.
39. She then presented a PowerPoint on the Loughborough Flood Risk Project. See attached?
40. Loughborough has 7 main Rivers and the River Soar. It is one of the 20 most at risk places from flooding in the UK.
41. In 2012 Loughborough suffered severe flooding, which led to the Loughborough Flood Risk Management Strategy being put together in 2013-2014. This plan highlights the main flood risks in Loughborough.

General principles for reducing flood risk to people and property in Loughborough:-

- Restrict run-off into brooks upstream of the town;
 - Store water in green spaces in the urban area of Loughborough;
 - Better management of the interaction between the brooks and the canal;
 - and convey more water through the canal network.
42. Over time we have improved our knowledge and the modelling and highlighted the three areas for intervention:
 - Burleigh Brook
 - Wood Brook
 - Moat Brook
 43. The EA has gathered partners from different organisations to help work on the project with them. A bid has also been placed for more money to help the project move forward. The money has come from the Flood Defence Aid.
 44. VC asked the partners of the River Soar meeting to have a think if any organisations can offer ideas and assistance to the project. She also asked if anyone had any comments or questions.
 45. Cllr EV commented that he is very keen on this idea especially for the residents of Loughborough.
 46. PW asked what action is being taken to stop the water getting into the brooks and flooding.
 47. VC informed us that they found out with the modelling that they have done, by making other adjustments it impacted on the brooks



and therefore no direct action was needed.

48. PS thanked VC for coming to the meeting and presenting to the group, we understand that it's a working progress and appreciate the update.

Updates from Partners

49. CF- Foxton Locks: We were proud to receive an award from the Leicester and Rutland Heritage Forum for the Boiler House Museum. The museum was the winner in the category 'best project over £750'.
50. We held a successful Foxton Locks Festival last month. Thousands of visitors came. We had craft stalls, arena attractions, live music, a food area and a Fun Dog Show. The event was run by our Volunteers.
51. The Boiler House museum has a temporary exhibition on wildlife found in and around the canal and includes a quiz sheet for children.
52. DN - The River Soar catchment partnership has 150 members from 50 different organisations, currently advertising for its 1st Project Officer who will be working In Leicester. There is a vision to have about 8 members of staff working in the next two years.
53. ALA- Leicester City Council- Parks Services are having a restructure, and the team's functions will be split. ALA is leaving the authority, but there will be somebody coming to the meetings as a representative. The team have got involved with the Drama Department at Leicester College who have agreed to produce a play to take to school and communities about the environment and cleaning the waterways. This will happen during September to December and will occur every year.
54. PW LROS - Funding has been granted for the development at the top of Watermead.
55. HB, Melton and Oakham Waterways Society - the whole stretch of the river has been surveyed and they are currently waiting for a detailed report. JV from the EA has been helping with this. MH commented that they are starting to develop partnership at both ends of the Canal.
56. PL Pillings Lock – The open weekend was very successful, carried around a 1000 passengers on the boats. Very busy at the moment



due to the heatwave, currently testing out an electronic skiff.

57. MP Leicestershire Promotions - The Annual Tourism Awards are taking place.
58. SP Canal and Rivers Trust - The Friars Mill is now completed and was very successful. Towpath works will recently be completed with more work planned for the future. There has been recruitment for new lock keepers who are now in post. There are going to be some organisational changes at CRT- SP will still remain in the same area; however the team on the ground will now work under different managers so there may be a few contact changes.
59. HOB Leicester City Council - An environment day has been planned, with volunteers identifying hotspots where the boats need to go out and clean. The Waterside Centre renovations are now complete. A lot of work is being done by the EA on Ellis Meadows; the launch day is planned for the 13th September. The A46 Bilstone Meadows work is nearly completed; this has been very positive.
- SP added that the work had only started this year and already £1 million worth of work has been completed.
60. Cllr EV, Charnwood Borough Council – There is a new project under the core strategy - looking at redeveloping Thurmaston. RB is leading on this.
61. RB- previously gave a presentation to the group in January, he is currently working with a consultancy on this project, so far workshops have been well attended. An Action Plan is being developed for the area; the next steps are to pull together the business case, work with the community group and present the action plan. PS added that he is very willing to help if needs be.
62. PS - Friday the 29th July BBC 2, the Hairy Builders programme will be featuring The Friars Mill.

The date of the next meeting

ALL

63. The next meeting will be held on the 2nd November, 10.00 am - suggested venue will be the Old School in Thurmaston or Foxton Lock's. This will be confirmed nearer the time.

AOB

64. Suggested items for the next meeting's agenda
- SP suggested Health and Wellbeing
 - Update on Marketing and Communication



- Action plan update
- Watermead update
- Anniversary events (Riverside festival)

65. PS thanked everyone involved in the meeting and for going above and beyond for the group.



Access and Recreation Working Group

DRAFT

Minutes of Meeting held
Wednesday 28 September 2016
at the National Forest Company Offices

Present:

Suzanne Carr (SC)	-	NFC Trustee
Sam Lattaway (SL)	-	NFC Officer
Caroline Scothern (CS)	-	NFC Officer
Bethan Scragg (BS)	-	Black to Green Project Manager
Beverly Fairbrother (BF)	-	NFC Officer
Vicky Allen (VA)	-	Federation of East Midlands Bridleway Associations
Roy Denney (RD)	-	East Midlands Orienteering Association & Leicestershire Local Access Forum
Chris Peat (CP)	-	Open Spaces Society
Keith Lakin (KL)	-	Leicestershire & Rutland Cyclist Touring Club
Jean Lakin (JLakin)	-	Leicestershire & Rutland Cyclist Touring Club
Michael Statham (MS)	-	Ramblers Association
Terry Williams (TW)	-	Cycle Touring Club
Alan Dowell (AD)	-	Forestry Commission
Michael Handford (MH)	-	Waterways Heritage Trust
Ellen Senior (ES)	-	Leicestershire County Council

Action

1. Welcome from the Chair

- 1.1 SC welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 SC is the new Chair of this group and was appointed a Trustee of the NFC in April 2016.

2. Introductions

- 2.1 Everyone introduced themselves and gave a brief outline of the organisations they represent.
- 2.2 All agreed that Geoff Pursglove should be asked to re-join the group as a representative of the Ashby Canal Restoration Project. *(Post meeting note: Geoff has agreed to re-join the group.)* **SL**

3. Apologies

- 3.1 Apologies were received from: Dot Morson (Derby and Derbyshire Ramblers), Debbie Chesterman (Rosliston Forestry Centre), John Howells (Ramblers Association Leicestershire and Rutland area), James Lowe (Sustrans), Paul Rochfort (Staffordshire County Council), Geoff Kirby (Midland Driving Trails Group) and Jane King (Staffordshire Ramblers Association).

4. Notes of the last meeting held 10 February 2016

- 4.1 The notes of the meeting held 10 February 2016 were agreed as an accurate record.
- 4.2 3.5 – SL updated the group that he is talking with Countryside for All about the

possibility of operating a project in Charnwood too.

5. Update on Black to Green

- 5.1 BS gave a presentation on the Black to Green project (see attached).
- 5.2 RD was concerned that the area could become swamped with signage. BS commented that the Landowners Group have agreed to de-clutter signage on their sites where it is out of date and looking untidy.
- 5.3 SL highlighted that there is a more pressing issue of the public being made aware of what signs actually mean, and they should be made easier to understand. VA agreed that simple, clear signage is required so that people know exactly who can use which routes (i.e. walkers, cyclists or horse riders).
- 5.4 CP suggested that there should be a set of agreed key locations within The National Forest that waymarking fingerposts point to, as they are not shown on OS maps. SL thought that a distance to the next village was more appropriate, to help with navigation (see 5.3 above). TW said that on the continent signs give a time to the next village, rather than a distance, which might be preferable or less daunting to less experienced walkers. ES cautioned that any signage would need to be agreed with the RoW teams and BS assured her that the consultants are working with them to deliver the signage design.
- 5.5 BS is confident that the consultants delivering the Orientation and Interpretation Masterplan will do a good job and provide value for money, as they have a very good understanding of former areas of heavy industry.
- 5.6 Training will be provided for walk and ride leaders and RD commented that the Orienteers and Horse organisations might be able to advise and help with this.
- 5.7 VA highlighted that permissive paths, by their very nature, cannot be signposted in the same way as a RoW, and they could be lost in the future. SC questioned if this was a significant strategic issue. SL explained that only a small number of permissive paths have been lost in The National Forest over the last 10 years (these usually on sites that have come out of contract and the landowner has decided to close the path). He also thought there is an issue with maintaining permissive paths in a sustainable way. RD wondered if new contracts could include a covenant (or equivalent) that ensured a permissive path would stay open even if the land was sold during the term of the contract.

6. Update from Caroline Scothern on the National Forest Way volunteers and other items

- 6.1 CS announced that a new Silver Circuit walk is being launched soon. This is an eight mile, circular walk, starting and finishing at Barton Marina. Promotion of the walk will be taking place in the next few weeks and it will also be added to the NFC website.
- 6.2 CS gave a presentation on the work of the National Forest Way volunteers to date (see attached).
- 6.3 SL commented that CS has worked really hard to achieve this project, which has proven to be a great success. Invaluable support from all three County Councils has also helped to make this happen.

- 6.4 RD agreed that the scheme is working well and is pleased that several Ramblers are involved.
- 6.5 MS asked what insurance cover the volunteers had. CS explained that they are covered by the NFC as a government organisation.
- 6.6 CP wondered if the working parameters for the volunteers was too restrictive. CS commented that in the beginning the volunteers were carrying out surveys along the route and any problems/issues were then reported back to the relevant RoW teams. As trust has built up and training has been given, the volunteers can now carry out some maintenance works along their section of the Way.
- 6.7 MS asked what Health and Safety training had been given. CS said that tools training had been provided by Staffordshire County Council and also they had been on site with a ranger who had demonstrated how vegetation should be cut back and how to deal with the debris, so as not to create obstacles on the path.
- 6.8 AD raised a concern that the landowner had a duty of care to members of the public using their land, and any mishaps would be the landowner's responsibility, regardless of who caused an incident. CS reiterated that this had been covered in the training and the volunteers are, if anything, over cautious about not leaving items or debris lying around. They take photographs before and after, when carrying out maintenance works, which provides an evidence trail of activities.
- 6.9 The volunteers are only doing minor maintenance along the Way, as Groundwork will be providing support and supervision for bigger works, on selected days. SC queried what Groundwork's role in this is. CS explained that the NFC has an Annual Management Agreement with Groundwork, for them to assist with several pieces of work throughout the year. Marion Farrell is the main contact from Groundwork that NFC deals with and she is very good at understanding and delivering what is required.
- 6.10 CS commented that if the volunteer scheme is expanded, then the experienced volunteers would be 'buddied up' with a novice to help get them get 'up to speed'.
- 6.11 VA requested that the routes need to be kept open for all users, not just walkers. CS confirmed that the Standards training provided to volunteers highlighted the requirements for different types of routes.
- 6.12 RD summed up that it is very encouraging to see this scheme working so well.
- 7. Long term vision/opportunities for the Forest**
- 7.1 SL gave a presentation and showed the group a short film made for the 25th anniversary of the Forest, which was very well received.
- 7.2 SC commented that in the future the NFC needs to be working sustainably and be entrepreneurial. SL added that now the NFC is a charity if also needs to look at generating its own income. NFC is still part of Defra and is officially a '*Non-Profit Institution within the Public Sector, Specifically Central Government*'.
- 7.3 VA said that thought needs to be given to what will happen when the NFC is no longer

around. A system of some kind needs to be set up to train people to carry on the NFC's work to a high standard, to ensure the continuity of the legacy of the NFC. SC agreed that there needs to be an investment in communities and interested parties to sustainably take the work forward.

- 7.4 RD thought that the disparate parts of the Forest need to be linked by good signage to enable people to get here and then confidently move around the area.
- 7.5 MS questioned how long Defra will be funding the NFC's work in the future. SL said that there had been no discussions about ending Defra funding and that, in the current review of Defra budgets, the Forest's budget was protected. SC said there is a need to increase unrestrictive funds for the NFC to enable it to flourish in the future and remain sustainable.
- 7.6 MH enquired if The National Forest boundary could be extended to possibly encompass all of Charnwood Forest and also south along the route of the Ashby Canal. SL explained that it will already be a challenge to deliver everything within the existing boundary and that there are no plans to extend it at this time. With regard to Charnwood Forest, SL said that he was confident that the shared aims for the area outside The National Forest could be met through the Charnwood Forest Regional Park. He also raised concerns that, if the boundary was altered to accommodate one project, there would be an influx of requests to extend in other directions too. MS agreed that the boundary should remain as it is and concentrate on delivering what is already proposed.
- 7.7 RD thought that there could be some merit in promoting the 'beyond' area and CP agreed that this could open up external corridors into the Forest, without the NFC having to do any extra work.
- 7.8 VA would like to see paths between communities being upgraded into multi-user routes, so that families can use them together.
- 7.9 AD highlighted that the first thinnings of trees is underway in parts of the Forest and this is something that will continue into the future as the trees reach maturity. CP commented that businesses and landowners will need to make a living from the Forest and suggested that the NFC could become a centre for woodland users, which would generate an income for it.
- 7.10 SC was concerned that, as the last 25 years has seen such a transformation of the landscape, the public might be upset when they see the trees being felled. AD recalled that the public at Rosliston Forestry Centre could remember the trees being planted and the creation of this popular visitor centre. Therefore, when the time came for the first thinning of trees there, the FC put out lots of information about what they were doing and why. This resulted in them only receiving one complaint, so AD thinks that as long as people are kept informed then they are generally okay about the trees being felled.
- 7.11 RD pointed out that there is a danger of losing the visible heritage of the area amongst the trees. This is in part being addressed through the work of the Black to Green project and it was agreed that the heritage needs to be kept alive, through education and heritage centres.
- 7.12 SC mentioned that there is a need to resist complacency, by becoming too used to

what we now have. We need to inspire newcomers to the area with a 'wow' factor and make them want to return.

