

Report Title:	<b>PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY: “MILESTONES STATEMENT 2018/19”</b>
Contains Confidential or Exempt Information?	NO
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Meeting and Date:	Rights of Way and Highway Licensing Panel 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Responsible Officer(s):	Ben Smith, Head of Commissioning-Communities
Wards affected:	All

## REPORT SUMMARY

This report seeks the Panel’s approval for the *“Milestones Statement and Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan Annual Review 2018/19”* attached at Appendix 1, which sets out the Council’s objectives, priorities, targets and service standards for public rights of way work in the coming year, and the resources available for delivering this service.

## 1. DETAILS OF RECOMMENDATION

### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rights of Way and Highways Licensing Panel approves the *“Milestones Statement and Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan Annual Review 2018/19”* attached at Appendix 1.

## 2. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION AND OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The approved Milestones Statement will ensure that the Council’s Public Rights of Way team will have a clear set of objectives, priorities, and targets for the coming year.

Option	Comments
Approve the Milestones Statement 2018/19	<b>This is the recommended option</b>
Do not approve the Milestones Statement 2018/19	This option is not recommended.

## 3. KEY IMPLICATIONS

Outcome	Unmet	Met	Exceeded	Significantly Exceeded	Date of delivery
Approval of Milestones Statement 2018-19	<i>n/a</i>	March 2018	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	2018/19

#### **4. FINANCIAL DETAILS / VALUE FOR MONEY**

##### **Financial impact on the budget**

Resources available for public rights of way work in 2018/19 are set out on page 4 of the draft Milestones Statement attached. Setting clear targets for the Council's rights of way team and their partners ensures good value for money is achieved in delivering agreed objectives.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

#### **6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Milestones Statement approach is an efficient and effective way of planning, prioritising and monitoring public rights of way work. Without an approved set of objectives, priorities, targets and service standards for the coming year there is a risk that the quality of service delivery would decline.

#### **7. POTENTIAL IMPACTS**

##### **7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT APPRAISAL**

Effective management of the public rights of way network has a positive impact on sustainable transport by encouraging alternative forms of transport to the car, where feasible.

##### **7.2 EQUALITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS AND COMMUNITY COHESION**

The Milestones Statement includes a number of initiatives aimed at improving access for people with disabilities or restricted mobility, the elderly and people with young children or pushchairs.

##### **7.3 STAFFING/WORKFORCE AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS**

None.

##### **7.4 PROPERTY AND ASSETS**

None.

#### **8. CONSULTATION**

8.1 The **Local Access Forum** has made the following recommendations:

## **1. Targets for 2018/19:**

### **Well Maintained**

**WM 1:** *To ensure that all public rights of way are easy to use by members of the public. (This is the former Best Value Performance Indicator for public rights of way). Target: 95%.*

**LAF recommendation:** keep this target at 95%.

**WM 2:** *To carry out major surface improvements/ vegetation clearance on 10 public rights of way.*

**LAF recommendation:** keep this target at 10 paths.

**WM3:** *To repair or replace 5 bridges.*

**LAF recommendation:** **increase this target to 7 bridges.**

### **Well Publicised**

**WP1:** *To produce 1 new Parish rights of way leaflet.*

**LAF recommendation:** keep this target at 1 new Parish leaflet

**WP2:** *To assist others to produce effective promotional material: a minimum of 1 new or updated publication.*

**LAF recommendation:** keep this target at 1 new or updated publication.

### **Improving Access and Connectivity**

**AC1:** *Create 1 new strategic path, either public right of way or permitted, to fill identified gaps in the public rights of way network.*

**LAF recommendation:** keep this target at 1 new path.

**AC2:** *To make 15 physical access improvements, including the replacement of stiles with gates or gaps, to facilitate use by those with special needs, the elderly, people with pushchairs etc.*

**LAF recommendation:** **reduce this target to 10 physical access improvements.**

## **2. Priorities for 2018/19**

**LAF recommendation:** **add reference to Borough Local Plan “Planning Position Statements”**

**LAF recommendation:** **add “explore opportunities to extend, create or promote Multi Use Routes.**

8.2 **Bray Parish Council** submitted the following comment:

*'Footpaths are well looked after in Bray, we have no specific suggestions for the consultation but we welcome being asked and where new paths are developed in or around Bray, Parish Councillors would welcome being involved in the development discussions.'*

8.3 **Wraysbury Parish Council** submitted the following comment:

*'We endorse the targets and goals set out in the Statement'*

## 9. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

2018/19

## 10. APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Draft Milestones Statement 2018/19.

## 11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.

## 12. CONSULTATION (MANDATORY)

Name of consultee	Post held	Date sent	Commented & returned
Cllr Maureen Hunt	Panel Chairman	14/02/18 (Briefing 19/02/18)	
Ben Smith	Head of Commissioning- Communities	14/02/18	

## REPORT HISTORY

<b>Decision type:</b> Non-key decision	<b>Urgency item?</b> No
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*Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead*

# ***Milestones Statement***

***and Public Rights of Way  
Management and Improvement  
Plan review***

***2018-19***

## **FOREWORD**

I am pleased to introduce the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Milestones Statement for the Royal Borough, marking 20 years since this Council, as Highway Authority, became responsible for the management and maintenance of the borough's public rights of way in 1998.

I hope that residents and visitors to the borough will continue to enjoy these public rights of way as a means of accessing the borough's beautiful countryside, and as a healthy and stress-free way of getting about.

We will continue to work with all our partners, including the Local Access Forum, Parish and Town Councils, landowners, and path user groups (including the East Berks Ramblers, the Disabled Ramblers, the British Horse Society and Sustrans) to achieve these goals, and I wish to thank all our partners for their continued co-operation, support and enthusiasm.

Councillor Maureen Hunt

Chair of Rights of Way and Highway Licensing Panel  
Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

**April 2018**

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 General

The Royal Borough as the surveying and highway authority is responsible for the management and maintenance of the public rights of way network in the borough. There are over 300 km (approx. 190 miles) of public rights of way, about a third of the borough's total highway network (see Table 1 for lengths of rights of way by parish).

This Milestones Statement sets out the Council's priorities and targets for ensuring that the network is legally defined, properly maintained and well publicised. The Statement also incorporates an annual update on the Public Rights of Way Management and Improvement Plan 2016-2026.

## 1.2 The Milestones approach

The 'milestones approach' is an effective means of prioritising public rights of way work and measuring performance against an agreed set of targets. This is achieved by:

- setting individual, realistic targets, taking into account the available resources – these are the Milestones Targets (see page 6).
- monitoring progress towards achieving the Milestones Targets (see page 19).

## 1.3 Partnership working

The Council works closely with public rights of way user groups, landowners, parish and town councils, local conservation volunteers, and the borough's Local Access Forum. Two Parish Councils (Cookham and Old Windsor) undertake routine clearance of vegetation from public rights of way in their area on behalf of the borough, as part of the Parish Paths Initiative.

## 1.4 Volunteers

During 2017/18, a number of volunteer groups worked on public rights of way around the Borough:

The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) carried out **6 work days** with a total of **56** participant days.

Ways in Work (WiW) carried out **30 work days** with a total of **176** participant days.

Berkshire College of Agriculture (BCA) carried out **40 work days** with a total of **243** participant days.

St Mary's School, Ascot carried out **1** work day with a total of **5** participants

Volunteers from the East Berks Ramblers undertook **326 hours** of work, including path surveys and practical works.

Based upon our current commercial rates for path works the value of the volunteer works listed above is **£7,936.14**

## Youth Offenders Team

The Youth Offenders Team carried out two projects on public rights of way during the year: graffiti removal works at a bridleway that passes through an underpass beneath the Royal Windsor Way in Eton, and vegetation clearance works at Primrose Lane, a bridleway in Bray.

