

## Notice of Meeting

### Local Countryside Access Forum

Colin Bird (Chair)  
Richard Mosses (Vice-Chair)  
Nicholas Ballard  
Councillor Michael Brossard  
Richard Elsbury  
Councillor Alvin Finch  
Hugh Fitzwilliams  
Sue McDaid  
Geoff Paxton  
David Warren  
Jenny Yung



### Observer:

Heather Brown  
Richard Everett, The Crown Estate  
Purveen Hira, Binfield Parish Council

### Officers:

Stephen Chown, Head of Natural Estates  
Graham Pockett, Parks and Countryside Development Manager  
Robert Solomon, Biodiversity Officer  
Rose Wicks, Data & Communications Officer

**Tuesday 31 January 2023, 7.00 pm**  
**Zoom**

### Agenda

*All councillors at this meeting have adopted the Mayor's Charter which fosters constructive and respectful debate.*

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11.	<b>Administration</b>	
12.	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
13.	<b>Public Question Time</b>	
	(Maximum 10 Minutes)	
14.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
	The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm on 6 June 2023.	

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**LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS FORUM  
11 OCTOBER 2022  
7.00 - 9.05 PM**

**Present:**

**Members:**

Colin Bird (Chair)  
Richard Mosses (Vice-Chair)  
Nicholas Ballard  
Councillor Michael Brossard  
Richard Elsbury  
Councillor Alvin Finch  
Hugh Fitzwilliams  
Sue McDaid  
Geoff Paxton

**In attendance:**

Graham Pockett, Parks & Countryside Development Manager  
Robert Solomon, SANG and Rights of Way Officer  
Rose Wicks, Data & Communications Officer

**Observers:**

Rory Kerr, The Crown Estate

**Apologies for absence were received from:**

David Warren  
Jenny Yung

**232. Welcome**

The chair welcomed the forum to the meeting. Nicholas Ballard was welcomed as a new member of the forum. Rory Kerr was also welcomed as an observer in his role as forest warden at The Crown Estate.

**233. Apologies**

Apologies were received from David Warren and Jenny Yung. It was noted that Jane Rimmer had left the forum.

**234. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2022 were approved as a correct record.

A summary of progress on the action points from the meeting was included in Appendix 1 of the agenda reports pack. Colin Bird noted that the actions were progressing well.

Arising from minute 224, Colin Bird highlighted the action for Graham Pockett and Colin to discuss facilitation of a planning subgroup. This was discussed but had not

yet been activated. Colin requested an action to progress setting up a meeting of the subgroup. **(Action: Colin Bird and Graham Pockett)**

## 235. **PRoW Improvements/Issues**

### Drainage work along Winkfield FP6

Rob Solomon explained that the drainage issue had been rectified, improving access along the footpath.

### Surface improvements along Sandhurst FP14

BFC gained consent from Natural England for works on the site of special scientific interest (SSSI) to make surface improvements to the footpath. It was hoped that this would make it more accessible when conditions were wet.

### New boardwalk on Warfield FP7

A new boardwalk had been installed to improve access to a seasonally wet section of Warfield FP7. Funding came through the South East Berks Ramblers, and it was installed by Bracknell Conservation Volunteers (BCVs). The path was becoming increasingly important, being part of the Bracknell Forest Ramblers' Route and linking the new Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspaces (SANGs) at Frost Folly and Windmill Farm.

### Surface improvements along Sandhurst FP15

Surface improvements have been made to Sandhurst FP15. This is a narrow footpath linking Branksome Hill Road to College Road, providing a useful route for school children and residents accessing local shops.

### Winkfield FP10

Colin Bird thanked Rob for arranging the footbridge to be fixed on the same day as reporting it. Rob explained that it was prioritised as a health and safety issue.

### The Crown Estate

Rory Kerr introduced himself and his role as a forest warden at The Crown Estate. The vast majority of Crown Estate land had public access. Rory was invited by Colin Bird to raise any issues of access and the forum would be happy to discuss. Furthermore, the forum would like to better understand The Crown Estate's intentions for public access to Whitmoor Bog from access points following some representations from the public, other than the section where the fence was repaired by BFC. Rory replied that he was not aware of any issues of access. There had been some issues around antisocial behaviour, but these issues seemed to have been resolved since the fence line had been repaired.