- 7.13 CP would like to re-visit the idea of putting in gateway sites around the Forest boundary, which ideally would have a car park, toilet facilities and be a place that could be visited for an hour or so. SL thought this was a good suggestion, but that the hubs could be throughout the Forest, not just restricted to the fringes.
- 7.14 SL handed out postcards which promote the My National Forest project, whereby anyone can submit their stories and experiences of The National Forest for collation, as part of the 25th anniversary celebrations.

8. **Any other business**

- 8.1 RD wondered if the membership for this group should be reappraised, as there could be a broader sphere to cover as the Forest matures and other people could contribute valuable ideas.
- 8.2 SL agreed it would be good to have this as an agenda item for the next meeting.
- 8.3 CP raised a concern about keeping the link between the Albion landfill site and Donington Lake open, once the waste operation closes. BS said that this has been raised at a Black to Green meeting and it has been added to their risk register.

9. **Date and time of next meeting**

- 9.1 **To be confirmed.**

**East Midlands
Regional Chairs' Meeting
Agenda**



Tuesday 11th October 2016

10.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Venue: Natural England, Apex Court, Nottingham

Time	Session	Who to lead
10:30 a.m.	Arrival – tea & coffee served	
10:45 a.m.	Welcome and introductions	Chair- Hugh
	Agenda and apologies	Chair
	Minutes and matters arising from the previous meeting	Chair
	Update from Natural England	Chair in the absence of NE
	Generic Advice to Planners in relation to new developments	Terry
	LAF England and HLS Consultations	John
12:30 p.m.	<i>Break</i>	
1:00 p.m.	LAF Round ups: Good news stories; sharing of good practice; local/regional issues - discussion of topics raised	All
	Speaker at next meeting	Chair
	Any other business	Chair
	Date, venue, chair and minute secretary of next meeting	Chair
3:30 p.m.	<i>Meeting ends</i>	

CHARNWOOD FOREST REGIONAL PARK STAKEHOLDER FORUM

Wednesday 12th October 2016
Council Chamber, County Hall, Glenfield

Programme

- 09.00 Tea/coffee available in Members' Lounge
- 09.30 **Welcome**
Anna Low – Leicestershire County Council
- Progress Update**
Cllr Vardy – Charnwood Borough Council
- 09.45 **Progress Reports from Delivery Board Leads**
- 10.15 **HLF Landscape Partnership Presentation**
Matt Croney – Development Officer
- 10.30 **Workshop 1 - Needs and Opportunities**
- 10.50 **Break**
Tea/coffee available in Members' Lounge
- 11.10 **Feedback from Workshop 1**
- 11.20 **Workshop 2 - Project Ideas**
- 12.20 **Project Name Ideas**
- 12.30 **Summary and Next Steps**
Matt Croney/Sam Lattaway
- 12.45 **Meeting close**

ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS**FOR****PARKS, GREEN OPEN SPACES AND THE COUNTRYSIDE****IN****LINCOLNSHIRE, N.E. LINCOLNSHIRE, LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND****1. INTRODUCTION**

A number of Government departments and other organisations have recognised for some time that being in parks, green open spaces and the countryside improves peoples' health and general wellbeing. Evidence provided by Natural England shows that people with disabilities do not access these spaces as much as other people. There could be a number of reasons for this but one of the major issues must be suitable access. This report examines how accessibility ambassadors could assist in delivering improvements for the disabled and their carers to access parks, green spaces and open countryside.

2. LAND OWNERS/MANAGERS ALLOWING PUBLIC ACCESS

In many cases Land owners and managers allowing public access do not cater for the disabled. Some are keen to learn and a number of local authority representatives and representatives of national organisations have attended the inclusive countryside access courses, delivered by the Countryside For All trainer used by the South/Mid Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forums Disability sub group. A number of these organisations ask for advice to help their future plans include more appropriate access for the disabled. There are also a number of organisations which feel for one reason or another they do not need to make improvements. The disability sub group has an ever increasing workload and recognises that it cannot make real improvements for the disabled by continuing to use the same processes. There needs to be more time spent with the land owners and managers to enable them to understand the issues facing the disabled. This is where the role of the accessibility manager would assist to move improvements forward. These improvements may be physical changes of the route/site or improvements in communication to enable people to understand what is available and the physical barriers of the route/site.

3. THE ROLE OF ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS

The role of the accessibility ambassador working with organisations which allow public access should include:

- Identifying issues for improvement

- Discussing the improvements required with the organisation

Jointly creating an annual action plan with the organisation

Assisting in funding applications

Monitoring progress of improvements

Liaising with Land owners and managers

Undertake appropriate training

Quarterly attending the accessibility ambassadors meeting to report on progress, receive additional training and network with other ambassadors.

4. PERSON SPECIFICATION FOR ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADOR

The accessibility ambassador should either be disabled or a carer. The role will require the ambassador to drive or be driven by their carer as a number of sites are not easily visited by public transport. Unfortunately expenses cannot be paid. It is essential that the accessibility ambassador is a team player.

5. RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEERS

It is getting difficult to recruit volunteers in a number of areas in the voluntary sector. With this being a new role it may prove even more difficult to attract volunteers. The number of volunteers required for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland is 32. The number of volunteers for Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire is also 32. It is envisaged that attracting this number of volunteers may not be reached. To make the project worthwhile it is thought that a minimum of 8 accessibility ambassadors in each Region is necessary. Prior to obtaining funding it is necessary to find the level of interest there is from people who are disabled and carers in becoming accessibility ambassadors. Appendix A displays a questionnaire for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland potential volunteers. Appendix B displays a questionnaire for Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire potential volunteers.

6. TRAINING OF ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS

To ensure the accessibility ambassador has the confidence and can provide the right advice to organisations it is important they receive the right training. The training providers are currently being selected. The training will include accessibility training and design of sensory open spaces/trails. It is expected that the training will be a two day course plus a half day at a later stage to deliver training on the role of the accessibility ambassador. An overview of the two day training course is displayed in appendix C. The training will be delivered for Leicestershire and Rutland then Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire. A handbook will also be provided for the accessibility ambassador to guide them in their role.

7. ALLOCATING ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADOR TO AREA

The volunteers will initially be asked at the recruitment stage to indicate in order of preference the local authority area they wish to work in.

8. ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS REGIONS

In order for the accessibility ambassadors to have a body which will provide advice, direction, support and further training as required etc. it is necessary to examine the capabilities of the organisations which will assist in driving this project forward. Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living (LCIL) is well regarded as being able to manage these types of projects. LCIL represents the disabled and carers of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Although Rutland is the responsibility of the South Lincolnshire Local Access Forum it makes sense for the Rutland team of accessibility ambassadors to become the responsibility of LCIL. As there are no major organisations similar to LCIL representing the disabled in Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire the Mid/South Lincolnshire and Rutland Disability sub group will take on the role of being responsible for the accessibility ambassadors until a suitable organisation believes it can take over the role. To ensure the sub group follows the Natural England Guideline for Local Access Forums the Lincolnshire ambassadors will need to be seconded to the Disability sub group.

9. FUNDING

Prior to requesting funding it is important to assess the interest from volunteers. To ensure we can get the volunteers required for the project it is necessary to publicise the need for voluntary accessibility ambassadors. Following on from that establish how many people would be interested in attending the 2.5 day course and being active accessibility ambassadors.

10. ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS TEAMS

To enable the accessibility ambassadors to work efficiently and have a real impact a team of ambassadors would be allocated either to a district, borough or city council's geographical area. Each team should consist of four ambassadors. The team would choose a chair person and would operate as a committee.

11. AREA ANOMOLIES

With Oadby and Wigston district council's geographical area being small and compact this should be included in with Leicester City areas team's workload.

12. PRIORITISING THE WORK OF THE TEAM

The team would select the organisations within their area to prioritise, prioritise their work and manage their workload. To enable quick wins to be achieved, working initially with the teams area local authority should be most advantageous.

13. ORGANISATIONS CROSSING THE TEAM'S BOUNDARIES

When the team wish to carry out work with an organisation that crosses their boundary it is important that the chair person communicates this to all chairs involved. In some cases it may be ideal to work jointly with the team in the neighbouring area, if the improvement is one which could be replicated in more than one area of the organisation.

14. INTRODUCTION OF ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADOR TO THEIR AREA ORGANISATIONS

The regional coordinator organisation should email the land owners/managers with public access informing them of the team of ambassadors operating in the area. This email should also explain the role of the ambassadors and their contact details.

15. ANNUAL CYCLE OF IMPROVEMENTS

The area team of accessibility ambassadors will be responsible for contacting the land owners/managers with public access in their areas, investigating what improvements can be made and agreeing an action plan. That action plan may include short term and long term goals. That action should be signed by the land owner/manager as the agreed action plan. World Disability Day which is expected to be held in December 2017 will be when the action plans for both of the regions will be announced. The relevant land owners/managers will be invited to the event along with the accessibility ambassadors. The World Disability Day 2018 event should include the achievements from the past year and the plan for the year going forward. A further 3 meetings per year should take place at quarterly intervals for the accessibility ambassadors to network etc.

16. LAND OWNERS/MANAGERS ACHEIVEMENT AWARDS

Prior to the World Disability Day the achievements for the year will be summarised and the accessibility ambassadors within each region will be able to vote for the land owners/managers which have made the greatest achievements in improvements.

17. FUNDING OF MEETINGS AND ANNUAL EVENT

The local authorities in the region should jointly fund the quarterly meetings excluding the annual event. This should include contributions towards the hire of the venue, teas, coffees and biscuits. With there being 8 local authorities in the Lincolnshire Region and 9 local authorities in the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Region this should be a very small cost for the local authorities to share. The annual event should be held in a venue which is appropriate for the occasion. For Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland something similar to the rooms at the King Power or Tigers Stadium would be appropriate. It is hoped that these facilities could be provided free of charge for the event.

18. TIMESCALES

Once the level of interest is established by volunteers in becoming accessibility ambassadors funding can be sought. It is hoped that the expressions of interest can be obtained by the end of September 2016. If there is enough interest funding could then be sought. It is expected funding for training should be obtained by the end of April 2017. Training could then be delivered by the end of September 2017. It may be useful to stagger the training and implementation to enable any unforeseen issues to be addressed.

ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS REQUIRED**IN****LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND**

Are you disabled or a carer?

Do you want to improve accessibility to parks, green open spaces and the countryside?

Would you like to volunteer for the Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living, to work with organisations which provide public access to parks, green open spaces and the countryside?

Can you drive or do you have a carer who will drive for you?

If the answer is yes to the questions above you may like to become an accessibility ambassador. The accessibility ambassador works with a team of ambassadors investigating access improvements required, discussing the improvements with organisations and assisting in developing an annual action plan. The role will include travelling to different sites but unfortunately expenses cannot be paid.

Two and a half days training will be provided.

We are currently examining how many volunteers are interested in this role. Once we have established the numbers we will apply for funding to deliver the training. When we have been successful in attracting funding we will contact those of you who are interested in becoming an accessibility ambassador to advise you of training dates etc.

If you are interested in becoming an accessibility ambassador please complete the following:

Name:

Phone number:

Email address:

Please indicate the geographical area you wish to work in. Number 1 being your 1st choice and number 8 being your last choice. If you do not wish to work in a specific area please leave blank:

Leicester City, Oadby and Wigston District Council	
Blaby District Council	
Harborough District Council	
Melton District Council	
Charnwood District Council	
North West Leicestershire District Council	
Hinckley and Bosworth District Council	
Rutland County Council	

Please note we aim to deliver the training either in or close to Leicester.

ACCESSIBILITY AMBASSADORS REQUIRED**IN****LINCOLNSHIRE AND NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE**

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Do you want to improve accessibility to parks, green open spaces and the countryside?

Would you like to volunteer for the Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living, to work with organisations which provide public access to parks, green open spaces and the countryside?

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City of Lincoln	
West Lindsey District Council	
East Lindsey District Council	
North Kesteven District Council	
South Kesteven District Council	
South Holland District Council	
Boston Borough Council	
North East Lincolnshire County Council	

Please note, we intend to deliver the training in both the north and south of Lincolnshire. If we do not have enough volunteers to run two training courses, the training course will be delivered in a more central area.

TWO DAY TRAINING COURSE OVERVIEW

Introducing the role of Accessibility Ambassadors

Principles of inclusion

Equality legislation

Countryside equality scenarios

Countryside for All standards

Accessible publications

Definition of a sensory garden and how to create one

Benefits of a sensory garden and how they can be used to deliver health, social and learning benefits

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**Challenging councils who have failed to make
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applications**

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Our vice-chairman Phil Wadey explains why, in England, it is urgent for applicants for definitive-map changes to challenge councils which have failed to make progress with those applications.