## 1.5 Resources

The Council employs a public rights of way team of 2 full time and 1 part time Public Rights of Way Officers (total 2.7 fte). In addition, the Council's Legal team provides legal support, and the Democratic Services team provides secretarial support for administering the Rights of Way and Highways Licensing Panel and the Local Access Forum.

### Revenue Budget

2017/18	2018/19
£60,000	<b>£60,000</b>

This includes an annual vegetation clearance contract of programmed works, and additional reactive works such as clearance of fallen trees and branches from public rights of way.

### Capital Budget (Rights of Way general)

2017/18	2018/19
£20,000	<b>£20,000</b>

This includes surface improvements or repairs to public rights of way that have become eroded, rutted or poached, and access improvements such as replacement of step-stiles with more accessible gates.

### Capital Budget (Rights of Way Bridges)

2017/18	2018/19
£40,000	<b>£20,000</b>

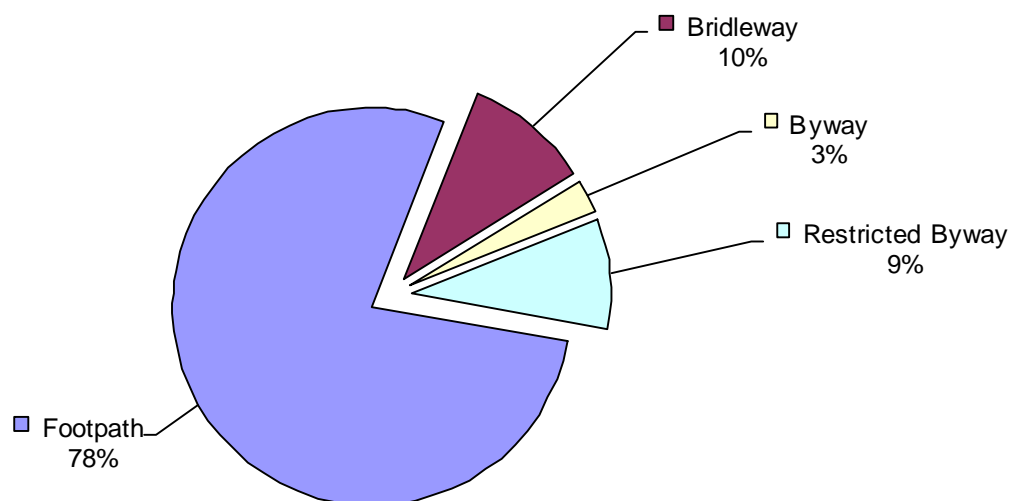
The Council has maintenance responsibility for 183 bridges and 5 boardwalks on footpaths and bridleways on public rights of way in the borough. These bridges are inspected on a rolling programme, and remedial safety works identified. In some cases this work is reactive, in response to bridge damage caused by flooding or general wear and tear.



**Table 1: Lengths of Rights of Way by Parish, March 2018**

Parish	Length (km)				Total km	% of network	
	Footpath	Bridleway	Byway	Restricted Byway			
Bisham	13.146	2.524	-	2.228	<b>17.898</b>	5.81	%
Bray	36.803	9.999	2.184	0.564	<b>49.550</b>	16.09	%
Cookham	34.138	1.980	0.469	0.405	<b>36.992</b>	12.01	%
Cox Green	8.395	1.399	-	-	<b>9.794</b>	3.18	%
Datchet	4.761	-	-	-	<b>4.761</b>	1.55	%
Eton	18.396	3.561	-	-	<b>21.957</b>	7.13	%
Horton	1.200	1.254	-	-	<b>2.454</b>	0.80	%
Hurley	31.608	6.115	-	6.909	<b>44.632</b>	14.49	%
Maidenhead	29.717	0.439	-	2.596	<b>32.752</b>	10.63	%
Old Windsor	4.574	-	-	-	<b>4.574</b>	1.49	%
Shottesbrooke	3.240	-	-	1.612	<b>4.852</b>	1.58	%
Sunningdale	3.554	1.666	0.337	-	<b>5.557</b>	1.80	%
Sunninghill	11.244	-	3.592	1.299	<b>16.135</b>	5.24	%
Waltham St Lawrence	17.728	-	-	7.209	<b>24.937</b>	8.10	%
White Waltham	11.011	0.530	0.342	4.165	<b>16.048</b>	5.21	%
Windsor	4.339	1.994	1.644	0.259	<b>8.236</b>	2.67	%
Wraysbury	6.876	-	-	-	<b>6.876</b>	2.23	%
<b>Total (km)</b>	<b>240.730</b>	<b>31.461</b>	<b>8.568</b>	<b>27.246</b>	<b>308.005</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>%</b>

### Path status across the network



Footpath: for walkers, and mobility vehicles, only.

Bridleway: for walkers, mobility vehicles, horse riders and cyclists

Restricted Byway: for walkers, mobility vehicles, horse riders, cyclists and non- motorized vehicles

Byway: same as Restricted Byway, but can also be used legally by motor vehicles

## 2 OBJECTIVES

### 2.1 Priorities for 2018/19

- Maintenance and enforcement: bring all public rights of way up to an acceptable standard for all users.
- Encourage and support the involvement of volunteers in the maintenance and improvement of public rights of way.
- Equality of service: ensuring that the needs of all users, regardless of race, disability, sexuality, age and religion, are taken into account.
- Ensure that the Thames Path National Trail is consistently safe and easy to use by all members of the public.
- Seek to complete the missing links in the Millennium Walk.
- Partnership working: working with all interested parties in the management of public rights of way, (e.g. Local Access Forum, Parish Councils, Civic Societies, residents associations, user groups and landowners)
- Claims: reduce the backlog of applications to add to or amend the Definitive Map.
- Changes to the network: seek improvements in association with development and other proposals. *[e.g with reference to the Borough Local Plan Position Statements submitted by the Local Access Forum; see Appendix 8]*
- Improvements: seek improvements and additions to the network to enhance connectivity for horse riders, cyclists and people with restricted mobility.
- *Explore opportunities to extend, create or promote Multi User Routes*
- Ensure effective early consultation with interested parties on proposed changes to the network, in accordance with government regulations, circulars and codes of practice.
- Liaise with landowners and occupiers on all public rights of way matters, including updating and advising landowners on changes in legislation and encouraging the establishment of permitted routes.

- Maximise the use of recycled and reused materials in rights of way maintenance where practicable.
- Develop and enhance the information available online for public rights of way, including the use of social media where appropriate.

### 2.2 Milestones Targets for 2018/19

#### Well Maintained

**WM 1:** To ensure that all public rights of way are easy to use by members of the public. (This is the former Best Value Performance Indicator for public rights of way). Target for 2017/18 is **95%**.

**WM 2:** To carry out major surface improvements/vegetation clearance on **10** public rights of way.

**WM 3:** To repair or replace **5** bridges. *[LAF recommend increase to 7]*

#### Well Publicised

**WP 1:** To produce **1** new Parish rights of way leaflet.

**WP 2:** To assist others to produce effective promotional material: a minimum of **1** new or updated publication.

#### Improving Access and Connectivity

**AC 1:** Create **1** new strategic path, either public right of way or permitted, to fill identified gaps in the public rights of way network, as/when opportunities arise.

**AC2:** To make **15** physical access improvements, including the replacement of stiles with gates or gaps, to facilitate use by those with special needs, the elderly, people with pushchairs etc. *[LAF recommend reduce to 10]*

***Note:** the targets set out above are interchangeable and subject to change should the need arise, to ensure flexibility in light of changing circumstances or to take advantage of opportunities that may arise during the course of the year.*

### **2.3 *Equal opportunities***

The Council continues to seek improvements to public rights of way to enable use by a wide range of people with sensory or physical disabilities or learning difficulties.

