



LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM – MAY 2023

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 since the last such report in April 2019.

Public Footpath Orders which have been confirmed since the last report

1. There have been 54 public path diversion orders confirmed since the last report in April 2019. A List is attached as Appendix A. Unfortunately, with this number of confirmed orders, it is not practicable to print out all of the respective order plans to attach to this report but if any member of the Forum has a particular interest in one or more of them they are welcome to contact Piers Lindley for more information.

Public Path Order Applications

2. There have been around 60 applications since last reported but some of those have subsequently been confirmed and are listed in Appendix A. The remaining 52 applications are listed at Appendix B. Unfortunately, with this number of applications, it is not practicable to print out all of the respective order plans to attach to this report but if any member of the Forum has a particular interest in one or more of them they are welcome to contact Piers Lindley for more information.

Confirmed Modification Orders

3. There have been thirteen Confirmed Definitive Map Modification Orders made based on historical evidence, user evidence, or a combination of both, since the last report. A list of these is attached as Appendix C.

New Applications for Modification Orders (Evidential)

4. There have been 155 Definitive Map Modification Order applications since the last report. The best way, perhaps, to find out more about these applications is from the online Register of DMMO Applications at:-

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/cycling-and-walking/definitive-map-modification-orders>

Referrals to the Planning Inspectorate, Public Hearings & Inquiries

5. The initial decision for the D.M.M.O. relating to Read's Close, Slawston was to only add the missing link leading to existing Footpath B38. The other two sides of this route, it has been proposed by the Inspector, should not be added.
6. The County Council and five other parties objected to this when advertised, and now the case has been referred to the Inspector for him to take on board the new representations and come to a final conclusion. For further information please contact Piers.
7. Recently the Planning Inspectorate has been requested to consider the County Council's decision not to make an Order adding a public footpath through the park at Birstall. It is open to the Inspectorate, if they consider it appropriate, to instruct the County Council to make an order.

Decisions Received

8. Members of the Forum will no doubt be aware of the two Decisions made by inspectors, on behalf of the Secretary of State. In June 2020 an Inspector decided that the closure of Bridleway I20 where it crosses the Midland Mainline at Barrow, should be extinguished, as sought by Network Rail. More recently an Inspector decided that Bridleway D6 should be diverted away from Quenby Hall, Hungarton, in December of last year.

Appendices

- Appendix A – List of Confirmed Public Path Orders
- Appendix B - List of New Applications
- Appendix C - List of Confirmed D.M.M.Os.

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