In England the Deregulation Act 2015, which is shortly to come into effect, will trigger the closure of definitive maps to claims based purely on historical evidence, on 1 January 2026. It is therefore vital that we apply for additions where we have evidence.

Continuous review

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, since 1983 the definitive maps of rights of way have been under 'continuous review'. That is, the surveying authority (the county council or unitary authority) makes an order to modify the map one path at a time, instead of the previous system where changes were batched and the whole map was reviewed every so many years.

The council is required adequately to resource the duty to maintain its definitive map so that, for every application made by a member of the public to change the map, there should at least be a decision whether to make an order within 12 months of the applicant certifying that he has told the owners and occupiers of the application.

Very few councils have allocated enough staff to meet the 12-month requirement, although there are a few high achievers. Fortunately, the 1981 act made some provision for this. Under the current law (para 3(2) of schedule 14 to the 1981 act), 12 months after serving the certificate on the council confirming that the application process is complete, it is possible to make an application to the secretary of state (England) or Welsh ministers (Wales) that she or they direct the council to determine the application within a further set period of time.

The process for making a 'direction application' is straightforward, by email or letter, as there are no special forms (see the government guidance for England). We recommend that, before seeking a direction, you write to the council to ask why the application has not been determined.

Policy

The secretary of state and Welsh Ministers currently have the same policy for considering requests for directions. They look first at whether the council has a statement of priorities setting out its general way of deciding which applications to consider next, and then at whether that statement is reasonable. They check any actions the council has taken and its expressed intentions to act, including any estimate of when determination will take place. The general circumstances of the case and, importantly, the views of the applicant are also relevant.

Recent decisions can be found here for England and here for Wales although in mid-August there were no directions on the Welsh website.

Of particular interest are the comments made by inspectors on the reasonableness of council policies. For example, Bradford Metropolitan District Council was directed to determine a footpath application last year⁽¹⁾. The inspector found that the council's general policy of prioritising was satisfactory, but went on to consider that a delay of nine years since the application had been made, with no prospect of the case starting to be examined for a further eight years, was unacceptable. The council was instructed within 12 months to make a decision whether to make an order.

In 2004 Cornwall Council received the certificate confirming notification of landowners and occupiers of land crossed by an alleged footpath⁽²⁾. The council did not expect to reach this case until 2024, some 20 years after the certificate was issued, meaning that some of the witness evidence would be over 40 years old. A direction was issued giving the council 18 months to reach a decision.

This last case raised two additional points. Firstly it was the second attempt to obtain a direction, the first having been unsuccessful in 2009. This shows that the secretary of state can change his or her mind about a direction when there is continued failure to make progress. Secondly, the applicant referred to earlier decisions of the secretary of state in which directions had been granted; the decision letter dismissed these arguments saying that each case is considered on its merits.

Before making an application, it is worth checking the council's statement of priorities and asking when it thinks the application will be decided. If this is going to be a long time, an application for a direction would be worthwhile, even if there are no other features of the case that would raise its priority. Under the package of reforms in the Deregulation Act 2015 which will be introduced in England later this year, it will no longer be possible to request the secretary of state to give a direction. Instead, applicants must go to the magistrates' court.

The major drawback of the new approach is the cost: current court fees are £205 to commence proceedings and £515 for a contested hearing; these will deter many. If you are conducting systematic research, we advise you to go to court with a number of applications simultaneously since one fee will cover them all. But for many, the ability to get councils to act more quickly will be lost.

So we urge anyone in England whose application has remained undetermined for more than 12 months to request a direction to determine, and thereby benefit from the pre-deregulation system. Applicants for Welsh paths need not worry for now, though it is probably worth getting on with it.

For an example of two representations on Hampshire applications see [here](#). They may be more detailed than you need, but note the reference to the third reading of the Wildlife and Countryside Bill in the House of Lords on page 2, which sets out the government's intentions for the provision.



Green Lane, Ilminster, Somerset. The application was made in 2010. The secretary of state has directed that it be determined by 14 July 2017⁽³⁾. Photo: Sarah Bucks.

(1) FPS/W4705/14D/2 dated 8 June 15.

(2) FPS/D0840/14D/10 dated 8 June 16.

(3) FPS/G3300/14D/2 dated 14 July 16.

To Charnwood BC
 P/16/1660/2
 Outline permission for Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) Broadnook

The Leicestershire Local Access Forum (LLAF) wishes to make some observations about this planning application. The LLAF is an independent statutory body, set up as a result of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (CROW) 2000, and exists to represent the interests of everyone concerned with access to the countryside and the public rights of way network including footpaths, bridleways and byways, cycleways and areas of open access.

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural affairs has issued guidance for forums including Section 94 of the CROW Act which makes it a statutory function of the forum to give advice to a range of bodies, including local authorities, on access issues in respect of land use planning matters.

The Secretary of State advised that, in particular, forums were asked to focus on the impact and options for minimising possible adverse effects, of planning policies and development proposals in respect of future public access to land and identifying and expressing support for opportunities to improve public access, or associated infrastructure, which might be delivered through planning policies or new development.

As such we will be commenting on any ultimate detailed planning application and reserved matters but we would wish to give you an overview in this early stage. Without prejudice to our ultimate stance or the right of individual members to respond in any way they see fit there are points we wish to bring to your attention

We are not convinced this green field areas should be developed as there appear to be brown field sites that can be built on within the borough but notwithstanding that, we have suggestions about these plans as outlined so far. We do not support piecemeal development and this proposal does at least give scope for a comprehensive and sustainable solution to housing requirements.

If we accept that there is to be development here, this actually looks like a fairly well thought out scheme. We have followed its development carefully and have met with the developers twice.

On the face of it we should see access into and through the area improved although we can suggest some further improvements. We are in particular interested in the provision of green spaces, green corridors and off road public rights of way. We would also wish to see adequate public transport provision.

In general terms when assessing these plans we would ask you to bear in mind that the benefits of the footpath, bridleway and cycleway network are multi-dimensional and have impacts on sustainable transport, green infrastructure, recreation, tourism, health and general well-being. Bridleways and Cycleways for local commutes should be provided and something "behind-the-hedge" would be best. Wherever possible the routes should be such that motorised traffic is kept quite separate. Similarly there should be scope to create footpaths for walkers keeping them away from riders. 'Behind the hedge' routes when a development fronts an existing road can take walkers, cyclists and horse riders off the road and these should be linked to any existing such routes, or provide that any future developments can extend them. Very often developments have a 'green edge' to screen them and it is normally feasible to put a track in this strip. There can however be significant problems in how to start and end them. Coming straight out from behind the hedge when there is no footway may be quite dangerous.

Gates/gaps/stiles should be as easy to use as the requirements permit to assist the less able and those pushing buggies etc. With the massive increase in traffic on the roads, horse riders and cyclists need alternative off-road routes and these would have the added benefit of easing traffic flow as well as traffic safety. Dog walkers also need to be catered for so that nuisance is minimised. If this location is to be developed the scope of it gives good opportunities to satisfy everybody.

With the huge amount of housing which is proposed in the area there is a need, and should be an opportunity, for new and existing public rights of way to be opened up to all users; walkers, riders, dog walkers and those relying on public

transport. There are also very real opportunities to link these access routes to neighbouring communities, facilities and amenities by linking up with existing rights of way.

We are encouraged by the developer's apparent ambitions to provide a generous framework of open spaces, parkland and woodland, all assisting biodiversity but it is essential these are linked to each other and to the wider countryside by green corridors along which wildlife can migrate.

Obviously a safe, pleasant walking and cycling network within the site is welcome but again it must link in properly with the wider network and we would like to see adequate provision for horse riders through the site. Off road paths should link to any schools, health care facilities bus stops, shops and sporting facilities wherever possible. There are two large open access areas fairly near this development, Watermead Country Park to the south east and Castle Hill Country Park to the south west. Off-road routes out of this development should take every opportunity to allow passage towards those facilities. Once Castle Hill is reached there is largely off-road routing through to Bradgate Park and once in Watermead people can follow the river Soar all the way to Leicester off road.

If the main access is to be from the A6 at a new signalised roundabout with a local two-way connection to Loughborough Road, this is where bridleway J100 and footpath J53 join the A6 from the east. This junction when created ideally should allow for safe passage for walkers and riders. This was a route favoured by Sustrans when the Mountsorrell/Rothley bypass (the current A6) was built allowing access to quieter roads and a link from into Watermead Country Park. It would provide an excellent link for your residents to this facility. The proposed tunnel under the A6, south of this new roundabout partially satisfies this need for a safe crossing for vulnerable road users.

Ideally we would also wish to an East-West riding route through the development to link to these crossings. This could utilise an upgraded J54 footpath using the bridge under the Great Central Railway at the Thurcaston end.

For walkers and cyclists this would provide a route from the development to the Beaumont Leys employment and shopping area and a recreational circuit with bridleway J59 between Rectory Rd, Thurcaston and the Town Green in Rothley for all users including horse riders.

We are pleased to see that they have taken the opportunity here to much improve the present alignment of J54 at the A46 end. The present alignment on the top of the embankment, inside the highway boundary, resulted from the changes when the A46 was created in its present form and it is far from being the most pleasant of walks.

There are increasing employment opportunities across the A46 from this site and a footbridge across would give access to these and also assist access to the park and ride bus service.

To the North we would like to see better access to J55. An off road link should run from the new roundabout to meet this path where it turns north away from the stream. This would provide an off road route for new residents to the Rothley facilities. Similarly if there is to be a Doctor's surgery on site, Rothley residents could access that as to the best of our knowledge they have no doctor at present.

On the subject of bus provision, we would assume that most of the residents would desire to shop in Leicester or Loughborough, so the existing bus links should be supported to divert into this development but we would point out that existing 126 / 127 routes already have long journeys which should not be lengthened by a slow loop through this development. A single stop just inside the edge of the development would not make the routes materially worse which should satisfy any need to travel north. Use of and access to the Park & Ride service should be facilitated for those going south. There is talk of a local service and as there are numerous other developments in this quadrant, if a bus service is required throughout this development and it is to be sustainable and self financing down the road it should be a dedicated service covering other nearby developments as well. There are such developments at Hallam Fields and Ashton Green with smaller ones in Rothley and Mountsorrell. Ashton Green is in close proximity to the Beaumont Leys shopping area where residents of these new houses may well wish to shop and might find employment so any dedicated service could provide a link to that location as well.

There is mention (5.2.4) of the privately run Great Central Railway and claims that in the future it may bring forward commuter opportunities to both Leicester and Loughborough. We feel this is a bit disingenuous as there seems almost no possibility of a restored link to Leicester

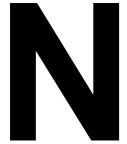
We trust you find these suggestions constructive and that you will bear them in mind with the various stages of this development.

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STRATEGIC GROWTH STATEMENT

A submission by the Leicestershire Local Access Forum (www.leics.gov.uk/laf)

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Section 94 of the CROW act makes it a statutory function of the forum to give advice to a range of bodies, including local authorities, on access issues in respect of land use planning matters. Forums are tasked with identifying and expressing support for opportunities to improve public access, or associated infrastructure, which might be delivered through planning policies or new developments.

We wish to comment on the Strategic Growth Statement as the first stage of work on the Strategic Growth Plan for Leicester & Leicestershire

TRAVEL & TRANSPORT

We feel that transport links are the arteries which make everything else work and as such these should be given absolute priority.

Our area is ideally situated in the centre of England sitting on nationally intersections of major road and rail services and in East Midlands Airport we have one of, if not the busiest airfreight centres in the country. We do not however think they are well coordinated and this is a major challenge and the local transport infrastructure is not fit for purpose. Many of our roads are under severe pressure with major build ups at many junctions leaving areas gridlocked from time to time. For perfectly understandable reasons logistics businesses are scattered the length of the county at the western edges particularly around the motorway junctions, and there are inevitable problems at the bottlenecks. There are historic narrow roads seeing incredible amounts of commercial traffic as industry has been permitted to develop without the required infrastructure. We need a much better holistic picture of our transport needs and perhaps a new major road link to the east of the city. Hopefully the 'Midlands Connect' partnership should help with this

We need to get more traffic out of their cars which means better bus service, additional rail or tram lines and better access to the existing railway stations.

We do not see an economic case for HS2 as a high speed line and think the route could have been cheaper if it was aimed at capacity problems not speed. It could have avoided expensive problems with more curvature allowed. Having accepted that it is likely to happen we think a great opportunity has been lost. If the saving of a few minutes had not been given priority a station could have been created beside the airport and the new freight interchange.

We do feel east-west rail links need improving and favour a diagonal trans-Pennine route to Manchester. We also feel the principal aim should be for the residents of the three cities of the East Midlands to be able to reach Birmingham in 30 minutes or less and London, Manchester and Liverpool in an hour. We at present have good rail connectivity to London but are concerned that this may suffer to free up capacity for HS2.

We strongly believe that the Ivanhoe/National Forest line should be adapted for passengers either using traditional rolling stock or light trams. Local services going west are poor. Ashby is a busy and sizeable community and its Ashby Park and Ivanhoe Business Park commercial complexes have been expanding. Coalville is also a large community and it seems essential that they should be linked to Leicester by a rail or light tram system and the reintroduction of passenger services would make an important contribution to a reduction in motor vehicle usage. Halts could be put in at several points with ticket purchase machines, and a service very like the Manchester tram network could take thousands of commuters and shoppers of the roads.