The Council supports the establishment of routes suitable for use by disabled people, in consultation with the Council's Access Officer, the Access Advisory Forum, the Windsor and Maidenhead User Network (WAMU) and the Disabled Ramblers.

The Public Rights of Way Management and Improvement Plan and annual Milestones Targets include a number of policies and proposals relating to access for people with special needs.

### **2.4 *Parish Paths Initiative***

The Parish Paths Initiative (PPI) works with Parish and Town Council's to identify or carry out maintenance, improvement or promotional works on local path networks. All Parish Council's in the Borough and Eton Town Council participate in the PPI scheme.

Additionally, two Parish Councils (Cookham and Old Windsor) undertake routine vegetation clearance on the public rights of way networks in their area.

The British Horse Society, East Berks Ramblers and National Trust are also members of the Parish Paths Initiative. The scheme operates a rolling condition survey of all public rights of way in the borough, carried out in partnership with the East Berks Ramblers.

### **2.5 *Local Access Forum***

The Local Access Forum is "*a partnership to promote and develop sustainable access for the growing benefit of the environment and all in our community*". Established in 2003, the Forum is statutory advisory group which advises the Council on the management and improvement of public access to land in the Royal Borough for open-air recreation.

The Forum has discussed and given advice to the Council on the following topics during 2017/18:

- Volunteering in RBWM
- The Milestones Targets for 2017/18
- Planning and consultations / Planning position statements

- Access and Brexit
- Development of Multi-User Routes
- Improvement to access at Ashley Hill, Hurley
- National Trust Rights of Way Plan

The Forum publishes an annual report detailing its activities.

The Forum membership details, agendas, minutes, and annual reports are available on the Local Access Forum website:

[http://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200215/rights\\_of\\_way/452/local\\_access\\_forum](http://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200215/rights_of_way/452/local_access_forum)

### **2.6 *Thames Path National Trail***

Natural England promotes the Thames Path as one of 13 National Trails in England.

The Thames Path passes through Hurley, Cookham, Maidenhead, Eton, Windsor, Datchet and Old Windsor, where possible following the course of the river. In places the Trail crosses the Thames to follow the Buckinghamshire side of the river.

The Royal Borough recognises both the national and local importance of the Thames Path and is represented on the Thames Path Partnership, which also includes representatives from all Highway Authorities along the route of the Trail, as well as the River Thames Society, the Environment Agency, the Ramblers, Sustrans, Cycling UK, Transport for London, and Natural England.

Volunteers organised by the Thames Path Partnership regularly monitor the condition of the Trail, and also undertake practical maintenance works. Information about the Trail can be found on the following website:

<http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/thames-path>

### **2.7 *Equestrians***

- Investigating possible upgrading of existing footpaths to bridleways, by negotiating with landowners and user groups, to improve road safety for horses and riders while taking into

account the needs of other users. All negotiations must have clear resolutions, and ensure that all users are satisfied with any changes to the status of the footpath(s) before modifications take place, including adequate width and, where appropriate, segregation of users.

- Continuing with an initiative to designate highway verges as horse margins by identifying suitable areas adjacent to the carriageways, and adapting the maintenance of highway verges to enable safe use by horse riders. As an example, a new horse margin has been created adjacent to the Henley Road, to create a safe riding link between Rose Lane and Hodgedale Lane.
- Continuing with an initiative to identify and establish multi-use paths to allow horse riders to use existing cycleways and other tracks where appropriate, and where suitable surfaces can be provided, in conjunction with land owners and Parish Councils.
- Development and promotion of circular riding routes where appropriate, in particular to avoid main roads.
- Improvements to gates to make them more 'horserider friendly'.

### **3 WELL MAINTAINED**

#### **3.1 *Maintenance and Enforcement***

Table 2 (over page) includes a summary of reported maintenance and enforcement problems.

The number of reported problems outstanding has been reduced from **13 to 9** during the course of the year.

Path condition surveys are carried out on a 3-year rolling programme, with approximately 1/3 of the network being surveyed each year. Volunteers from the East Berks Ramblers carry out these surveys on the Council's behalf.

During these surveys the volunteers also check whether problems that had previously been reported and entered onto the Council's rights of way database have since been resolved, and this helps to keep the records up-to-date.

Priority criteria for dealing with maintenance and enforcement problems are listed on page 15 of this Milestones Statement.

#### **3.2 *Noteworthy current issues***

- Improvements to the Thames Path National Trail
- Replacement of step-stiles with easy access gates

#### **3.3 *Access for people with special needs***

When dealing with the provision of stiles and gates, an assessment is made to ensure that the appropriate type of barrier is used, and that wherever possible gaps are used rather than stiles or gates.

The Council places high priority on the use of effective designs of barrier to facilitate use by those with restricted mobility, the elderly, people with young children in pushchairs etc.

Service standards, including British Standards for path furniture, are set out on page 16 of this Milestones Statement.

**Table 2: Reported problems on Public Rights of Way**

	Outstanding at 31st Mar 2017	Reported 1st April 2017 to 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan 18	Closed 1st April 2017 to 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan 18	Total Outstanding at 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 18	Issues outstanding over 5 years
<b>ENFORCEMENT</b>					
Ploughing and lack of marking	0	5	5	0	0
Obstruction by crops	0	1	1	0	0
Fence encroachment	2	0	2	0	0
Fence obstruction	0	0	0	0	0
Building obstruction	0	0	0	0	0
Other obstructions	1	3	4	0	0
Stiles	0	0	0	0	0
Gates	1	0	1	0	0
Bulls/ other animal problems	0	0	0	0	0
Unauthorised use by horses	0	0	0	0	0
Unauthorised vehicular use	1	3	4	0	0
Electric fencing	0	2	2	0	0
Misleading notices	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0	0	0
Overhanging vegetation	0	2	2	0	0
Other Enforcement Problems	2	4	6	0	0
<b>TOTAL ENFORCEMENT:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>					
Vegetation	0	6	6	0	0
Rutting	0	0	0	0	0
Drainage	2	0	0	2	0
Fallen trees	0	9	9	0	0
Erosion	2	13	10	5	1
Tree problems	0	4	4	0	0
Bridges	1	17	17	1	0
Safety barriers	0	1	1	0	0
Steps	0	1	1	0	0
Roadside signposting	0	9	9	0	0
Signposting at path junctions	0	1	1	0	0
Waymarking	1	1	1	1	0
Rubbish/ waste	0	2	2	0	0
Other Maintenance Problems	0	9	9	0	0
<b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTALS OF MAINTENANCE AND ENFORCEMENT</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>

\* most problems of waste/ rubbish are dealt with by the waste management section and are not recorded here

## 4 LEGALLY DEFINED

### 4.1 *Definitive Map and Statement*

The Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way are legal documents that provide conclusive evidence of the existence and status of public rights of way. It is therefore important that these documents are kept up to date and accurate.

The Map and Statement was last updated in 2015 (effective date 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015) including all legal changes made since the previous consolidated Map was published in 2008.

Copies of the Map and Statement are available for inspection in Maidenhead and Windsor central libraries, Borough Council offices, and can also be viewed on the borough website.

Copies are also held by user groups and relevant extracts are held by Parish Councils.

### 4.2 *Modification Orders*

Definitive Map Modification Orders are made to update the definitive map, to show the effect of legal changes to public rights of way. Copies of the Orders are sent to all those who hold copies of the Definitive Map and Statement, so that up to date information is available

### 4.3 *Rights of way database*

The Council maintains a comprehensive database of public rights of way information, (Countryside Access Management System CAMS).

Information is held on path maintenance records, path condition surveys, reported problems, landownership details, path furniture such as stiles, gates, bridges and signposts, as well as a photographic records covering many of the public rights of way in the borough.

These electronic records, which are for internal use only, enable the rights of way officers to record, analyse and prioritise problems, and respond to public requests for information quickly and effectively.

