

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

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| Work Programme Reference | 1073221 |
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1. **TITLE:** Rights of Way Improvement Plan

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Environment, Culture and Communities

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To seek approval for the new Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2017-2026 (RoWIP2), which is the second version of the plan prepared for Bracknell Forest Borough. The requirement to produce this statutory plan arose from the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000 and with it there is a duty to review the plan every 10 years. RoWIPs are intended to be a mechanism for improving the local network of public rights of way for all users – walkers, cyclists, horse-riders, horse and carriage drivers, vehicular users and those with mobility problems.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** No

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED that the new Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2017 / 2026 (RoWIP2) be approved.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

1. As a unitary authority, Bracknell Forest is responsible for public rights of way in the Borough, and has a duty to produce, review and re-publish a RoWIP.
2. Approval and publication of RoWIP2 will support Council Strategic themes:-
'A clean, green, growing and sustainable place' and 'People live active and healthy lifestyles'
3. There are direct links with the current Local Transport Plan (LTP3) and the RoWIP needs to be kept up to date with current legislation and policies in order for this link to be effective

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

None.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Bracknell Forest Local Countryside Access Forum

Rights of way users survey.

Public consultation advertised in local paper, on council website and social media.

Town and Parish Councils.
Section 94(4) bodies, residents, visitors,
local/national user groups, landowners, land
managers, conservation organisations,
LCAF and neighbouring LAFs / highway
authorities.
Natural England.
Other Departments / service areas in
Bracknell Forest Council

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Environment, Culture & Communities

11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

| Date Decision Made | Final Day of Call-in Period |
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| 19 December 2017 | 27 December 2017 |