Colin also asked about the part of the site used for Lapland UK and whether it was still acceptable for members of the public to use the walking route around the south side of the houses. Rory confirmed that they would always make sure there was some sort of route around. One difficulty this year had been that South East Water was still repairing a large leak and this had limited some access.

Colin asked whether all the "walkers welcome" signs were still displayed around the entrances. Rory replied that they were all still there except one which was removed by the timber yard on the Swinley Park site due to a safety concern.

Graham Pockett highlighted that Crowthorne Forest had been taken over from the Forestry Commission and it was unusual in having Public Rights of Way (PRoW) whereas elsewhere the forest paths had permissive access. Richard Mosses asked whether the 3 Castles Path could be made a PRoW. Graham replied that it was not

possible to create a new PRoW on The Crown Estate land as there was a historical agreement that meant rights of way would not be created by use, and the Crown Estate land was not subject to the Highways Act. Graham highlighted that there was a section of path near Ice House Hill which had got fallen trees across it. Rory replied that he had looked at that today. The main forest tracks had been cleared after high winds had caused debris to obstruct them. This track had not yet been cleared as it was not a regular route they used for site maintenance; however, there was a plan to clear it.

Colin asked whether any more waymarkers could be installed within The Crown Estate regarding the Bracknell Ramblers' Route. Rory did not think there would be a problem with that. Rob Solomon advised that BFC had a stock of signage which could be used. **(Action: Rob Solomon)**

Richard Mosses asked whether the meetings for users of Swinley Forest which used to be held at The Look Out would start again. Rory replied that he believed that it was still something that The Crown Estate wanted; Richard Everett was keen to get different opinions and maximise the public's enjoyment of the land.

#### Winkfield FPs13 and 19

Graham Pockett updated that a Public Path Diversion Order had been made which was currently in the 6-week consultation period. Notices had gone up at either end of the paths and sent to the parish council, prescribed organisations and landowners. Graham had done site inspections and found that a couple of sections are impassable currently. This had been brought to the contractor's attention and they had advised that the issues would be dealt with during this 6-week period. Once the consultation period had finished, providing there were no objections and the new paths were made accessible, the order would be confirmed and way markers would be installed.

#### Broadmoor Estate

The landowners had introduced new signage in woodland areas on the Broadmoor Estate. The site was owned by North West London Mental Health Trust. It seemed to be mainly about liability concerns, but the signs told people that they were trespassing. The signs were also located on the route of the 3 Castles Path and this would be discussed further under Item 8 (Claimed Rights of Way). Graham had written to the Trust asking if they had considered that the path where they were looking to restrict access was part of a promoted route, but Graham had not had a response yet.

#### Cabbage Hill and The Cut route

Rose Wicks updated that improvements had been made to the route description and map following helpful feedback from the forum. One suggestion was to provide a shortcut route to the map and that had been included. They had also added a few more labels for the roads and added in the waterway. A few tweaks had been made to the text. A PDF copy of the leaflet had been produced but Rose was liaising with the website team about the best way to publicise this information online so it was most accessible for people, as sometimes PDFs could have accessibility issues. Hugh Fitzwilliams highlighted that Long Copse, which was referenced in the map, was the subject of a planning application to become a SANG.

### 236. **RoWIP2 Mid-Term Review**

Rose Wicks updated the forum on the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP2) mid-term review. RoWIP2 was created as a 10-year plan to improve access to RoW and recreation routes. Rose thanked members for their feedback, and comments

had been incorporated into the review. For example, it had been made clearer that PRoWs and access were already good in the borough, and that the work was to improve this even further and make routes more accessible to even more people. Also, information had been added about landowner responsibilities. This was limited in RoWIP2 and was an important consideration alongside users' responsibilities. The mid-term review document was due to be finalised in 2022 following submission to the Executive Member for decision. Good progress had been made on the action plan, with over 50% of actions already fulfilled or on target for completion.

Furniture had been improved in at least 35 instances and there had been at least 29 surface improvements. Rose highlighted that many of the improvements had been made possible by partnership-working, the Rights of way team working with the Bracknell Conservation Volunteers, the South East Berkshire Ramblers, and volunteer path inspectors. Colin Bird expressed how well this had been supported by BFC which had organised path inspections as most local authority areas relied on voluntary organisations to organise path inspections.

