

HEREFORDSHIRE RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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CROW ACT

- CROW ACT 2000
 - S. 60 - 62
- MECHANISM FOR IMPROVING THE LOCAL NETWORK OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND OTHER NON-MOTORISED ROUTES IN LIGHT OF THE NEEDS OF ALL TYPES OF USER
- PRODUCE BY 2007 (LTP 2005)

WHAT IS A ROWIP

- STRATEGIC DOCUMENT
- HOLISTIC APPROACH
- PARTNERSHIPS
- ASSESSMENT

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ASSESSMENT

- ASSESS ALL USERS NEEDS
- THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE LOCAL NETWORK MEETS THE PRESENT AND LIKELY FUTURE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC.
- THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT THE NETWORK PROVIDES FOR EXERCISE AND OTHER FORMS OF OPEN-AIR RECREATION
- THE ACCESSIBILITY OF THE NETWORK TO BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED PERSONS AND THOSE WITH MOBILITY PROBLEMS

ASSESSMENT cont...

- ASSESSMENT WILL TAKE THE FORM OF
 - CONSULTATION WITH INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC
 - DESK TOP STUDY OF DEFINITIVE MAP
 - NETWORK SURVEYS
 - COUNCIL PLANS AND STRATEGIES
 - GEOGRAPHICAL DATASETS

ANALYSIS AND STATEMENT OF ACTION

- CONCLUSIONS ON:
 - LIKELY AND FUTURE NEEDS AS WELL AS ACCESSIBILITY OPPORTUNITIES
 - AREAS WHERE PROVISION IS LACKING
 - SHORT COMINGS IDENTIFIED IN THE REVIEW
- THE STATEMENT OF ACTION:
 - THE PROPOSED ACTION
 - ESTIMATED COSTS
 - KEY ORGANISATIONS TO BE INVOLVED
 - PROPOSED TIMESCALE

EXEMPLAR PROJECTS

Area	Research studies (2 per area)
Northumberland / Newcastle-upon-Tyne / Northumberland National Park (part of whole in each case)	Study of condition of network, and use and demand study
Cheshire(North - south swathe, area of Weaver Valley Regional Park)	Study of health benefits from ROW, and links between ROW improvements and sustainable travel
York(whole authority area)	Study of needs of the disabled, and the wider network of routes
Bedfordshire(whole county)	Study of economic benefits from ROW, and the needs of walkers
Dorset("Blackmore Vale",	isolated area in north and west of county) Study of access to the countryside and access to services
Nottinghamshire(Sherwood or Greenwood area)	Study of recreation needs, and needs of lawful vehicular users
Hampshire("Forests" of Bere and Eversley)	Study of needs of horse riders, and use and demand study. (Separate study of walking festivals)
Shropshire / Telford	Study of consultation methods, and needs of cyclists and horse riders

FUNDING

- PREPARATION
- IMPLEMENTATION
- NO SPECIFIC CENTRAL FUNDING
- NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
 - ECONOMIC VALUE OF THE RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK
- LTP

LTP AND ROWIP

- STRAND IN LTP FROM 2006
- LTP FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN
- NO PREVIOUS HISTORY
- CAPITAL BIDS FUNDED RATHER THAN REVENUE

WHAT IS THE LAF'S ROLE

- CONSULT
- ADVICE AND ASSIST
- PRIORITISE IMPROVEMENTS
- IDENTIFY QUICK-WINS AND MISSING OPPORTUNITES
- ONGOING PARTNERSHIP

FURTHER INFORMATION

- RIGHTS OF WAY STAFF
- DEFRA PUBLICISES LATEST ORDERS
 - www.defra.gsi.gov
- COUNTRYSIDE AGENCY
 - www.countryside.gov.uk
- GOOD PRACTICE WEBSITE
 - www.prowgpg.org.uk

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