### 4.4 *Applications to modify the Definitive Map (claims)*

There is one outstanding 'multiple' path claim currently being investigated (Thamesfield in Wraysbury) see Appendix 5. A statement of

priorities for dealing with claims is shown in Appendix 2.

### 4.5 *Changes to the network*

Applications for changes to the network are occasionally received from landowners or developers, and can also be initiated by the Council where they are considered to be in the public interest.

Planning applications are checked by planning officers who consult the Public Rights of Way team and the East Berks Ramblers on applications that may affect public rights of way. The Local Access Forum is also consulted on planning applications affecting public rights of way, and is sent weekly lists of all new planning applications received.

Where appropriate, conditions and informatives are then included in planning consents.

Policy R14 in the borough's current Local Plan states that: ***"The Borough Council will safeguard and enhance the public rights of way network and recreational cycle routes"***

Following a recommendation from the Local Access Forum, "Planning Position Statements" have been passed to the Council's Planning team, as set out in **Appendix 8**.

## 5 WELL PUBLICISED

### 5.1 *Leaflets produced by the Council*

- Public Rights of Way information booklet (*for landowners and path users*)
- Public Rights of Way and your Gardens, Hedges and Trees (*information leaflet for householders adjacent to rights of way*)
- Ploughing, crops and paths: a practical guide (*information leaflet for farmers and landowners*)
- The Green Way
- Knowl Hill Bridleway Circuit
- Cookham Bridleway Circuit
- Cycling in Windsor and Maidenhead
- Cookham Easy Going Route
- Windsor Great Park Easy Going Route

*All the above leaflets are available from the Borough Council free of charge.*

### 5.2 *Other books and publications*

Sunningdale, Bray, Datchet, Waltham St Lawrence, White Waltham and Hurley Parish Councils have all produced their own walks leaflets, with help from the Borough Council through the Parish Paths Initiative:

- “Walk, discover, enjoy - your Sunningdale” (Sunningdale Parish Council)
- “Parish Millennium Rights of Way Map” (Bray Parish Council)
- Holyport health walk (Bray Parish Council)
- “Foot and Cycle Paths in and around Datchet” (Datchet Parish Council)
- Waltham St Lawrence Parish Paths and Circular Walks (Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council)
- White Waltham Parish and Paths (White Waltham Parish Council)
- Hurley Circular Walks (Hurley Parish Council).

*The above leaflets are available from the Parish Councils free of charge.*

The Environment Agency has published a leaflet showing the paths along the Jubilee River (*available from the EA 08708 506506*)

The East Berks Ramblers, the British Horse Society, Sustrans and commercial publishers have produced a number of leaflets, booklets and books promoting routes along public rights of way locally, including the Thames Path National Trail.

### 5.3 *Guided walks and rides*

Guided walks and rides encourage the public to enjoy the countryside. The Ramblers organize a programme of walks for its members and the general public, and the British Horse Society organize various rides and events using the boroughs public rights of way and minor roads network.

### 5.4 *Borough Website*

The Borough’s Public Rights of Way web pages can be accessed directly at [https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200215/rights\\_of\\_way](https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200215/rights_of_way)

The web pages contain detailed information including publications, report forms, and maps of all public rights of way in the borough.

The Council’s MapsOnline service allows users to view maps showing the locations of all stiles, gates, bollards and signs on public rights of way.

The web pages also include Registers of applications for Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMO’s), and landowner’s statutory declarations, together with application forms and guidance notes for path diversion orders.



## 6. MONITORING AND REVIEW

### 6.1 *Monitoring*

The Council publishes a performance indicator which provides a useful benchmark for assessing the condition of the network:

**“The percentage of the total length of footpaths and other rights of way which were easy to use by members of the public”**

The indicator is calculated using a methodology originally devised by the County Surveyors Society, and is widely adopted by Highway Authorities to enable benchmarking between individual authorities’ performance.

The borough’s indicator is based on information obtained from condition surveys undertaken by volunteers from the East Berks Ramblers, and the indicator result for the borough in 2017/18 was **96.5%** (against a target of **95%**).

### 6.2 *Review*

The Council is committed to working with all interested parties in carrying out public rights of way work in the borough.

This Milestones Statement and Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan will continue be reviewed and published annually and the Milestones Targets will be discussed with the Local Access Forum and other interested parties so that co-ordinated priorities can be adopted.

Monthly updates on progress towards the Milestones Statement targets are also published on the borough website.

The Public Rights of Way team also produce a 6-monthly Path Progress Report, which provides updates on specific path improvements. These reports are submitted to the Rights of Way and Highway Licensing Panel in March and September each year, circulated to the Local Access Forum and published on the borough website.

### 6.3 *Ramblers Big Path Watch*

Between July 2015 and January 2016 the *Ramblers* national office coordinated the largest survey of public rights of way in England and Wales ever undertaken. The survey were undertaken by over 3,000 members of the public (known as ‘citizen surveyors’) who volunteered to

walk all public rights of way within a specific 1km grid square on Ordnance Survey maps.

The report singled out the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead for special praise:

**“We found the highest proportion of positive features anywhere in England within this authority”**

**“Our citizen surveyors surveyed 175 grid squares within the authority, and judged the rights of way to be *well-kept* in 79% of them. None were reported as *poorly kept*.”**

**“This marks out Windsor and Maidenhead as being in considerably better condition than the South East as a whole”**

**“Walkers certainly liked walking there: in over 75% of grid squares, they enjoyed their walk ‘quite a lot’ or ‘very much’”**

Some of the Volunteers who took part in the original survey for the Big Path Watch Project continue to undertake surveys of paths in the borough on an ongoing basis, reporting any problems encountered. This provides valuable feedback and enables the Rights of Way Officers to act upon problems swiftly.

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **Consultation on the Milestones Statement**

The following organisations were consulted on the 2017/18 Milestones Statement

- Rights of Way and Highway Licensing Panel
- All Parish and Town Councils in the borough
- The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Access Forum, which includes members of the following organisations:

East Berks Ramblers

British Horse Society

The Crown Estate

Royal East Berks Agricultural Association

National Trust

National Farmers Union

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Statement of priorities for dealing with applications to amend the Definitive Map**

The Council aims to process uncontested applications for Public Path Orders and Definitive Map Modification Orders (claims) within 1 year of receipt.

Applications for Orders to amend the Definitive Map and Statement (claims) will be prioritised on the basis of the following factors:

Highest Priority: Closure very likely (e.g. area subject to planning application).

Path currently blocked by planting, fencing etc. which could be removed.

Path currently blocked by permanent structure e.g. building.

Possible threat to path, and/or partial blocking likely.

Lowest Priority: No recognised threat, and route useable by the public.

## **APPENDIX 3**

### **Statement of priorities for dealing with maintenance and enforcement problems**

Maintenance and enforcement problems will be prioritised on the basis of the following factors:

Safety of users

Level of usage

Extent of obstruction of definitive line (i.e. completely obstructed or partially obstructed)

Benefit to public once resolved

Cost/time effectiveness in resolving problem

Number/level of complaints

Potential for deterioration of the problem

Age of the problem

Note: for efficient working practice, lower priority problems will be dealt with alongside higher priority problems where appropriate, for example if they are in the same locality or involve the same landowner. Lower priority problems will also be tackled as required in order to meet specific targets.