### 237. **Definitive Map Consolidation**

Graham Pockett explained that there was a big strategic project to review the rights of way maps and the Definitive Statement to check they were still accurate. They were last updated in 2013 and the revised documents would be published next year. The Definitive Map would provide a legal basis for all PRoW. Graham encouraged the forum to look at the online maps and note any changes required to the line of the RoW.

Graham had been checking the old Berkshire County modification orders as some of them included widths, whereas the widths were not recorded on the Definitive Statement. Graham was looking to add widths into the new Definitive Statement. The forum expressed that this would be useful, especially when new hedges and fences were added which make the paths narrower.

Rose Wicks offered to send the forum links to the online map and Definitive Statement. **(Action: Rose Wicks)**

### 238. **PROW and Local Developments**

#### BR26 Hedge Lane

Graham Pockett advised that Hedge Lane was a bridleway which ran through two linked planning application sites: 22/00578/REM for 175 properties and 22/00314/REM for 46 dwellings. The intention was to retain the bridleway in its current alignment. The plans included two new road crossings across the whole site, but more work was needed on the design of the crossings to segregate horses from pedestrians and cyclists; BFC was pushing for that via the consultation process.

Regarding the part of Hedge Lane covered by the smaller development application, some new hedging had been proposed and the ditch would be enlarged to improve drainage. However, this would result in some loss of vegetation.

The north crossing would potentially link with further developments so there was a need to keep potential future road links open.

Graham shared that there was an intention to create a permissive route between the playing fields and the proposed community hub as a traffic-free route. Colin Bird added that the final route would go from the Jocks Lane junction area of Berkeley Homes to Westmorland Park.

#### Buckler's Forest Masterplan

Graham Pockett explained about the planned route 300m west of the Golden Retriever pub connecting Buckler's Forest with the new Great Hollands SANG. This would be a promoted pedestrian entrance into the site. There would need to be a new crossing near the junction to assist crossing the road safely. Subject to planning, there may be a new SANG at Beaufort Park which would link to Buckler's Forest and the Great Hollands SANG.

Colin Bird shared that Natural England had concerns about having an entrance there as it would be giving a route from south Bracknell to the SPA; however, Graham thought that was referring to the route behind the Golden Retriever where people had been breaking through the fence to get from the SANG to the footpath.

#### Jealott's Hill and the proposed new garden village

Colin Bird explained that the proposal was still going through assessment by examiners. The proposal would create quite a lot of new green spaces including a new public bridleway which Colin felt would be an excellent addition. Colin reminded the forum that, if this proposal was included in the local plan, the forum would need to engage with developers about access.

### 239. **Claimed Rights of Way**

### 240. **Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspaces**

#### New paths and car park improvements at Horseshoe Lake

Rob Solomon highlighted a new path which had been established around the back of Horseshoe Lake Activity Centre, providing a quiet route through the grazed meadow, and improving access from the junction of Lower Church Road. The compacted gravel surface would allow for year-round access. Pedestrian friendly wide kissing gates (with access keys) and stock-proof bridle gates had been installed at each entrance.

Colin Bird added that it was part of the wish list to add a PRow so that the access from Lower Church Road would appear on OS maps. It was felt that this would increase safety so that members of the public did not feel that they had to walk along narrow roads to the car park entrance. Now that the improvement works were completed, it was felt that it was the right time to progress this. Graham Pockett explained that he did not feel it would be difficult to progress; however, he did not know the original reasons why it was set up as a permissive path as opposed to a PRow and would need to check that. Graham added that there was a planning application out for a decision, for car park improvements at the Horseshoe Lake activity centre.

#### Moss End Farm SANG update

Graham Pockett explained that the 3 years' planning approval was due to expire on 14 November 2022. Agents and planners had been working on discharging key conditions so that work could commence to avoid the need for a new application.

Hugh Fitzwilliams expressed that there ought to be connections to the Frost Folly sites. Graham agreed to follow up on opening up the links. **(Action: Graham Pockett)**

### 241. **Administration**

### Membership and recruitment

The forum felt that it would benefit from disabled representation. The forum expressed its thanks to Rory Kerr from The Crown Estate for attending the meeting.

The forum discussed ways to promote LCAF and expressed an interest in holding more group activities such as site visits. Rose Wicks added that this could be helpful in adding to the promotional material such as including photos of site visits in the Parks and Countryside newsletter. It was suggested that Buckler's Forest may be an interesting site visit. Rob Solomon agreed to share dates when the rangers would be working at weekends. **(Action: Rob Solomon)**

The forum discussed that a disadvantage of weekend visits to popular sites such as Buckler's Forest was difficulty in parking. An earlier start may alleviate this, or a request could be made to park in the contractor's car park.