We must encourage non-car travel and this must include walking, cycling and bus use. We need a comprehensive network of off-road rights of way and these can also boost the recreational potential of an area. It has to be balanced with the needs to protect and enhance the ecology and landscape and as more garden villages and eco towns are created they should include the provision of good sized gardens and green community open spaces and if these are to be populated with wild life then green corridors are essential.

Our main interests with the strategy are to encourage more walking, improve the rights of way network and get people out of their cars. This is good for their general health and wellbeing and would cut down on pollution levels, saving the National Health Service money. We also wish to see attractive natural places preserved where people can access them to tempt them to go off road for pleasure as well as to their shops and places of work etc

If people cannot or will not walk or cycle then the answer if we want to reduce car use is a far more coordinated set of bus services. People cannot visit facilities or restaurants / pubs in the outlying villages if they cannot get a bus home after early evening.

HOUSING

Turning to housing and commercial development we feel it essential to avoid any erosion of local identities. We do not wish to see a sprawling conurbation and feel each distinct community should have a separation zone. Quite apart from the social benefits of a sense of place these green corridors can provide pleasant and safe routes for both people and wild creatures. There is no doubt that only so much can be bolted onto existing communities without causing strains and larger scale stand-alone developments are a better solution, but they must be designed to create rounded new communities. Housing should be of all types; as the second generation emerges there should be provision for them to become independent and yet stay in the community. This therefore means some apartments but perhaps more importantly as they marry and start families, affordable homes to buy near to friends and family. As older people wish to downsize it would be good to have a supply of bungalows in the mix and although, for many years with a new development there would be very limited demand, capacity should be made for the eventual provision of sheltered accommodation and a care home. There would of course be a need for a local centre with some shops, schools, doctor's and dentist surgeries and possibly a pub or indeed a hotel if there is to be considerable nearby employment.

We have to find opportunities for growth whilst ensuring Leicester and Leicestershire are attractive places to live, visit and work. Leicester as a city must find ways of keeping people living in the city and more could be made of the water frontages. There are social problems in the city some nights of the week but if it was a balanced community with people living more centrally this would reduce this risk and also cut down the emissions from commuting vehicles.

SUMMARY

There are other elements to the proposed strategy but they fall outside our remit as a body. The ideas outlined sound admirable and we wish the project well but the obstacles which will be faced are considerable. No one element of the project should be pursued at the expense of other aspects as without an overarching approach some elements could have negative effects on the lifestyles of residents. Network Rail are improving their lines but are having a negative impact on historic rights. HS2 is potentially going to cut 64 identified rights of way.

Terry Kirby
Chairman

LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM – NOVEMBER 2016

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT
ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY LEGAL ORDERS AND OTHER ONGOING CASES**

Purpose of Report

To update Forum members on the current position with regard to various Public Path and Modification Orders.

Public Footpath Orders which have been confirmed since the last report

1. The following Public Path Orders have recently been confirmed:-

Order Number

2378 – **Diversion of Footpath G52 (Part) at Langar Lane, Harby.** The above order was recently confirmed. It was sought in order to resolve a long standing development issue. The path was diverted along a pre-existing path at one side of the property. (See Appendix 1)

2397 – **Diversion of Bridleway T95 (Part) at Meadow View Farm School, Peckleton Parish.** This recently confirmed diversion was sought in order to provide a clear unobstructed route to the south of the Equestrian Centre. (See Appendix 2).

2413 – **Diversion of Footpath G21 (Part) at Lodge Farm, Plungar.** This diversion was made and subsequently confirmed in order to re-route the footpath around a new paddock. At the same time it did away with an unnecessary duplicate section of footpath to the south west of the farm. (See Appendix 3).

2418 – **Diversion of Footpath D77 (Part) in Burrough on the Hill, Somerby Parish.** This diversion was recently confirmed and brought into operation in order to resolve a long standing garden obstruction and also for the better management of land. (See Appendix 4).

Public Path Order Applications

2. The following applications for public path orders have recently been received:-

2437 - **Proposed Diversion of Footpath W53 (Part) at Broughton Astley.** This diversion is being processed by Harborough District Council under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (T&CPA 1990) in order to enable the development of a new car showroom. (See Appendix 5).

2438 – **Proposed Diversion of Footpath W52 (Part) off Coventry Road, Broughton Astley.** This diversion is sought by the householder in order to take the public footpath out of his garden and re-route it down an existing jitty; a situation which has been in existence for several decades. A new housing

development is being developed to the south that takes account of the path. (See Appendix 6).

2442 – Proposed Diversion of Footpath F8, old dismantled railway, Scalford Parish. An application has been received from the landowners of the dismantled railway and a railway bridge in Scalford Parish. The old bridge is deemed to be unsafe and a diversion is therefore being sought to provide a permanent safe alternative route. (See Appendix 7).

2443 – Proposed Diversion of Footpath K23, APAC Packaging, Rothley. Charnwood Borough Council is processing an application for the diversion of the above footpath to enable the development of a new industrial unit under the provisions of the T&CPA 1990. (See Appendix 8)

2444 - Proposed Diversion of Bridleway D5 at Cold Newton Grange, Cold Newton. The above diversion is being sought by the owners of the Lodge on the basis of improved security and privacy and also the better management of land. (See Appendix 9).

2445 – Proposed Diversion of Footpath M75, Benson Cottage, The Woolrooms, Coleorton. The existing route of this footpath passes through the garden of Benson Cottage and passed several windows. The applicants have therefore applied for the diversion on the grounds of improved privacy and security. (See Appendix 10).

Confirmed Modification Orders (Evidential)

3. The following evidence based Definitive Map Modification order was confirmed in the last quarter.

M989 – Addition of Footpath J110 from School Lane to Main Street, South Croxton. A route along an existing and well used jitty path was added to the Definitive Map to link into Footpath J3A. It was added without objection on the basis of user and historical evidence. (See Appendix 11).

Forthcoming Referrals to the Planning Inspectorate, Public Hearings & Inquiries

4. There is one case where the Planning Inspectorate have informed the authority that it intends to hold a Public Inquiry :-

M711 – Proposed Addition of Footpath I118 from Bridge Street to Proctor's Park Road, Barrow Upon Soar. This order was applied for by Barrow upon Soar Parish Council and is based mainly on user evidence. Having been objected to, it was referred to the Secretary of State as an unconfirmed order. The Planning Inspectorate has decided to hold a Public Inquiry to determine the case on April 25th 2017 at County Hall. (See Appendix 12).

Decisions Received

5. The following decisions have been issued by the Planning Inspectorate:-

2311- Creation, Diversion and Extinguishment Orders; Rights of Way M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M24 and M28 on the Staunton Harold Estate. The Inspector confirmed this large scheme on the Staunton Harold Estate, after written representations, on 7th November 2016. The Order will not come fully into effect until such time as the alternative new paths have been constructed and signed to the County Council's satisfaction. (See Appendix 13).

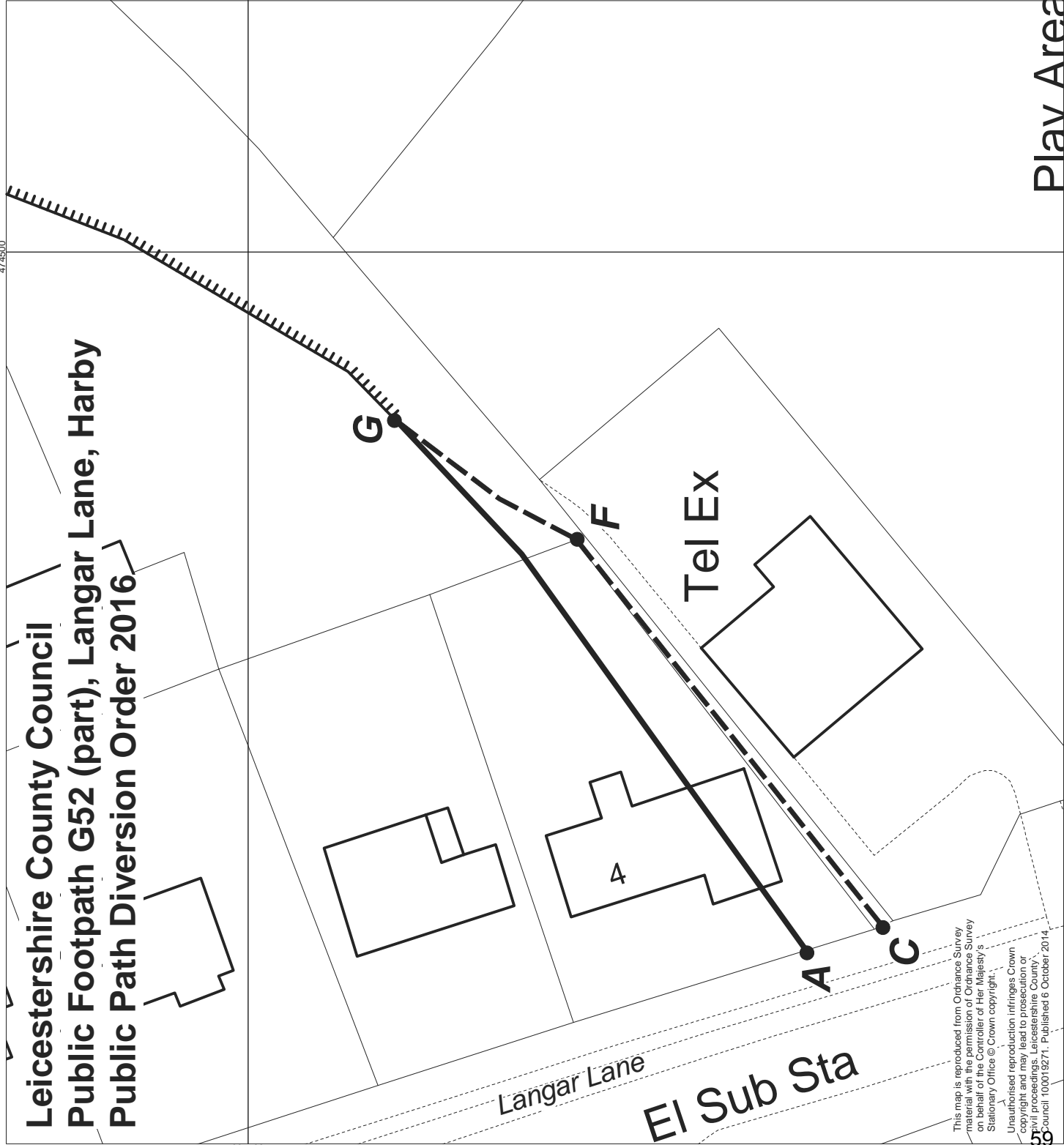
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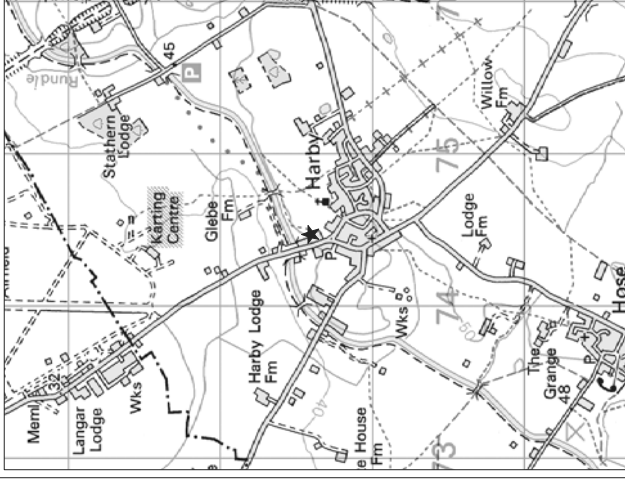
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Public Footpath G52 (part), Langar Lane, Harby
Public Path Diversion Order 2016**



Location Plan



Key

-  Footpath to be Diverted A - G
-  Alternative Footpath C-F-G
-  Footpath Unaffected

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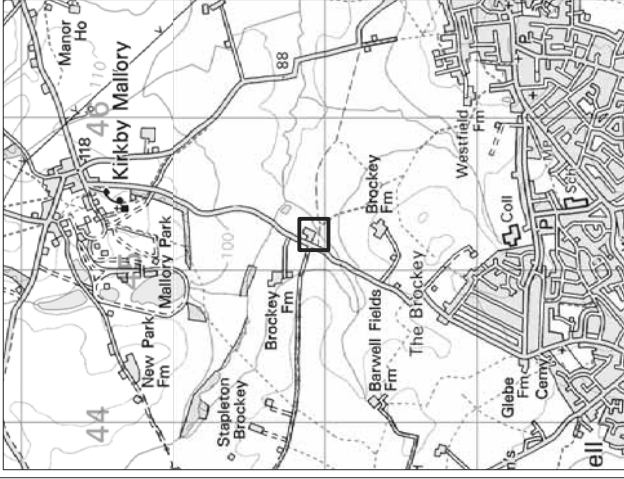
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Play Area

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Location Plan



Key

— Bridleway to be Diverted (A-D-B)

- - - Alternative Bridleway (A-D-C)