## APPENDIX 4

### Service standards

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead has the following key aims in relation to public rights of way:

- To ensure that the borough's public rights of way network is properly maintained and well publicised
- To ensure that public rights of way are safeguarded and enhanced
- To help landowners and users to understand their responsibilities and rights
- To consult and work with interested parties to achieve the provision of a well-maintained and signed network of public rights of way

#### **We will liaise with and involve:**

- Local Access Forum
- Parish and Town Councils
- Natural England
- East Berks Ramblers
- Disabled Ramblers
- British Horse Society
- British Driving Society
- Cyclists' Touring Club
- Sustrans
- Vehicle User Groups
- National Farmers' Union
- Country Land & Business Association
- Thames Path Management Group
- Any other interested parties

**We will comply with British Standards** on all new structures and furniture, and where possible, upon replacement of existing structures or furniture. BS 5709-2006 gaps, gates and stiles; order of preference; a) gap, b) gate, c) kissing gate, d) stile. Barbed wire, razor wire, farm type electrical fences and suchlike should not normally be used in the vicinity of structures covered by this standard, but where these wires are necessary then assessment should be made of the effect they have on the safety and convenience of people in the vicinity. A condensed version of BS 5709-2006 produced by the Pittcroft Trust is available on request from the public rights of way team.

#### **We will carry out:**

- A condition survey of each path every three years, based on a rolling programme of six-monthly surveys (in partnership with East Berks Ramblers Association).
- An inspection of rights of way in a dangerous condition within one working day of notification, make safe within one working day of inspection, and inform correspondents of the results within three working days.

#### **We will use our powers:**

- To enforce removal of any obstructions to the public rights of way network within three months of inspection, enforce compliance with the Rights of Way Act 1990 (ploughing etc) in accordance with the

Council's Ploughing and Cropping procedure below, and give consideration to all available statutory powers including prosecutions where appropriate.

**Ploughing and cropping procedure:**

1. Make first contact with farmer via telephone and email (with a read-receipt) to explain the report or issue. This telephone call and email should agree the date with the farmer for the resolution of the issue based upon the statutory 14 day deadline. Explain that if the works are not done by this deadline the issue will be reported to the Rural Payments Agency.
2. Take the 14 day deadline from the date that the farmer is first contacted by the Council. Where necessary, agree an extension of this deadline for up to 28 days, for example where ground conditions do not allow proper reinstatement within the normal 14 day period.
3. Request the farmer to contact RBWM when the reinstatement works have been done, if possible providing photographic evidence. If the agreed deadline has not been met, the breach of regulations should then be reported to the Rural Payments Agency.
4. If the path has not been cleared and the path reinstated by the stated deadline the Council to arrange for a contractor to clear the path and reinstate the surface (as required) and the cost of these works is re-charged to the farmer. This issue is then closed.

**We will publish:**

The 'Definitive Map and Statement' every five years.

Information leaflets and updates regularly.

## APPENDIX 5

### Definitive map modification order applications (claims) currently being investigated

Parish	Claim no	Claim date	Path description		Current status
			From	To	
Wraysbury	FP 501-505	2009	Various access points at/around Thamesfield	Various access points at/around Thamesfield	Fourteen 'Definitive Map Modification Orders' were made in July 2016: objections have been received to all fourteen Orders and the Orders will be subject to a Public Inquiry scheduled to start on 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2018

## APPENDIX 6

### Achievement of Milestones Targets 2017/18 (as at 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2018)

<b>WELL MAINTAINED</b>	
<b>WM1</b> <i>To ensure that all public rights of way are easy to use by members of the public (former Best Value Performance Indicator 178). Target for 2017-18: 95%</i>	<i>[note: surveys to be undertaken in Spring and Autumn by East Berks Ramblers]</i>  <b>96.5%</b>
<b>WM2</b> <i>To carry out major surface improvements or vegetation clearance on 10 public rights of way. (FP =footpath, BR = bridleway, RB = restricted byway)</i>	
<b>Bray FP 39</b> (off Stompitts Road)	Major vegetation clearance
<b>Bray FP 66</b> (Ashmore Lane)	Major vegetation clearance
<b>Bray Byway 67</b> (Hog Oak Lane)	Surfacing works and anti-vehicle barrier
<b>Cookham FP 7</b> (off Dean Lane)	Major vegetation clearance
<b>Cookham RB 12</b> (off Popes Lane)	Major vegetation clearance
<b>Cox Green RB 14</b> (Snowball Hill)	Surfacing works
<b>Eton FP 1</b> (Thames Path)	Surfacing works
<b>Hurley FP 8</b> (Link to Thames Path)	Major vegetation clearance
<b>Hurley FP 28</b> (off Honey Lane)	Surfacing works
<b>Hurley RB 54</b> (off Knowl Hill Common)	Anti-vehicle barrier installed
<b>Maidenhead FP 2b</b> (off Forlease Road)	Surfacing works
	<b>Total : 11</b>
<b>WM3</b> <i>To repair or replace 5 bridges.</i>	
<b>Bray FP 26</b> (off Gays Lane)	Bridge repaired
<b>Bray FP 54</b> (off A308 Windsor Road)	Bridge repaired
<b>Bray FP 72</b> (The Causeway)	Handrail replaced
<b>Cox Green FP 6</b> (Lillebrooke Manor)	Handrail repair
<b>Cookham FP 48</b> (off Strande Lane)	Bridge replaced
<b>Cookham FP 48</b> (off Strande Lane)	Bridge repaired
<b>Cookham FP 72</b> (under Cookham Bridge)	Decking repairs
<b>Maidenhead FP 13</b> (off Blackamoor Lane)	Deckboard replacements
<b>Sunninghill FP 13</b> (off Victoria Road)	Bridge refurbished
<b>Waltham St Lawrence FP 34</b> (off Hungerford Lane)	1 bridge replaced, 1 bridge repaired
<b>Waltham St Lawrence FP 38</b> (off Downfield Lane)	2 bridges replaced
	<b>Total : 13</b>
<b>WELL PUBLICISED</b>	
<b>WP1</b> <i>To produce 1 new Parish rights of way leaflet</i>	<b>Total: 0</b>



<b>WP2</b> <i>To assist others to produce effective promotional material: minimum of 1 new or updated publication.</i>	<b>Total: 0</b>
<b>IMPROVING ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY</b>	
<b>AC1</b> <i>Create 1 new strategic path, either public right of way or permitted, to fill identified gaps in the public rights of way network as/when opportunities arise.</i>	<b>Total: 0</b>
<b>AC2</b> <i>To make 15 physical access improvements, including the replacement of stiles with gates or gaps, to facilitate use by those with special needs, the elderly, people with pushchairs etc.</i>	
<b>Bray FP 72</b> (off Hibbert Road)	Surface works to ease access for disability buggy
<b>Cookham FP 48</b> (off Strande Lane)	Stile replaced with kissing gate
<b>Maidenhead FP 1</b> (off Church Road)	Surface works to ease access for disability buggy
<b>Maidenhead FP 13</b> (off Summerleaze Road)	Gate replaced with gap
<b>Maidenhead FP 45</b> (off Newlands Drive)	Surface improvement at staggered barrier for mobility scooter access
<b>Maidenhead FP 45</b> (off Newlands Drive)	Surface improvement between the Thicket and Newlands Drive
<b>Sunningdale FP 9</b> (off Halfpenny Lane)	Surface improvement for mobility scooter access
<b>Waltham St Lawrence FP 23</b> (off Shurlock Road)	2 stiles replaced with kissing gates
<b>Waltham St Lawrence FP 26</b> (off The Street)	Surfacing through kissing gate enclosure to improve access
	<b>Total: 10</b>

