

LOCAL ACCESS FORUM: 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2009

CONSULTATION ON DRAFT MILESTONES STATEMENT & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN ANNUAL REVIEW 2010/11: DECISION ITEM

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consult the Forum on the priorities, targets and service standards to be included in the Milestones Statement & Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan Annual Review 2010/11.

**2. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

2.1 The Council produces a **Milestones Statement & Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan Annual Review**, which sets out priorities, targets and service standards for public rights of way work in the coming year, and reviews progress made in the previous year. The Statement also includes an update on progress with implementation of the Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2005/2015. The Milestones Statement helps guide the work of the Council's Public Rights of Way Team, ensures that available resources are directed towards agreed objectives and priorities, and enables effective monitoring of progress.

2.2 The Milestones Statement is scheduled to be submitted to the Council's Rights of Way and Highway Licensing Panel on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010, prior to publication in April 2010. The Milestones Statement will be circulated to all members of the Rights of Way and Highway Licensing Panel, Parish Councils, Local Access Forum members and others with an interest in the public rights of way network, and will also be available in public libraries and Council offices, and will be published on the Borough website.

2.3 The views of the Local Access Forum are requested on the following:

- **Priorities for 2010/11: Are there any recommended changes to the priorities listed in the current 2009/10 Milestones Statement (see Appendix A)?**
- **Milestones Targets for 2010/11: Are there any recommended changes to the Milestones Targets listed in the current 2009/10 Milestones Statement (see Appendix A)?**
- **Service Standards for 2010/11: Are there any recommended changes to the Service Standards listed in the 2009/10 Milestones Statement (see Appendix A)?**

2.4 In considering it's comments or recommendations, the Forum is requested to bear in mind that the Milestones approach is based upon the setting of *challenging but realistic* targets, taking into account the available resources. Increasing the level of priority given to one area of work will inevitably result in a corresponding decrease in the level of priority that can be given to other areas of work. Please see Appendix B for information on current progress towards 2009-2010 targets and a list of stiles by Parish. A map of stiles will be displayed at the meeting.

**MAKING YOUR COMMENTS:** Any comments or recommendations agreed by the Forum at it's meeting on **1<sup>st</sup> December** will be incorporated into a report to the **15<sup>th</sup> March** Rights of Way and Highway Licensing Panel as "Local Access Forum comments or recommendations". If Forum members wish to submit individual comments, these should be made in writing by **31<sup>st</sup> December**, for inclusion in the Panel report as individual comments only.