### Annual report

Rose Wicks advised that she had incorporated the suggested changes and the Chairman's foreword. Rose requested members to send feedback for the 2022 copy by the end of the year. **(Action: forum members)**

Hugh Fitzwilliams suggested including a list and map of SANGs, particularly drawing attention to new SANGs and when they were likely to open. **(Action: Rose Wicks to include)**

## 242. **Any Other Business**

Hugh Fitzwilliams requested a meeting about Hayley Green track with Colin Bird and Graham Pockett. **(Action: Colin Bird, Graham Pockett and Hugh Fitzwilliams)**

Geoff Paxton and Colin Bird offered to join Graham Pockett on a site visit to the polo field. Graham to set this up.  
**(Action: Graham Pockett)**

## 243. **Public Question Time**

There were no comments or questions.

## 244. **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 31 January 2023 at 7pm.

**CHAIRMAN**

## Appendix 1

### Summary of progress on the action points from the previous minutes

Agenda item no./name		Action	Progress
234	Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising	Colin Bird and Graham Pockett to set up a meeting of an LCAF planning subgroup.	Carry forward.
235	PRoW Improvements/Issues	To install more Bracknell Forest Ramblers' Route waymarkers on The Crown Estate land to give better directional signage.	Rob Solomon is auditing rights of way signage. Missing some of the smaller RoW finger posts, so will need to order more. Dependent on remaining budget this financial year.
237	Definitive Map Consolidation	Rose Wicks to send the forum links to the online map and Definitive Statement, so members can feedback as part of the consolidation process.	Done.
239	Claimed rights of way	Graham or Colin to follow up with the North West London Mental Health Trust about the deterrent notices on the Broadmoor Estate, which fall on part of the Three Castles Path.	No response from Mental Health Trust.
240	Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspaces (SANGs)	Hugh Fitzwilliams highlighted there ought to be connections to the Frost Folly sites. Graham agreed to follow up on opening the links.	Closer to the point we can resolve this. Meeting with Harrow Estates.
241	Administration	Buckler's Forest was suggested for a future site visit. Rob agreed to share dates when the rangers would be working at weekends, so they can facilitate the visit.	Site visit took place on Sunday, 22 January.
		Rose requested members to send feedback for the 2022 annual report by the end of the year. Feedback received from Hugh at the meeting.	Rose to include a list and map of SANGs, drawing attention to new SANGs and when they were likely to open in the report. To request further suggestions from members at the January meeting.
242	Any Other Business	Hugh requested a meeting about Hayley Green track with Colin Bird and Graham Pockett.	Meeting held.

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## Appendix 2

### LCAF proposals for new / modified PRowS and access routes

No.	PRowS proposal	Comments	Proposer	Delivery Potential	Status / Actions
1	Add diverted link through Ambarrow Hill/Court from rerouted railway crossing to definitive map.	Closure of Railway crossing on Sandhurst FP9 with diversion over railway bridge. New path to re-join original route should be a PRowS	Graham Pockett		Completed Sandhurst FP9A
2	Add path through Ambarrow from Sandhurst FP9A to opposite FP10 on A321 to definitive map	Continuous PRowS route for 3 Castles Path.	LCAF		Completed Sandhurst FP27
3	Link from the end of Lower Church Road to Sandhurst FP19 at Horseshoe Lake. Add to definitive map	Improved access to Horseshoe Lake from Sandhurst without having to walk along narrow Mill Lane. On BFC land.	Richard Mosses	High Potential	Path in place. Awaiting completion of works at Horseshoe Lake
4	Add Horseshoe Lake Bridleway to definitive map.	Bridleway has been in place for some years but is not on the definitive map On BFC Land	Graham Pockett	High Potential	To be progressed at same time as 3
5	Access to Frost Folly SANG2 from Church Lane, Warfield (Opposite Warfield FP12)	Alternative pedestrian access nearer to housing developments (Preferred alternative to proposal for entrance at Osbourne Lane junction)	Hugh Fitzwilliams	High Potential	Awaiting opening of SANG and transfer to BFC. Expecting SANG to open soon.
6	From Warfield 3 from where it turns south to Church Lane to Malt Hill.	There is a concrete track along this route and access to Malt Hill is round the gate and is used by dog walkers. There is a planning application for this route to be part of a SANG – discussions on going about potential transfer to BFC.	Richard Mosses	Medium Potential	Awaiting SANG planning approval.
7	Footpath from Cabbage Hill SANG to Hazelwood Lane ((Binfield BR24) crossing land owned by Thames Water.	Would make a direct walking route from north Bracknell to the network of PRowS north of Bracknell.	Colin Bird	Medium Potential	Discussions with Thames Water have been ongoing since 2018.