## APPENDIX 7

### Updates on site specific projects in “Rights of Way Management and Improvement Plan 2016-2026 (new updates in bold)”

#### Hurley, Shottesbrooke & the Walthams

Ref	Proposal (not in priority order)
1	Work with Wokingham Borough Council to secure a new off-road horse riding link between Star Lane (Hurley) and Canhurst Lane by upgrading Wargrave Footpath 42
2	A crossing over the Thames across Hurley Lock and weirs
3	Upgrade White Waltham Footpath 9/National Cycle Route 4 to permitted bridleway. <i>(April 2015 update: the landowner has declined a proposal to create this new pedestrian link: however, if circumstances change this project could be re-opened)</i>
4	(a) New route along the Cut from Bray Wick upstream to Westleymill on the Bracknell Forest boundary  <i>(March 2017 update: new section of streamside footpath to be included within layout of Ockwells Park extension, Cox Green)</i>  (b) Establish a new path from Windmills (White Waltham Footpath 20) to Howe Lane near Howe Lane Bridge
5	Work with Wokingham Borough Council to upgrade Waltham St. Lawrence Footpath 9 / Ruscombe Footpath 4 for horse riding use
6	Creation of a path from Great Wood, White Waltham, south of the B3024 road to the track at Pond Wood Farm
7	Create a route for carriage drivers from Beenhams Road in White Waltham to Mare Lane in Binfield.
8	Improve bridleway links between RBWM and identified horse riding networks in Wokingham and Bracknell Forest
9	Direct crossings over/under the M4 avoiding the use of road bridges

#### Cookham & Bisham

10	Create a new bridleway connecting the end of Hurley Lane with the eastern end of Bradenham Lane using existing highway land alongside the A404 northbound carriageway: <i>(March 2007 update: Initial feasibility studies and consultations have indicated that the potential benefits of this project would not justify the cost)</i> <i>(February 2016 update: reopened consultation with neighbouring landowner. Quotation received for clearance. Discussions ongoing regarding funding from cycleway budget)</i> <b><i>(March 2018 update: feasibility studying being prepared in conjunction with Highways England)</i></b>
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11	Create a new right of way for non-motorised users linking Burchetts Green Roundabout to Permitted Bridleway 20, following the route of the A404 on its western side <i>(June 2015 update: proposal not supported by Temple Golf Club)</i>
12	Create a link between Bisham Bridleway 22 and the A404 tunnel at Dungrove Hill Lane <i>(March 2013 update: the landowner has declined a proposal to create this new link: however, if circumstances change this project could be re-opened)</i> <i>(March 2014 update: ongoing discussions with horse riders)</i>
13	Upgrade Bisham Footpath 19 (Michael's Path) to a bridleway and divert the path to adjoin the disused Henley Road. <b><i>(March 2018 update: the landowner has declined a proposal to upgrade this footpath, however, if circumstances change this project could be re-opened)</i></b>
14	Improve links between Bisham and Bisham Woods for non-motorised traffic, particularly with regard to crossing the A404 Bisham Roundabout. <i>(February 2016 update: Highways England have decided not to proceed with the proposed alterations to this roundabout, however they are keeping the junction performance under review to identify whether small scale improvements can be made.)</i>
15	Extend the southern end of Bisham Bridleway 22 to connect with Dungrove Hill Lane
16	Upgrade part of Bisham Footpath 17 to a Bridleway
17	Upgrade Bisham Footpath 23 to a bridleway, to link Burchetts Green to Stubbings and Maidenhead Thicket <b><i>(March 2018 update: the landowner has declined a proposal to upgrade this footpath, however, if circumstances change this project could be re-opened)</i></b>
18	Create a cycling route between Hurley and Temple (a) Create a route adjacent to Bisham Footpath 21 to allow cycle use  (b) Upgrade part of Bisham Footpath 21 and Hurley Footpath 9 to allow cycle use and link with Mill Lane
19	Improve the surface of Bisham Restricted Byway 11 and Bisham Bridleway 12 <i>(December 2015 update: consulting with Natural England over works specification)</i> <i>(March 2017 update: surface improvements completed)</i>
20	Route from Mill Lane to Odney Road, Cookham – perhaps across Odney Common <i>(March 2009 update: the landowner has declined a proposal to create this new pedestrian link: however, if circumstances change this project could be re-opened)</i>
21	Access improvements at Cookham Lock to provide high degree of accessibility to the site.
22	Upgrade Kennel Lane (Cookham Footpath 22) to a bridleway <i>(March 2009 update: one of the affected landowners has declined a proposal to upgrade this footpath to bridleway: however, if circumstances change this project could be re-opened)</i>
23	Crossings over the Thames:  (a) from Hythe End to south bank avoiding M25

	<p>(b) from Magna Carta Island to north bank</p> <p>(c) from Wraysbury riverside to Old Windsor</p> <p>(d) from Ham Island to Sunnymeads</p> <p>(e) from Datchet centre to Home Park</p> <p>(f) from north side of Eton to south bank</p> <p>(g) from Windsor near Slough railway bridge to north bank</p> <p>(h) from west side of Windsor (A308) to north bank</p> <p>(i) from Bray village to east bank</p> <p>(j) from west bank to southern tip of National Trust Cliveden Park</p> <p>(k) upstream of Maidenhead where towpath crosses to Bucks bank</p> <p>(l) near Cookham Lock where towpath crosses back again</p> <p>(m) from south side of Cookham bridge to towpath on Lock Cut</p> <p>(n) from Spade Oak Farm to south bank</p> <p>(o) downstream of A404 bridge</p> <p>(p) at Bisham Church</p> <p>(q) from south bank to Medmenham</p>
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#### Maidenhead & Cox Green

24	<p>Fill in missing links on the “Millennium Walk” from Hurley to Maidenhead Riverside / Cliveden Reach connecting to the Thames Path by securing a path from:</p> <p>(a) Nightingale Lane to the Green Way, subject to rail crossing provision</p> <p>(b) Lower Cookham Road at Widbrook Common to the Thames Path. <i>(<u>March 2014 update</u>): Discussions are being held with the landowners about the proposed new footpath.</i></p> <p><i>(<u>March 2015 update</u>): the landowners have declined to agree the creation of a new footpath across this land; however, if circumstances change this project could be re-opened).</i></p>
25	<p>Create the following paths from the 1999 Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Plan:</p> <p>(a) a path from Lower Cookham Road at Widbrook Common to the Thames Path</p> <p>(b) a route from the Causeway at Braywick Park to Old Mill Lane via Bray Bridge</p>

	<p>(c) make the Green Way accessible to mobility restricted users</p> <p><i>(March 2014 update: upgrades to footbridges on Cookham FP 48 to enable disabled access: works ordered)</i></p> <p><i>(March 2015 update: improvements to gates at National Trust land, and stepped footbridge replaced with step-free accessible bridge)</i></p> <p><i>(March 2015 update: steps south of Chapel Arches being replaced with a ramp, in association with redevelopment at former cinema site)</i></p>
26	<p>To establish a continuous riverside route of the Thames Path in Maidenhead beside the river bank from the landing steps opposite Thames Hotel to Bridge Gardens</p> <p><i>(March 2010 update: the footpath opposite the Thames Hotel was extended in 2007, however a gap of approximately 30m remains in order to complete the link to Bridge Gardens)</i></p> <p><i>(March 2011 update: funding options for completing the remaining section of missing link are being explored in discussion with the Ramblers)</i></p> <p><i>(March 2015 update: Path Creation Agreement secured and new roadside footpath opened north of Bridge Gardens)</i></p>
27	<p>A footbridge from Boulter's Island to east bank of the Thames, which would link the Thames Path and Jubilee River, and the walks in Taplow</p> <p><i>(March 2013 update: a new footbridge across the Thames at Boulter's Lock is included in a Draft Development Brief for the Mill Lane, Taplow site produced by South Bucks District Council)</i></p> <p><i>(March 2015 update: new footbridge design agreed, subject to redevelopment proposal on east side of the river being approved by South Bucks District Council)</i></p> <p><b><i>(March 2018 update: new footbridge is being constructed in association with Mill Lane development, expected to open in early 2019 when development on Taplow side of the river is completed)</i></b></p>
28	<p>Create a new foot/cycle bridge across the Cut and new footpath-cycleway linking Braywick Park to Bray Road adjacent to Oldfield Primary School</p> <p><b><i>(March 2018 update: funding secured, bridge and footpath-cycle way being designed, estimated opening early summer 2018)</i></b></p>
29	<p>(a) Upgrade Kinghorn Lane (Maidenhead Footpath 30) to a cycle route</p> <p>(b) <i>March 2009 addition:</i> Reinstate the definitive width of Kinghorn Lane (Maidenhead FP 30) to provide segregated route for cyclists</p>
30	Create a continuous streamside footpath around "The Maidenhead Ring", including the Moor Cut and The Green Way, in association with the Maidenhead Waterways project
31	Upgrading Thames Path to allow cyclists to share route

#### Bray, Windsor and Eton

32	An extension of the Green Way from Hibbert Road in Braywick to the River Thames at Summerleaze Bridge to provide a traffic free route for walkers, cyclists and disabled users.
33	Promote a circular route around Bray village, and also around the old Biffa pits
34	Improve bridleway links between Eton, Dorney and Bray working with Bucks County Council and other neighbouring authorities.

