

CABINET – 28 OCTOBER 2025**Agenda Item 7 – Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) 2025-2035****Comments from the Leicestershire Footpath Association**

We are writing to you today because you are being asked to sign off on the Public Rights of Way (PROW) Improvement Plan and part of the Local Transport Plan (LPT4) at the Cabinet Meeting on Tuesday 28th of October 2025.

We the Leicestershire Footpath Association (LFA) feel that the two documents have a very serious omission particularly regarding safety improvements for pedestrians. The LFA has identified a list of very dangerous footpath crossings throughout rural Leicestershire, (this list we presented to LCC on the 8th of October 2025) where there are no safety measures at all for pedestrians crossing the roads with vehicles exceeding 40 to 60 mph plus.

‘The Leicestershire County Council Highways Department are bound by various duties including to provide safe movement for all road users, including pedestrians’. According to Simon Lightwood MP Minister for Roads and Buses 13th October 2025

Pedestrian deaths across the UK increased by 6% during 2023 (STATS19 Data)

We are asking you to question the Highways Department to review the identified dangerous footpath crossings and implement a minimum standard, with a best practice of safety measures to protect the public crossing the rural footpaths of Leicestershire.

Therefore, we perceive a requirement for a minimum ‘gold standard’ for some of the very dangerous footpath crossings in Leicestershire using an integrated approach, including Pedestrian Instigated Flashing Warning Light Alerts (PIFWLA) (like they have at schools), countdown signage to the actual crossings, sufficient vegetation clearance, with suitable verge management in the vicinity of the footpaths, and a dropped kerb where applicable. In addition, white lines on the road would reveal to the driver where the actual crossing is situated.

Yours faithfully

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