No.	PRoW proposal	Comments	Proposer	Delivery Potential	Status / Actions
8	Add existing Mosses path adjacent to the football club in Binfield as a PRoW on the definitive map.	The land is owned by BFC and leased to football club. Need to investigate lease and any issues with football club. Path is alternative route to parallel road.	Richard Mosses	High Potential	Not a high priority for BFC resource as existing path is open.
9	Permissive cycling route on Bracknell FP2 – parallel to Nine Mile Ride	High value cycle link – would need funding for surface improvement.	ROWIP2	Medium Potential	Liaison required with BFC's sustainable transport team.
10	<del>Restoration of original path from old Garth Hill College site to Warfield Rd.</del>	<del>This was part of a pre-New Town footpath that may have been extinguished by the Development Corporation</del>	<del>Alvin Finch</del>	<del>Not Possible</del>	<del>Deleted - One part of the land on this route is no longer owned by BFC – recently sold to be part of garden of adjacent property.</del>
11	Cross border connection from RBWM footpath 25 (which runs south from Shurlock Row) to Binfield Bridleway 22 (Spinning Wheel Lane) and another south to Billingbear Lane to connect with Restricted Byway Binfield 21.	Connects isolated parts of PRoW network in north Binfield avoiding the need for walking on busy, twisting roads. Would require new paths on private land.	Richard Mosses	Low Potential	Requires multiple landowner approval.
12	A link between Winkfield FP8 and Winkfield FP10 without having to walk along Braziers Lane.	Avoids the need to walk along busy, narrow Braziers Lane. Could either be improvement of verge or along the field edge (private land) which is just south of where Winkfield FP8 comes out onto Braziers Lane and then it would require a bridge just north of where it could join Winkfield FP10.	Richard Mosses	Low Potential	Previous discussions with Highways didn't identify a verge solution. Need to approach landowner for field path.
13	Missing sections of Blackwater Valley Path in Sandhurst Town	With Blackwater Valley Partnership. All on private land. Only likely to progress if linked to a local planning application.	ROWIP2	Low Potential	Watch for local planning applications that may facilitate.
14	Diversion of Binfield FP11 along to the north of the Amen Corner development into Piglittle Fields.	Avoids footpath running through housing development. Would also require corresponding change to STNH FP 251 (Wokingham) with which it connects.	Richard Mosses	Low Potential	Landowner has dipositive statement on land to avoid paths being designated as PRoWs

No.	PRoW proposal	Comments	Proposer	Delivery Potential	Status / Actions
		Alternative path is available for public use but unlikely to be designated as PRoW.			
15	Bridleway route to link Warfield development area to Hazelwood Lane and Warfield BR26	In liaison with BFC's spatial planning policy team. There is not a horse route west of West End Lane on the Greenway through Woodhurst Park either into Forest Road or Sopwith Rd.	ROWIP2	?	Will there be a demand for a horse route when developments are complete?
16	Northern access to Bucklers Forest SANG	To give official access across Nine Mile Ride for residents of southwest Bracknell estates and create new, longer routes avoiding SPA.  Existing pedestrian lights at Golden Retriever junction would give safe crossing of Nine Mile Ride	LCAF – June 2022	High Potential	New - Investigate as part of transfer of SANG management to BFC
17	Beaufort Park – alternative to footpath on historic maps running from northeast to southwest of site	The original line of the historic path is no longer possible as it runs through the cemetery. Beaufort Park is currently the subject of a major planning application which could give options for alternative routes.	Nick Ballard	?	New - Depends on outcome of planning application
18	Perry Bridge Farm to Horseshoe Lake, Sandhust. Reinstatement of footpath on historic maps.	The historic path no longer exists as a path. This land is subject to a planning application appeal. If granted, the land of the proposed path would be part of a new SANG which would give opportunities for the path to be reinstated.	Nick Ballard	?	New - Depends on outcome of planning application appeal.