35	A riverside path should be created in parallel to the Thames Path on the opposite side of the river
36	A route from Bray to Windsor, past Bray Film Studios
37	Create a circular route around Eton and the Boveney area for mobility restricted users <i>(March 2012 update): surface improvements carried out to paths in this area in conjunction with access to Eton-Dorney Lake for the 2012 Olympics, facilitating use by mobility restricted users.</i>
38	Expand the multi-user routes in Eton to surrounding areas and link with other bridleway routes. <i>(March 2017 update: Discussions with landowners to allow horse riding use of the Jubilee River cycleway. At present permission has not been granted due to concerns about path width and potential issues at M4 underpass)</i>
39	Create of a path between Sutherland Grange public open space, via the rear of the Centrica complex, and the access road to the Racecourse Marina
40	Secure a Public Right of Way or permitted link at end of Bridleway 11a Windsor, and a new footway along Winkfield Road to create a circular walk
41	Crossings over the Thames to link villages /settlements on either bank with paths on the other, and to link isolated bits of the old towpath

#### Datchet, Horton, Old Windsor & Wraysbury

42	Access around the Queen Mother reservoir, Datchet <i>(March 2011 update): The landowner has declined to agree the creation of a new footpath across this land; however, if circumstances change this project could be re-opened</i>
43	Improve and ensure long term accessibility (including possible bank repair / diversion) Datchet Footpath 8 <i>(March 2009 update: handrails installed by landowner in 2008)</i> <i>(March 2015 update: discussion with landowner about potential for widening the footpath)</i> <i>(March 2016 update: landowner has declined to widen the path, bank repair improvements completed to secure the river bank)</i>
44	Thames side paths: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) along the banks of Ham Island</li> <li>(b) south bank of Thames from Home Park</li> <li>(c) along the shores of the big islands downstream of Cookham</li> <li>(d) south bank between Bisham and Temple</li> </ul>
45	Create the following paths from the 1981 Horton, Datchet and Wraysbury Local Plan, depending on the working arrangements with the landowner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) footpath from Datchet Footpath 7 southwest around the Queen Mother</li> </ul>

	<p>Reservoir, over the Horton Road (B376) to the railway line</p> <p>(b) footpath from Datchet Footpath 5 running southeast on the northern side of the railway line to Datchet Footpath 6</p> <p>(c) footpath along northern side of the Thames from Albert Bridge linking with Datchet Footpath 6</p> <p>(d) footpath from Welley Road, Wraysbury along southern side of the railway line to Wraysbury Footpath 6</p> <p>(e) footpath from Park Avenue, Wraysbury to Kingswood Creek</p> <p>(f) footpath from northern end of Douglas Lane (at termination of Wraysbury Footpath 6) to The Green</p> <p>(g) footpath running from High Street car park in Wraysbury, around southern part of lakes parallel to Staines Road to Staines Road near termination of Wraysbury Footpath 4</p> <p>(h) footpath running from Horton Footpath 3 around northern part of lakes to Stanwell Road</p> <p>(i) footpath from Station Road, Wraysbury, to Stanwell Road running along the western bank of the Colne Brook.</p> <p>(j) footpath from Hythe End Lane to southern end of Ferry Lane (Wraysbury Footpath 3)</p> <p>(k) bridleway from Embankment to Magna Carta Lane in Wraysbury</p> <p>(l) bridleway from Horton Road, alongside the Queen Mother Reservoir to Majors Farm Road (B370)</p> <p>(m) Footpath from Kingswood Creek to Old Ferry Drive</p> <p>(n) Footpath from Stanwell Road, northeast along Mill Lane, running east along the Colne Brook.</p>
46	New route along the Colne Brook

#### Ascot, Sunninghill & Sunningdale

47	<p>Disabled friendly routes should be investigated at Eton, Sunninghill and Ascot, Sunningdale, Knowl Hill, White Waltham and Hurley Lock</p> <p><i>(December 2015 update: replacement of stepped footbridge west of Hurley Lock completed)</i></p> <p><i>(March 2015 update: surface improvements at St Georges Lane and Wells Lane)</i></p>
48	<p>Extend Sunningdale Footpath 13 through to Sunninghill</p> <p><i>(March 2009 update: feasibility studies have indicated that this project is not viable, however if circumstances change this project could be re-opened)</i></p>
49	Create a path from Ascot Station westwards parallel to the railway line to Kings Ride

	<i>(March 2007 update: Network Rail are unwilling to consider this proposed footpath creation)</i>
50	New footpath between Ascot High Street and Ascot Rail Station. <i>(March 2017 update: Path Creation Order confirmed and path opened 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017)</i>
51	New footpath or cycle route from Ascot Centre to Ascot Rail Station
52	New footpath from St Georges Lane to Ascot Rail Station
53	New footpath or cycle route from Heatherwood Hospital to Prince Albert Drive
54	New footpath or cycle route between Prince Albert Drive and Ascot High Street around Heatherwood Hospital
55	New footpath or cycle route linking Bridge Road to Kings Road
56	New footpath or cycle route from Cavendish Meads to railway line
57	New footpath from Farm Close to Upper Village Road
58	New footpath linking Allens Field to Swinley Forest
59	New footpath from Coombe Lane to Victory Fields Recreation Ground
60	New cycle route from Ascot High Street east of Station Hill to South Ascot via the A330 viaduct
61	New cycle route alongside Winkfield Road from the entrance to Ascot Racecourse and Royal Ascot Golf Course to the junction of A330 and A329 London Road/Ascot High Street
62	New cycle route from A330 Winkfield Road alongside New Mile Road, Cheapside Road and Watersplash Lane to B383 Sunninghill Road
63	Upgrade Sunninghill Footpath 5 to a bridleway usable by cyclists
64	Upgrade Sunninghill Footpath 1 to a bridleway usable by cyclists
65	New footpath from Liddell Way to Whiteladies Park
66	New footpath or cycle route from Heatherwood Hospital to Ascot Rail Station
67	New footpath from North Ascot to Ascot High Street across Ascot racecourse and through tunnel
68	New footpath east of Ascot Racecourse alongside Winkfield Road
69	New footpath through Silwood Park from Sunninghill Footpath 2 to Buckhurst Road
70	New footpath along Mill Lane linking into Windsor Great Park
71	New footpath alongside Whitmore Lane linking Sunningdale Byway 4, Sunningdale Footpath 2 and A329 London Road
72	New footpath alongside railway between Beech Hill Road to Kings Road