-|-|- Unaffected Public Bridleway

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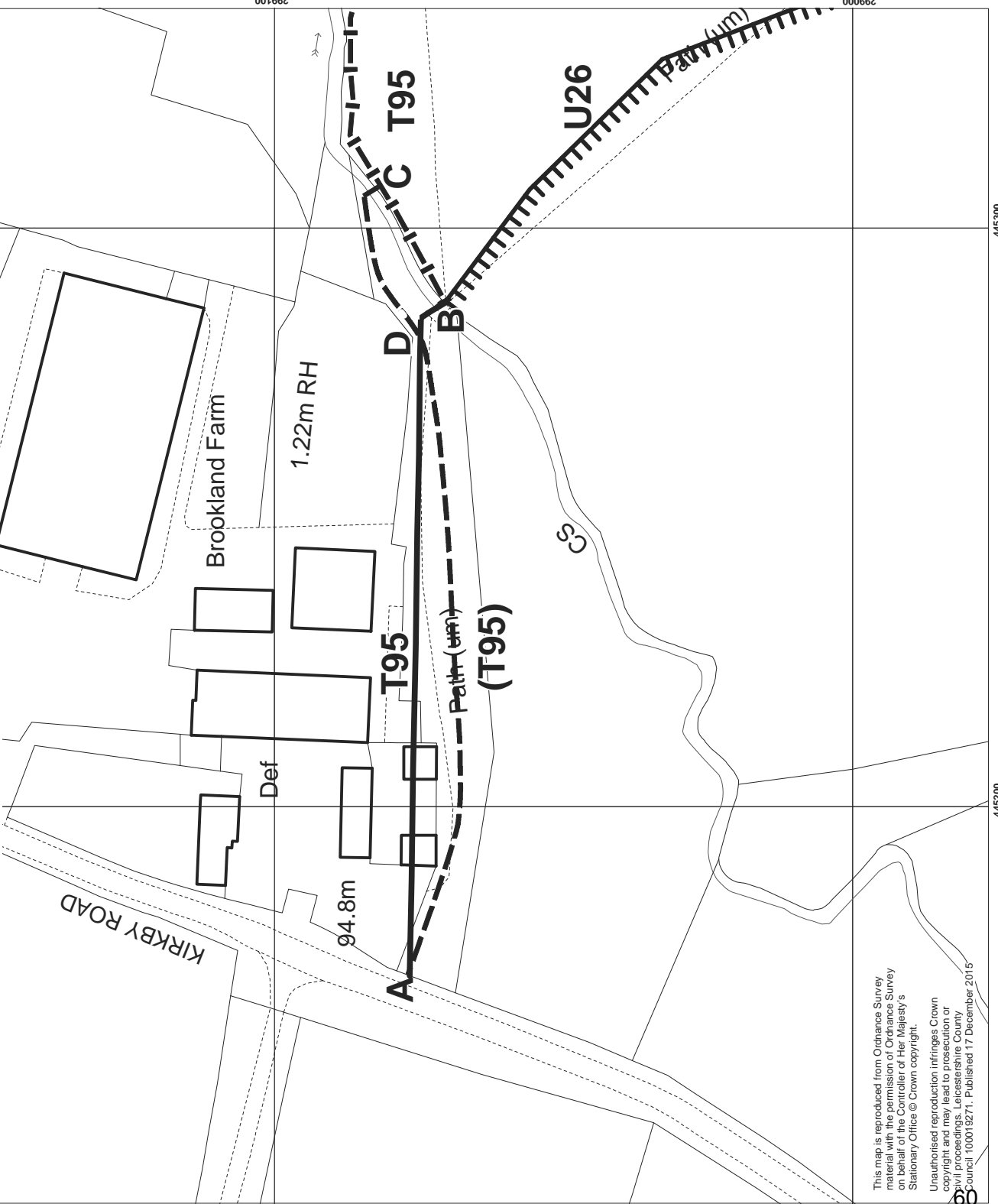


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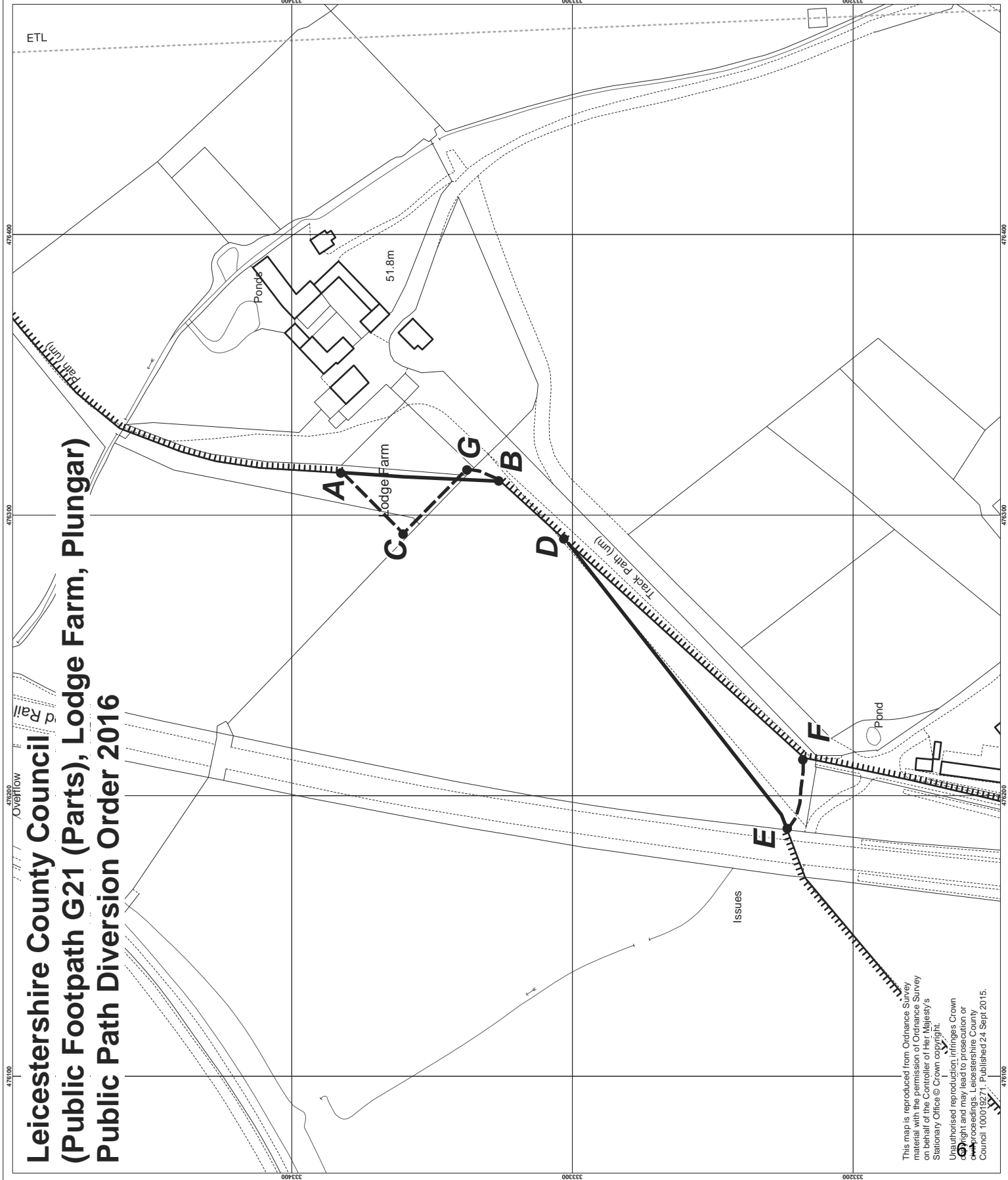
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Public Path Diversion Order 2016

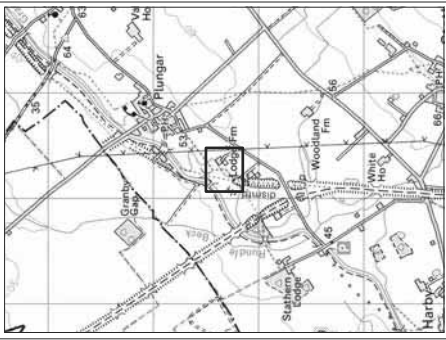


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Location Plan



Key

- Footpaths to be diverted
A - B and D - E
- - - Alternative Footpaths
A - C - G - B and F - E
- ▨ Footpaths unaffected

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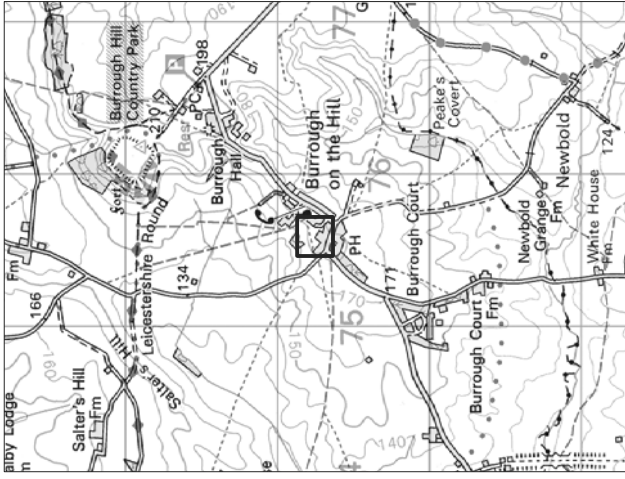
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Location Plan



Key

- Footpath to be Diverted
- - - Alternative Footpath
- ||||| Footpaths unaffected
- |-|-| Bridleway unaffected

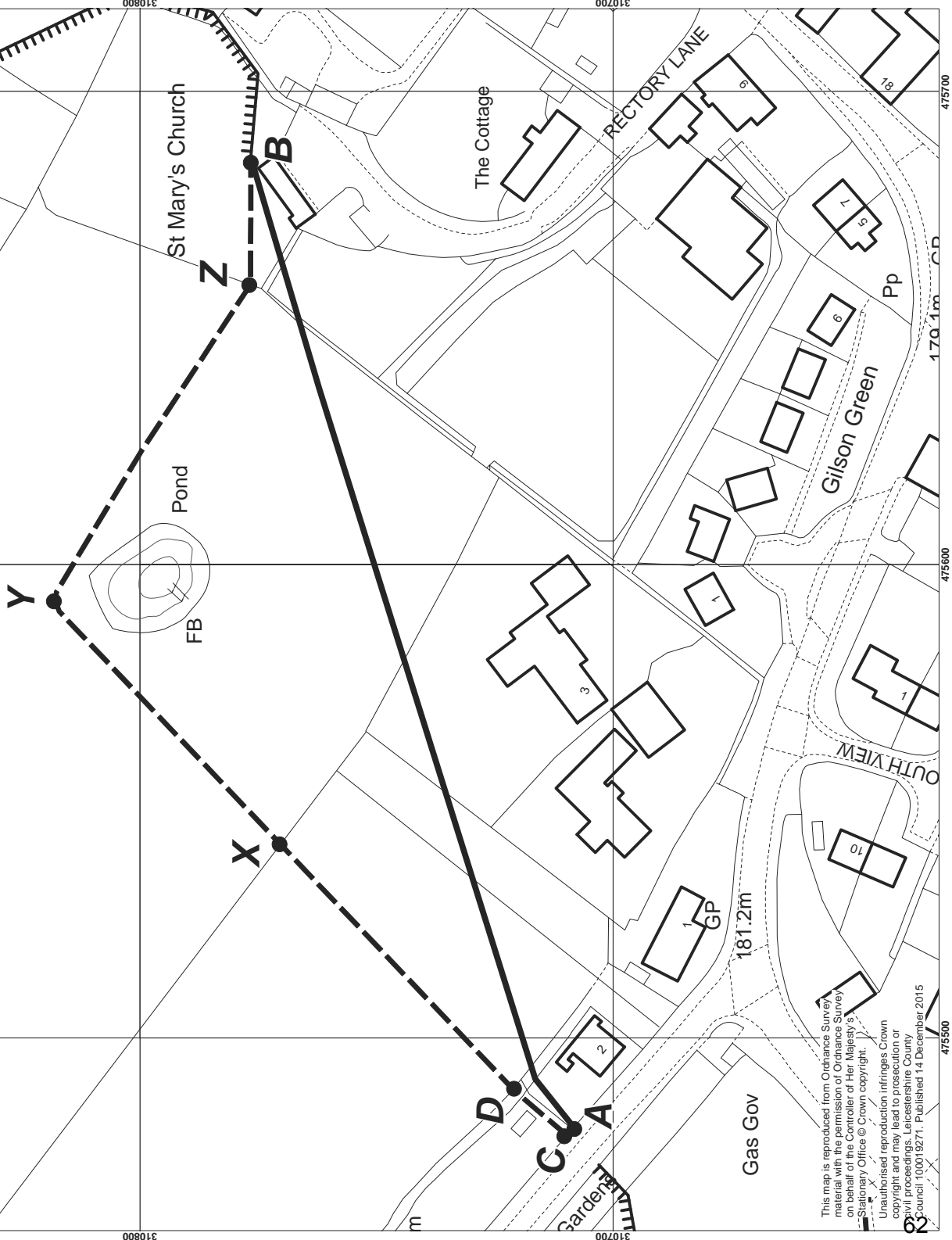
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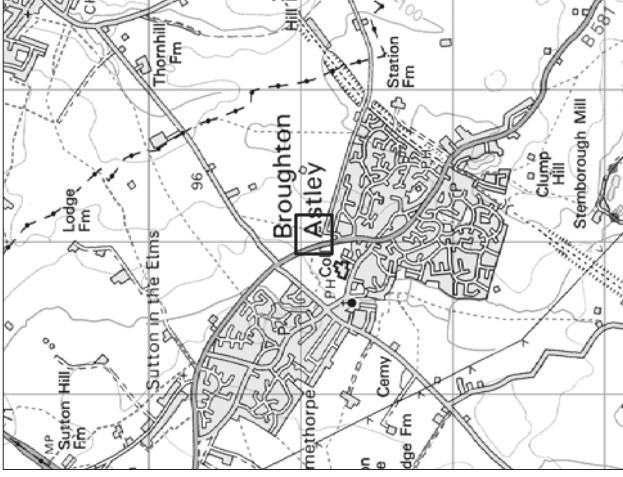
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 (Public Footpath D77 (Part), Burrough on the Hill)
 Public Path Diversion Order 2016**