Last updated July 2022.

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Appendix 3

**Summary of RoWIP2 mid-term review findings**

Updates / changes required to RoWIP2	Further comments
<b>Foreword and Vision</b>	
Reference provided to the new Executive Member and Director.	A new foreword will be provided when the plan undergoes its next review in 2027.
<b>Section 2. RoWIP2 process and consultations</b>	
Updates to the 2017 feedback, where relevant, are provided in the action plan table in Appendix A.	A wider consultation of key stakeholders, and of users of rights of way, will be conducted as part of the 10-year review in 2027.
<b>Section 3. Policy context (plans, strategies and framework)</b>	
<p>Updates required for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Planning Policy Framework</li> <li>• The Council Plan</li> <li>• Emerging BFC Local Plan, including the POSS study.</li> <li>• Bracknell Forest Biodiversity Action Plan 2018-23</li> <li>• Bracknell Forest Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2026</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Plans</li> <li>• Bracknell Forest Climate Change Strategy 2020-2024 (NEW)</li> <li>• The green infrastructure review, 2017 (NEW)</li> <li>• Blackwater Valley Strategy 2011-2016 (Expired/ no longer applicable)</li> </ul>	<p>The planning policies in the emerging Bracknell Forest Local Plan are essential in protecting and enhancing local rights of way and recreational routes.</p> <p>Providing access to outdoor recreational opportunities will help to improve residents' health and wellbeing. This is especially important during the recovery phase of the coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>Climate change is also a hugely important issue, where improved PRow and providing opportunities for sustainable travel, can play an important role in helping to address climate change.</p>
<b>Section 4. The Bracknell Forest rights of way network</b>	
<p><i>Under 4.1 Current network statistics</i>, reference is made to 2 new footpaths in Sandhurst. The 4.4kms increase to the total length of the rights of way network, is a 5.6% increase in total network length.</p> <p>Further clarification provided under 4.5 <i>Network maintenance and enhancements</i> (see right)</p>	<p>This is only a small increase which should have minimal impact to rights of way maintenance requirements.</p> <p>It's important to continue prioritising creating new routes and links (RoWIP2 policy 3).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsibilities of vegetation management</li> <li>• Referencing important practical support of the Bracknell Conservation Volunteers (BCVs) in delivering furniture improvements</li> <li>• Changes to the way rights of way are inspected</li> </ul>

Updates / changes required to RoWIP2	Further comments
<p>New updates added under <i>4.8 Land owners' responsibilities</i> and <i>4.9 Responsible use of the countryside</i>.</p>	<p>More comprehensive list provided of landowners responsibilities and rights.</p> <p>Example provided about new signage provided by key partners to encourage responsible shared use of byways.</p>
Section 5. Use and demand	
<p>Reference provided in section <i>5.1.5 Motorised vehicle users</i>, to one new permanent TRO on Avery Lane (Warfield Byway 8).</p>	<p>Making permanent TROs to prevent motorised vehicles using byway are advised only where necessary.</p> <p>Making the location and restrictions of TROs as a publicly available record should help residents to make informed travel choices.</p>
<p>Overview provided in section <i>5.2.2 Changes to use and demand</i> about the increased observed popularity of rights of way and recreation routes and how this impacts maintenance requirements.</p>	<p>Increases to use and demand has been largely driven by coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>Accessing these facilities has been important for residents' health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Increased use has added pressure to rights of way and greenspace facilities, leading to greater maintenance requirements.</p>
<p>An update provided about LCAF (section 5.3), including an overview of membership and a description about how the Forum has adapted during the coronavirus pandemic.</p>	<p>LCAF continues to maintain a good representation of rights of way users and the minimum number of members required according to The Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2007.</p> <p><i>3.—(1) A local access forum shall consist of at least ten and not more than 22 members.</i></p>
Section 8. Action plan and PRow improvements	
<p>A thorough review has been carried out of the progress made in delivering the 51 actions listed in RoWIP2.</p> <p>A traffic light colour-coding system has been used to indicate progress made against each of the actions. A detailed description has also been provided of progress made and recommendations for prioritisation of remaining actions. This can be found in the end column of the Action Plan table, shown in Appendix A.</p>	<p>Out of the 51 actions identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 51% are fulfilled or on target for completion</li> <li>• 33% have had some progress made on them</li> <li>• 10% are falling behind the target</li> <li>• 6% are no longer relevant</li> </ul> <p>10 actions have been given high priority.</p> <p>See summary table below.</p>

### Updates / changes required to RoWIP2

Over 80 physical improvements have been made to rights of way, comprising:

- Removing furniture, such as step-over stiles
- Surface improvements
- Major vegetation clearance
- New signs
- New bollards

Two out of the 18 PRow improvements on the PRow improvements and access routes proposed by LCAF (see Appendix C), have been completed.