73	New footpath or cycle route from Sunninghill to Charters School on the edge of the railway and around school sites
74	New footpath from Sunningdale Park parallel to Larch Avenue
75	New footpath from Sunningdale Park / Larch Avenue to Park Drive
76	New footpath within Sunningdale Park linking Silwood Road to Station Road
77	New footpath around Southern border of Sunninghill Park parallel to Park Drive
78	New footpath from Sunningdale Park to Station Road
79	New footpath from Sunningdale Footpath 1 to Windsor Great Park adjacent to London Road
80	New footpath or cycle route linking Beech Hill Road over railway line to Charters School
81	New footpath from Bagshot Road to Charters School along Broadlands Drive
82	New footpath from Sunning Avenue into Charters School
83	Record the existing path round Beaufort Gardens loop to Burleigh Lane
84	Record the existing path from Kings Ride west of Heatherwood Hospital to the railway line
85	Record the existing path between Vernon Drive and Ruston Way
86	Record the existing path around Allen's Field
87	Record the existing path around the woods off Allen's Field
88	Record the existing path from Woodlands Ride to Allen's Field
89	Record the existing path along pine tree ridge near Liddell Way
90	Record the existing path to the west of Allen's Field
91	Record the existing path From Carroll Crescent via Beaumont Court to adopted path onto Bouldish Farm Road
92	Record the existing path between Elizabeth Gardens and Brockenhurst Road
93	Record the existing path from Armitage Court through open land / woods off St Mary's Hill
94	Record the existing path through woodland north west of Coombe Lane
95	Record the existing footpath round woodland off Coombe Lane
96	Record the existing path from St George's Lane to Coombe Lane
97	Record the existing path from Coombe Lane to Victory Field through Tom Green's Field
98	Record the existing path around the woods off Allen's Field

99	Record the existing path between New Road and Kennel Ride
100	Record the existing path between Winkfield Road and Oaklands Drive
101	Record the existing path across Ascot Racecourse
102	Record the existing path behind Hilltop Close
103	Record the existing path south of Hilltop Close to Sunninghill Footpath 2
104	Record the existing path from Hilltop Close to Playground
105	Record the existing path from Park Drive to Sunningdale Park
106	Record the existing path from Queen's Road Car Park to High Street by Chapmans
107	Record the existing path through woodland adjacent to Blythewood recreation area
108	Record the existing path through protected woodland by Blythewood recreation area
109	Record the existing path to/from green on Hanover Estate
110	Record the existing path under Ascot station and to Lyndhurst Rd
111	Record the existing path between Sutherland Chase and Blythewood Lane
112	Record the existing path from Cross Rd into Sunningdale Golf Course
113	Record the existing path between the A30 and the RBWM Car Park
114	Record the existing path around RBWM car park at Sunningdale
115	Record the existing path between Priory Road and Richmond Road
116	Record the existing path between Ridgemount Road and Priory Road to the level crossing
117	Record the existing path between Cedar Drive and Sunningdale Footpath 13
118	Record the existing path through Broomhall Recreation Ground ( <i>March 2016 update: Sunningdale Parish Council to arrange surfacing works and footpath to be dedicated as a public right of way</i> )
119	Record the existing paths linking from Hamilton and Greenways Drives to London Road A30
120	Record the existing path through Sunningdale Park from Old Sunningdale via Silwood Rd to Sunninghill via Larch Avenue
121	Record the existing path through Sunningdale Park from Silwood Rd to Sunninghill or Sunningdale
122	Record the existing path from Dale Lodge Rd via Leacroft (west) to Coworth Rd
123	Record the existing path from Dale Lodge Rd via Leacroft (east) to Coworth Rd

## APPENDIX 8

### **Planning Position Statements submitted by Local Access Forum to RBWM Planning Dept.**

#### **Guiding Principles for Planning to improve local access**

1. All new proposed development should refer and comply with the *Policy IF5 of Rights of Way and Access to the countryside* while designing new access routes and paths.
2. All access should be consistent with the Borough's *Public Rights of Way Management and Improvement Plan 2016-2026*.
3. All access improvements, routes, locks and POS should be dedicated as highway or protected legally in some way.
4. Access new developments should aim to provide accessibility to all and improve accessibility for disabled or elderly people and families with pushchairs.
5. All new access structures should comply with BS5709:2006 for gaps, gates & stiles, and all new routes comply with *Environment Agency Access for All design guide* and RWBM ROWMIP.
6. On sites prone to flooding, paths need to be constructed with suitable permeable surface to ensure it can withstand and recover from a flood event.
7. If the path is a designated escape route it needs to be usable in the event of flooding and remain open at all times with suitable lighting for night time use.
8. When considering fencing a path /route it should allow visual permeability and open views to create safe access route .The fencing should suitably blend into the character of the space without being detrimental to the aesthetics.
9. Boundaries should not be designed to deliberately curtail any views.
10. Paths should be wide enough with green verges so that they do not become narrow alleys. Footpaths should be wide enough to allow the use as cycle paths.
11. Enhancements should be sought through CIL contributions

#### **Specific Advice – Allocated Sites Policies Maps**

##### **1. Map Reference HA6**

- a. Access to Braywick Leisure Centre and town centre used by walkers, cyclists and should be min 3m wide.
- b. Improve ways across Braywick road not just through the site and provide a dedicated pedestrian route to cross the road safely for school and residents on the other side of Braywick Leisure Centre.

## **2. Map Reference HA7 & HA 8**

- a. Improve/ enhance existing PROW to offer residents at HA7 &, HA6 HA8 Cox Green etc access to Ockwells Park.
- b. Create a network of 'green ways' within these sites; this green network can be an activity network connecting Ockwells Park and Greenway.

## **3. Map Reference HA11**

- a. Potential for permitted path to be dedicated ROW

## **4. Map Reference HA19**

- a. Missing link added from lower Cookham Road to the Thames path.

## **5. Map Reference HA20**

- a. Area is bounded by PROW. Development should aim to increased use as well as connectivity to Ockwells Park.
- b. PROW should be enhanced by the development.

## **6. Map Reference HA21**

- a. Potential missing link – millennium walks and link across Railway Bridge.
- b. Improve access to Furze Platt School

## **7. Map Reference HA22**

- a. This is open access land and development here would lead to loss to accessible countryside and compensatory land would be required. However this is not being accessed and used at the moment.

## **8. Map Reference HA23**

- a. Protect and enhance bridleway.
- b. Access to river PROW over Summerleaze bridge
- c. Access to river at The Cut.

## **9. Map Reference HA25**

- a. Access through the site to library, post office & park to help create better access to public amenities.

## **10. Map Reference HA26**

- a. Crossing point across Vale Road to School & Deadworth Manor Open Space

## **11. Map Reference HA28**

- a. Improve /Enhance safe access to New Thames Path
- b. Footbridge to Lock Island to create a unique circular walk for the residents of the development and public.
- c.

## **12. Map Reference HA29**

- a. Access pedestrian/ cycle path to Ballet School.

## **13. Map Reference HA30**

- a. Improvement to pedestrian path along Station Hill will create significant improvement to pedestrian access site.

- b. Full access from Sunninghill footpath 36 creating a gateway into Ascot Link, Station Hill & Sunninghill.
- c.

**14. Map Reference HA31/32**

- a. Improve access to school & cycle access to and into Ascot

**15. Map Reference HA33**

- a. Upgrading /Improving existing paths , new bridleway from Buckhurst Road to Sunninghill 5, potentially upgrading Sunninghill 5, thereby taking horses off London Road A329
- b. Scheme would link the great park from Ascot to Sunningdale.

**16. Map Reference HA35**

- a. Improve access to public amenity.
- b. Pedestrian and Cycle access through the site.

**17. Map Reference HA38**

- a. Pedestrian and cycle access from the site in to Windmill Road to improve access into the town centre and local facilities thereby easing pedestrian /cycle influx on Whyteladyes Lane.

**18. Map Reference HA42**

- a. Long term objective should be to provide access to reservoirs

**19. Map Reference HA46**

- a. Pedestrian /Cycle route through the site.

**20. Map Reference HA48**

- a. Retain & enhance entrance footpath.

**Further information on public rights of way in the Royal Borough, including maps of all the paths and ways, and an electronic version of this document, can be found on the Borough website:**

**[http://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200215/rights\\_of\\_way](http://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200215/rights_of_way)**

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