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Location Plan



Key

- footpath unaffected
- Footpath to be diverted
A-B-C
- Alternative new footpath
A-D-E

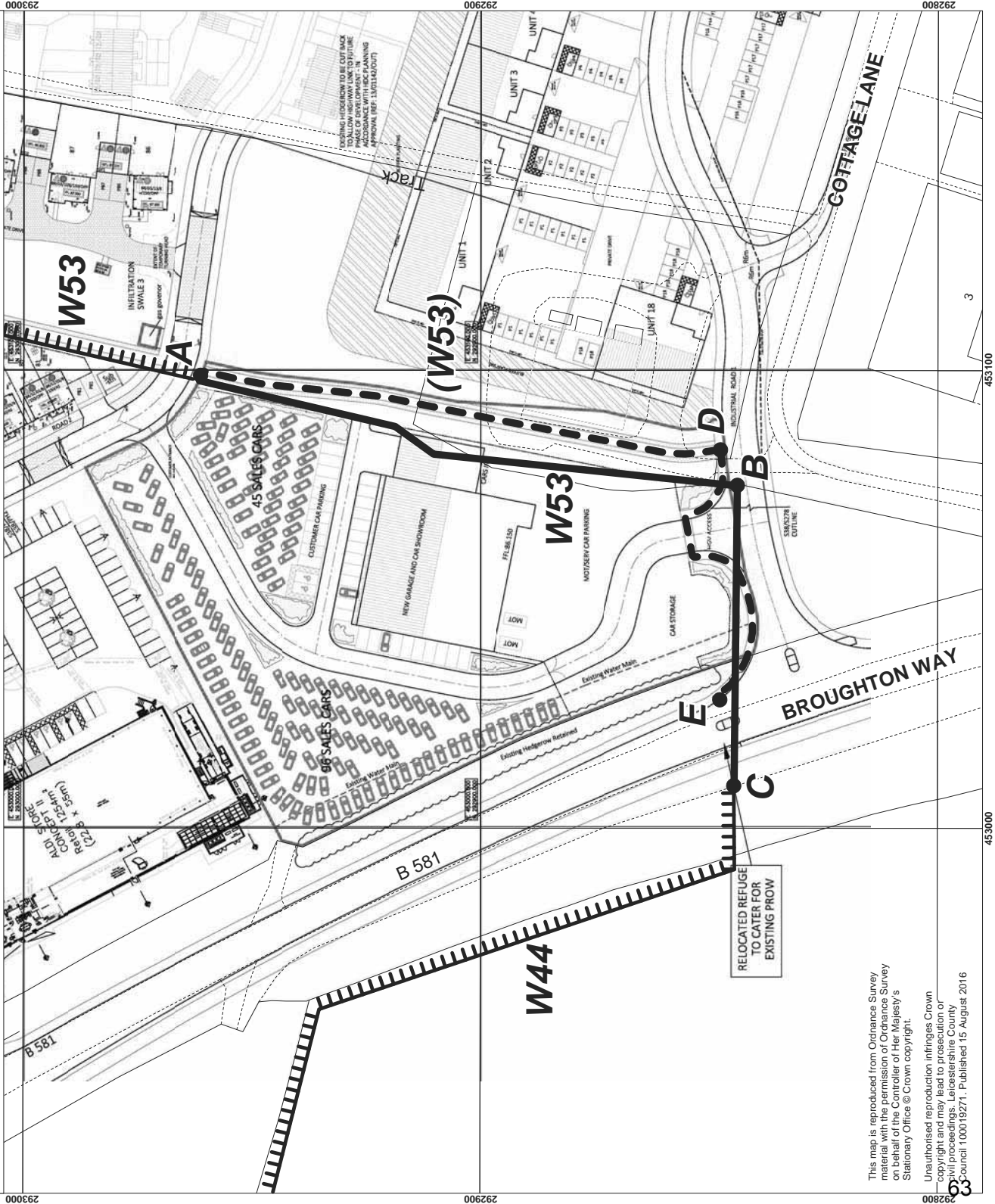
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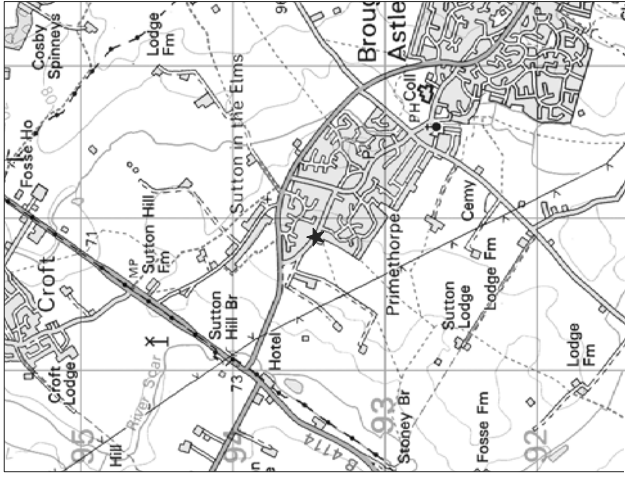
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Harborough District Council - Town & Country Planning Act 1990
Diversion of Public Footpath W53 at Broughton Astley




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Location Plan



Key

-  Footpath to be diverted (A-B)
-  Footpath to be created (A-C-D-E-F)
-  Footpath unaffected

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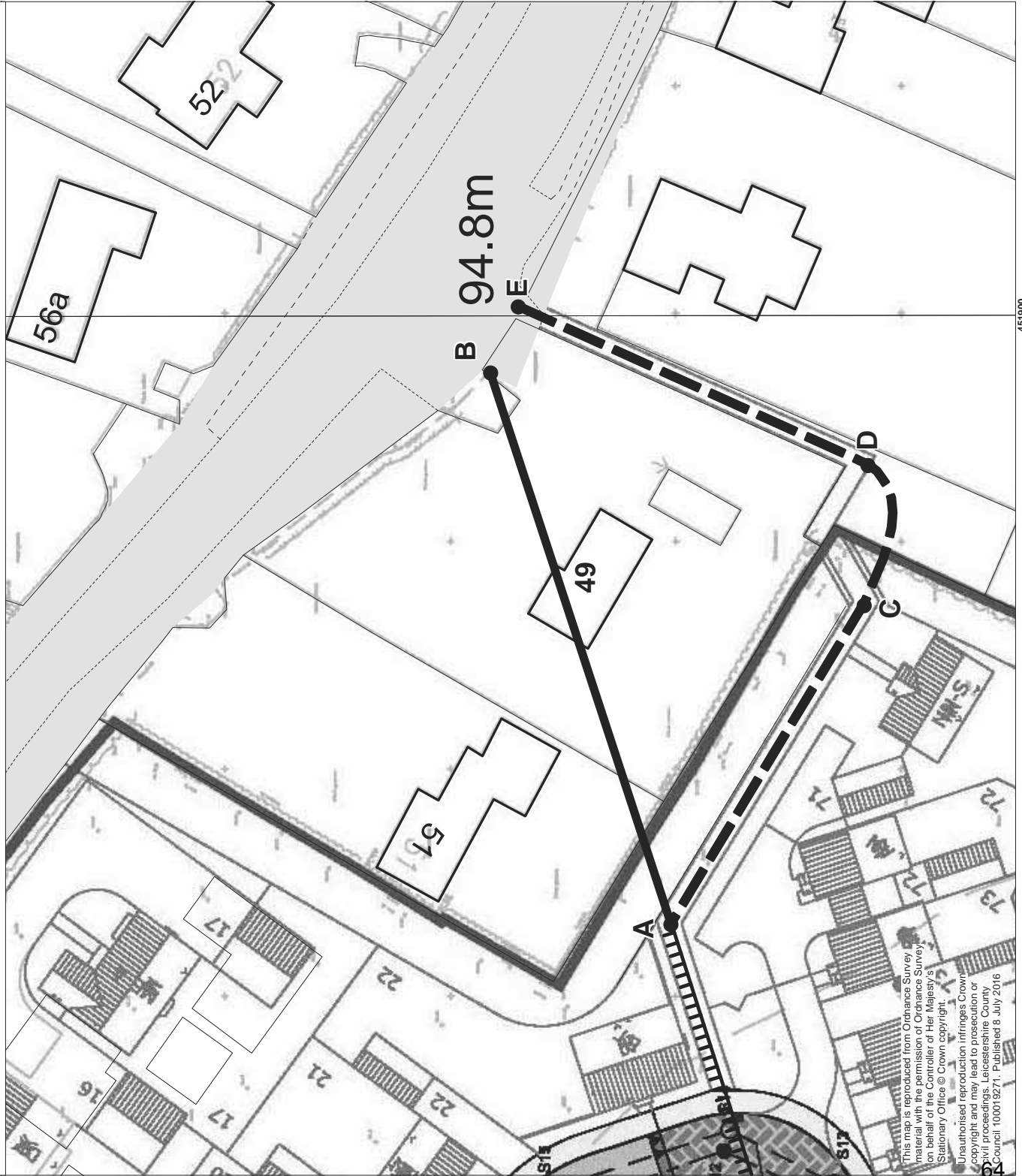


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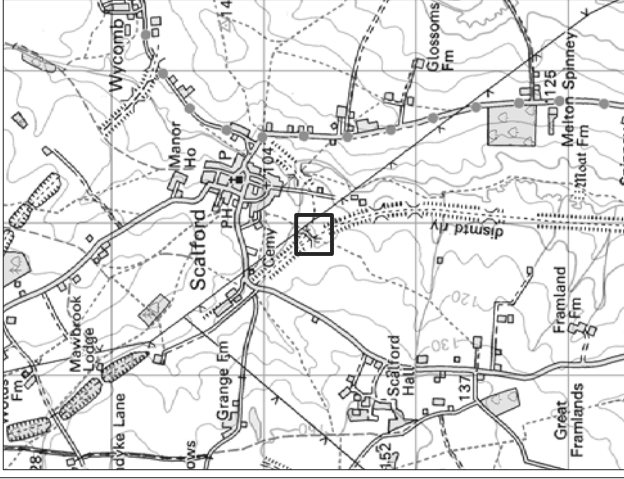
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Leicestershire County Council - Public Footpath W52 at Broughton Astle



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Location Plan



Key

- Footpath to be Diverted
A - B - C - D
- - - Alternative Footpath
A - E - F - G - D
- ||||| Footpath unaffected