Three new suggestions for improvements and one that has been deleted owing to one part of the land on the route no longer being owned by BFC.

### Further comments

The biggest improvements to access have been to replacing stiles with more accessible pedestrian gates or removing furniture altogether.

Partnership approach to this work has been a key factor to successfully carrying out these improvements.

**Figure 1** Summary table of actions progress and priority level

Action category	Progress and priority against each action no.									
Encourage use	1 (M/L)	2 (M)	3 (M/L)	4 (L)	5 (M/H)	6 (L)				
Mapping / cataloguing	7 (H)	8 (H)	9 (H)	10 (M/H)	11 (L)	12 (M/H)				
Legal status and condition	13 (N/A)	14 (H)	15 (M)	16 (H)	17 (H)	18 (N/A)	19 (H)			
New routes / links	20 (M)	21 (M)	22 (M/H)	23 (M)	24 (M)					
Improving access	25 (M/H)	26 (M)	27 (M)							
Partnership working	28 (M/L)	29 (M/H)	30 (M)	31 (M)	32 (M)	33 (H)	34 (H)	35 (MH)	36 (L)	37 (M)
Raising awareness	38 (L)	39 (L)	40 (L)	41 (M/L)	42 (L)	43 (L)	44 (M)			
Responsible use	45 (L)	46 (N/A)								
Monitoring	47 (M)									
Additional	48 (N/A)	49 (M)	50 (M)	51 (M)						

#### Progress on each of the 51 actions:

**Green:** Fulfilled or on target for completion by 2027.

**Orange:** Some progress made but needs some attention to meet target.

**Red:** Very minimal or no progress made. Risk the target won't be met.

**White:** No longer relevant or is to be discontinued.

**Priority levels:** High (H) Medium/High (M/H) Medium (M) Medium/Low (M/L) Low (L) No longer applicable (N/A).

Only five of the actions are shaded red. This indicates minimal, or no progress has been made in delivering them. Four of these have been identified as low priority. This is because the actions have less importance than those that have a legal or statutory function to fulfil, or where there are significant benefits to improving accessibility of rights of way.

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## Appendix 4

### High priority rights of way issues, identified as part of the Definitive Map and Statement consolidation, January 2023

Right of way parish and status	Path name	High priority issues	Possible resolutions
Binfield FP2		Unofficial fencing, diverting path around field to east (Bottle Lane).	Contact landowner re. applying for diversion order.
Binfield FP11		Part incorporated in tarmac road, adoptable highway from 11 Attlee Way to opposite flats 9 to 33 Ellwood Fields	Line is still correct. Landowners refused to divert FP onto a woodland buffer path. Not easily resolvable.
Binfield FP14		Section which goes along the borough boundary is inaccessible.	Will be sorted out by the Amen Corner South development.
Binfield BR23A		Needs extinguishing as short dead-end bridleway cut-off by M4.	Consulting Binfield PC on this matter. Conditions in relation to establishing a new public footpath (Mosses path).
Bracknell FP7	Frog Lane	Crosses Downshire Way with no formal pedestrian access provided.	Complicated. Check to see if there's a historic connection to Old Bracknell Road.
Sandhurst FP5		Cuts through middle of properties	FP needs diverting on the map to follow adopted highways.
Sandhurst BW16	Brookside	Bollards on byway prevent through traffic on this private road. Statement to be updated with this limitation, and updated ref to St Mary's Church, which is no longer there.	Bollards have been there for at least 10 years. Check why/when they were installed. Need to add bollards as a limitation in the Statement. Check if MOD order is required.
Warfield BW4	Berry Lane	Permanent TROs made in the last 10 years.	Add TRO update in Statement, under Remarks. Check if MOD order is required.
Warfield BW10,	Hogoak Lane		
Winkfield BW16	Part of Hogoak Lane		
Winkfield FP 13 and Winkfield FP19		Public path diversion (MOD) order underway.	MOD order TBC once final conditions are met by the landowner.

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