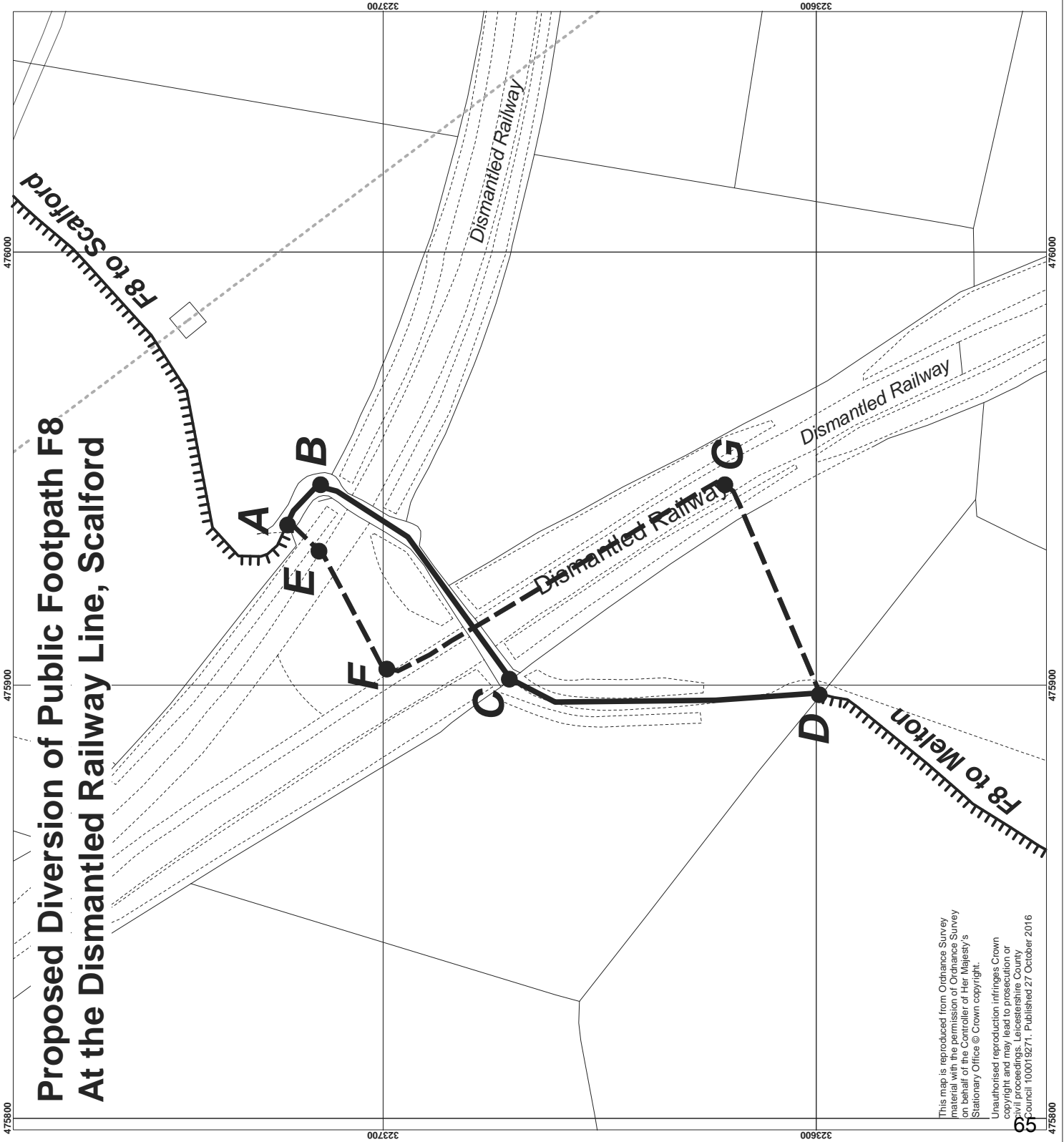
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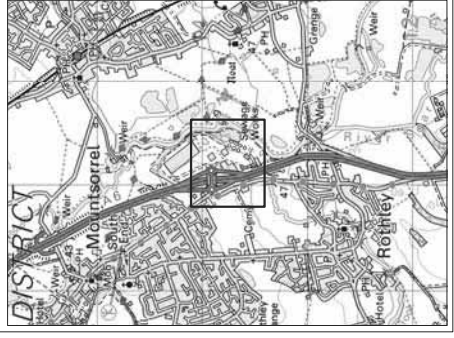
Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath F8 At the Dismantled Railway Line, Scalford



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Location Plan



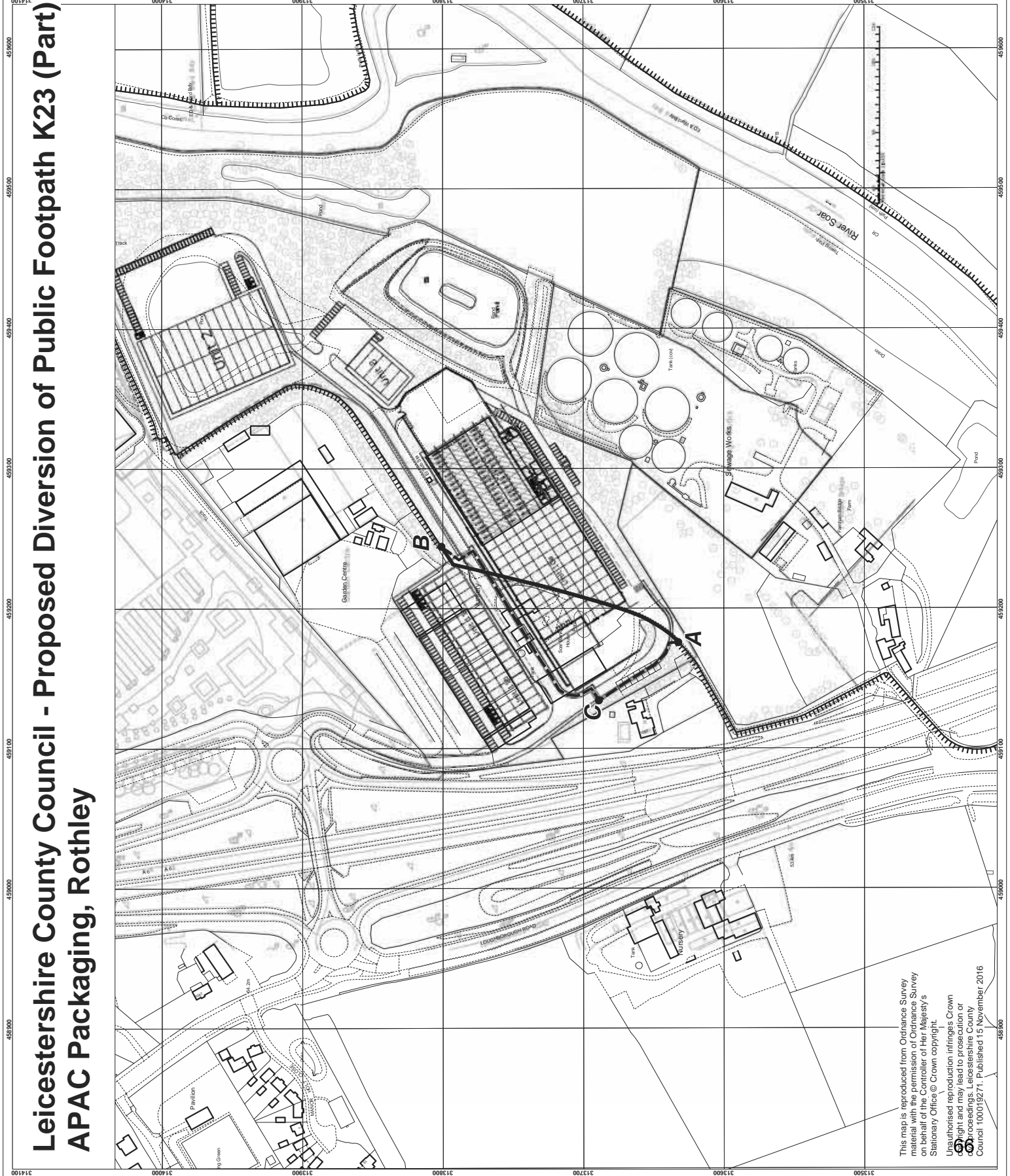
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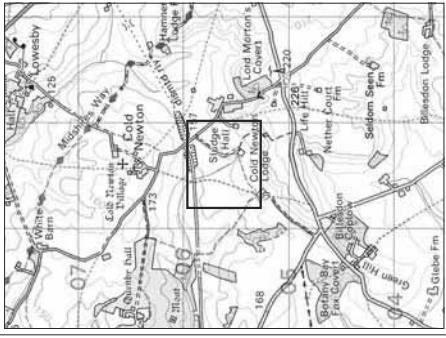
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Leicestershire County Council - Proposed Diversion of Public Bridleway D5 at Cold Newton Grange, Cold Newton

Location Plan



Key

-  Bridleway to be stopped up/diverted A-B-C-D
-  Alternative bridleway A-E
-  Bridleway unaffected
-  Footpath unaffected

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APPENDIX 9

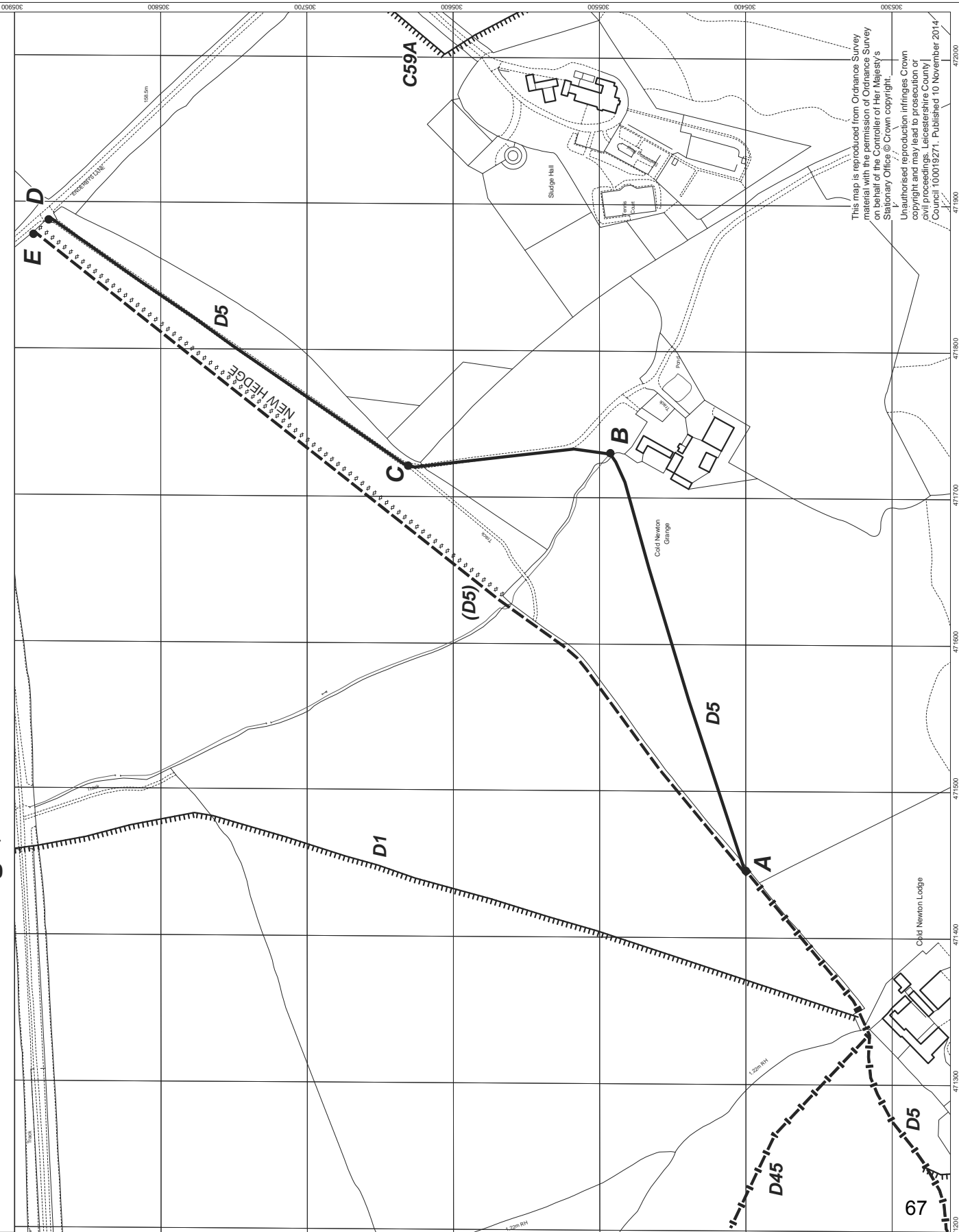
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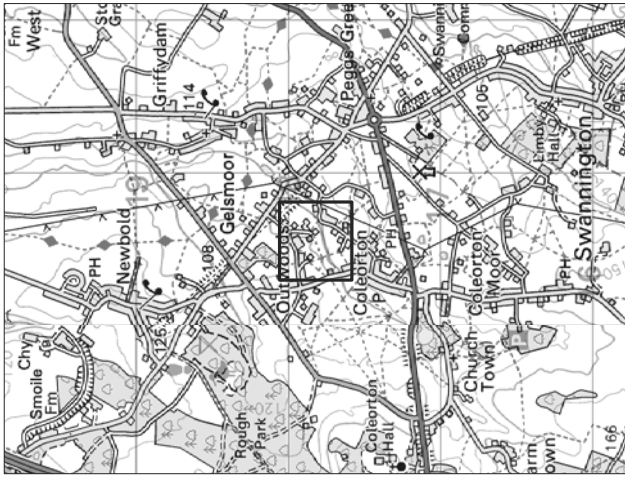
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Location Plan



Key

- Footpath to be diverted
A-B
- - - Alternative new footpath
A-C
- ||||| Footpaths

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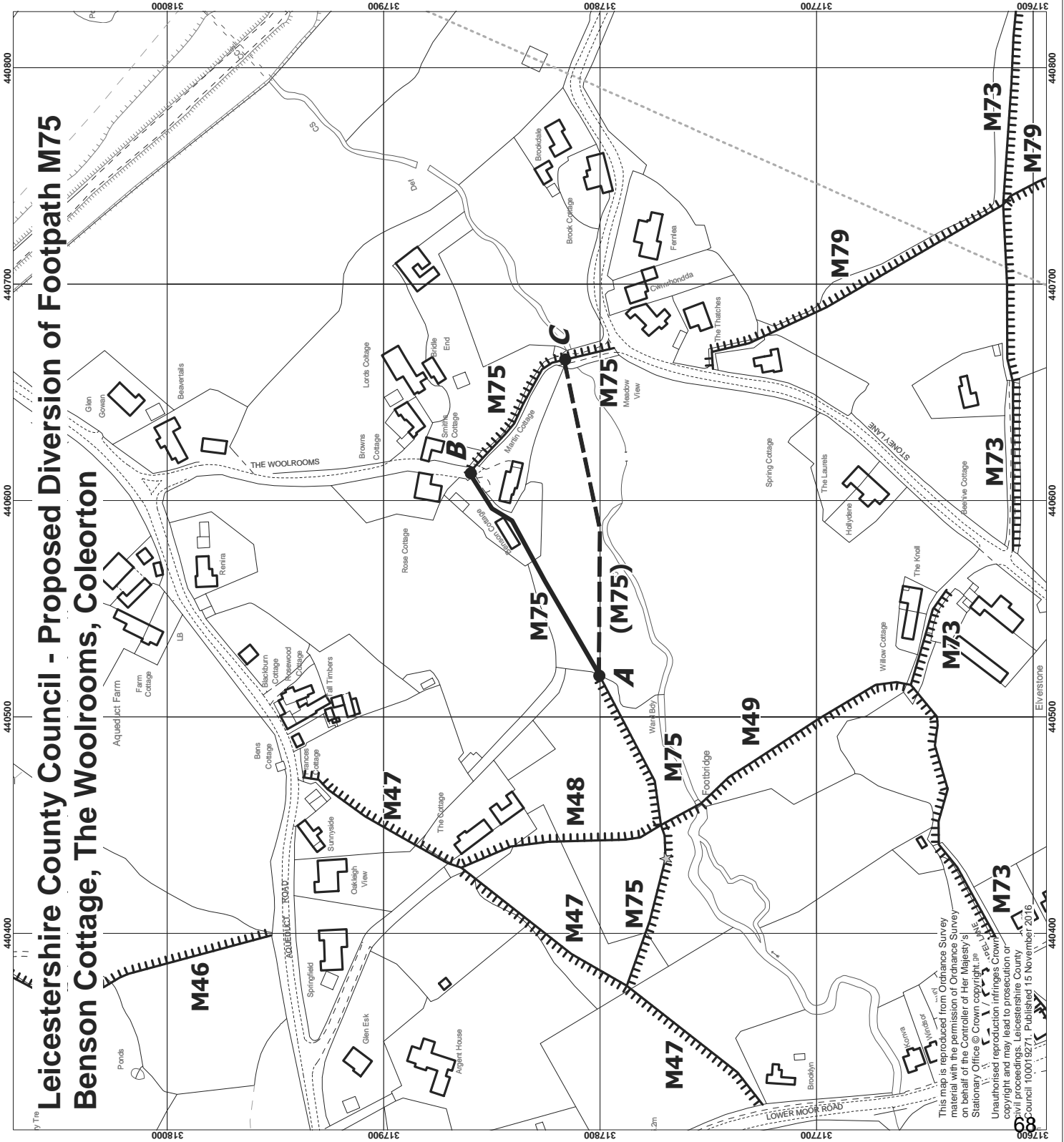


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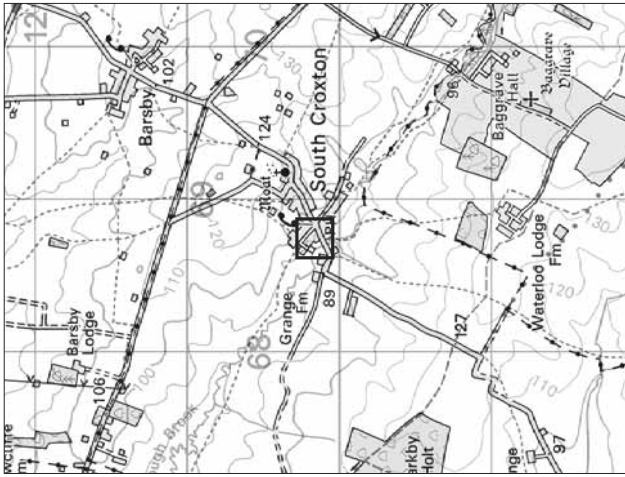
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Leicestershire County Council - Proposed Diversion of Footpath M75
Benson Cottage, The Woolrooms, Coleorton



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Location Plan



Key

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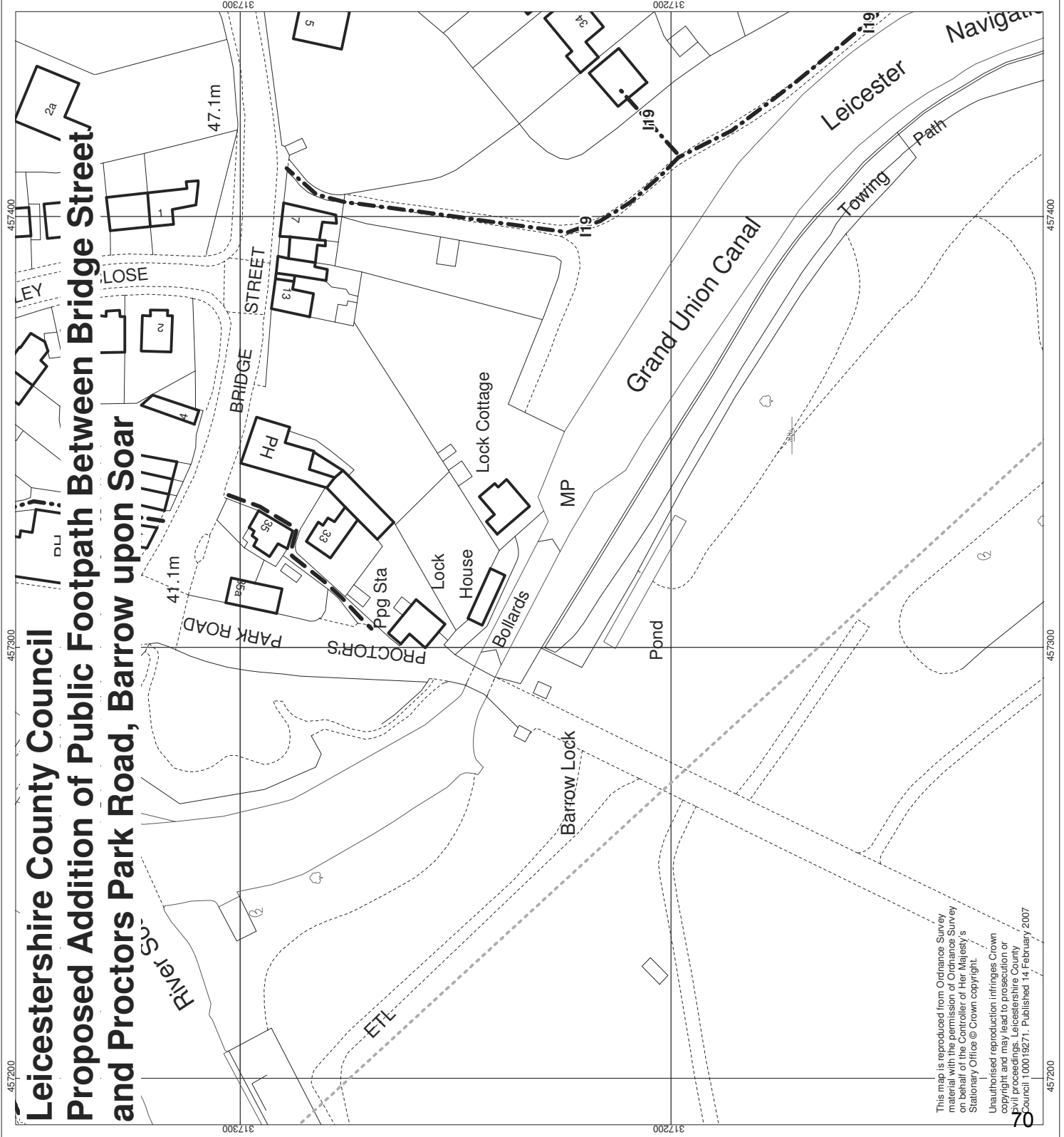
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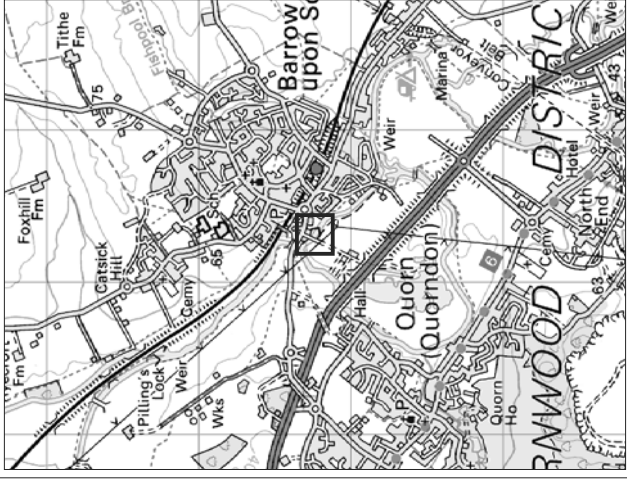


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Location Plan



Key

- - - Footpath Proposed To Be Added
- · - · Existing Public Footpaths

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Leicestershire County Council Proposed Addition of Public Footpath Between Bridge Street and Proctors Park Road, Barrow upon Soar

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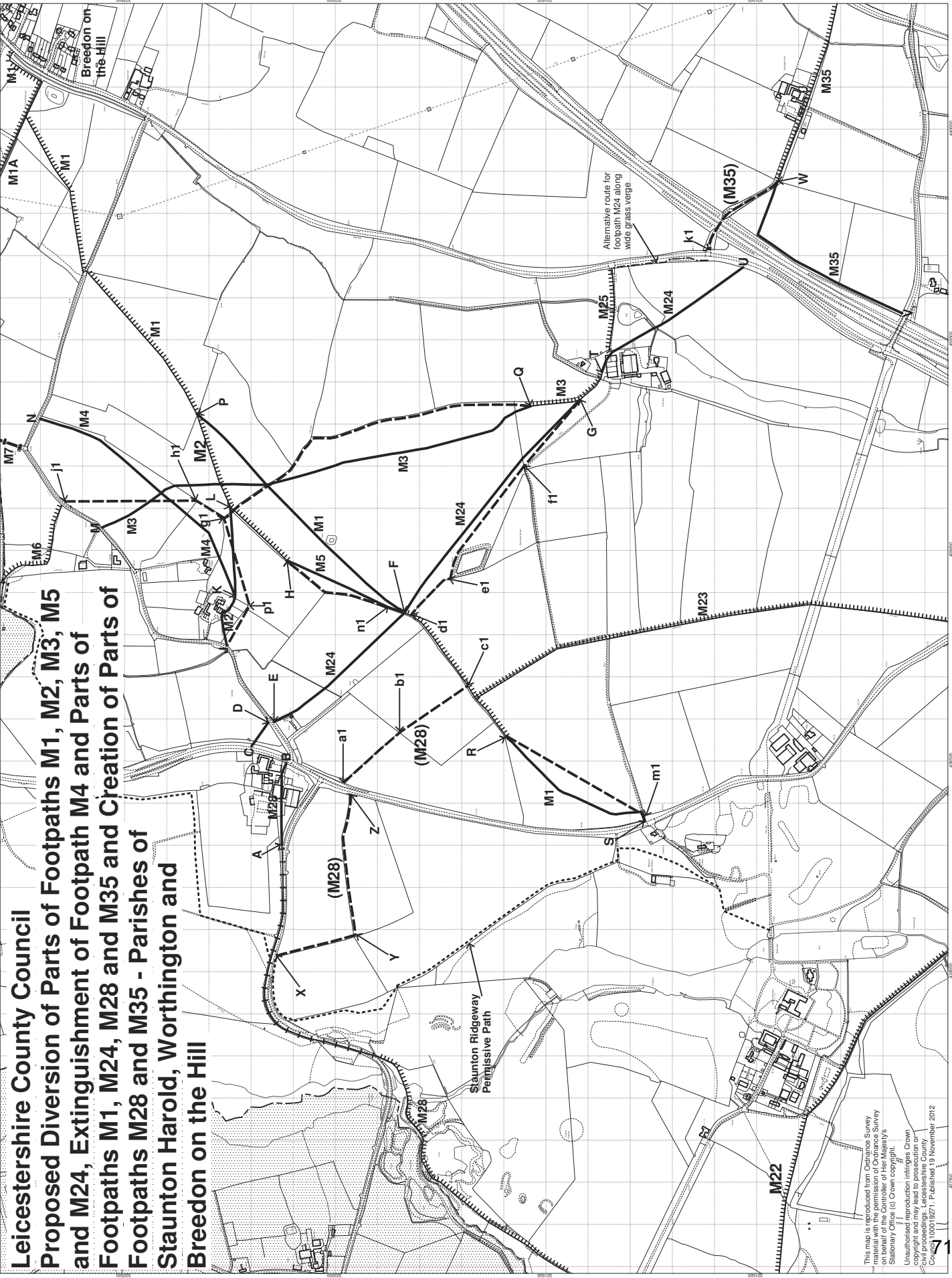


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Location Plan

Key

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- Footpaths to be created
- Unaffected public footpaths
- Unaffected public bridleways
- Staunton Ridgeway Permissive Path
- Footpath M28 to be deleted under separate Order



Leicestershire County Council Proposed Diversion of Parts of Footpaths M1, M2, M3, M5 and M24, Extinguishment of Footpath M4 and Parts of Footpaths M1, M24, M28 and M35 and Creation of Parts of Footpaths M28 and M35 - Parishes of Staunton Harold, Worthington and Breendon on the Hill

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