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Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2020

Report on the Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan
Consultation undertaken from 4th July to 26th
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Appendix A: List of changes

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Introduction

This appendix lists the detailed changes made to the Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2020-2030, in consequence of the feedback received from the public consultation conducted between 4th May and 26th September 2019.

General changes

ID	Changes made	Reason
G1	Corrections to lengths of public rights of way and grammatical corrections	In response to corrections highlighted in the consultation.
G2	Inclusion of National Planning Policy Framework in “Strategic policy context” section	In response to comments highlighting that this policy had not been included.
G3	Removal of the ‘Monitoring’ column in the Statement of Actions and move any specific monitoring into the action description, where it is over and above the annual report monitoring.	In response to representations regarding the monitoring of the plan.

Statement of Action 1: Improving information

ID	Changes made	Reason
SOA1-1	SOA 1.3 (<i>Improve rights of way network information</i>) New action: Develop a path numbering system for permitted paths and ensure that they are included as part of the available path maps for users	In response to comments advocating for improved mapping and numbering of permitted paths
SOA1-2	SOA 1.3 (<i>Improve rights of way network information</i>) New action: Develop a communications programme to promote public rights of way, and to educate users on responsible use of the Countryside	In response to comments advocating for a communications programme to promote public rights of way and also to educate users on responsible use of the countryside.
SOA1-3	SOA 1.3(c) (<i>provide information in printable formats</i>) Action expanded to include the following: "and to provide printed maps and leaflets where appropriate."	In response to representations stating that paper maps are still important to users.
SOA1-4	SOA 1.4 (<i>Improve information available for users with restricted mobility</i>) Action expanded to include cyclists and motor vehicle users	In response to comments received that surface information is useful to cyclists and motor vehicle users as well as

		those with restricted mobility.
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Statement of Action 2: Creating new links

ID	Changes made	Reason
SOA2-1	SOA 2.1(c) (<i>Develop more multi-use paths</i>) Changed "cycle tracks" to "multi-use paths"	In responses to representations regarding the need for more multi-use paths
SOA2-2	SOA 2.2 (<i>To develop a better joined-up PROW network</i>) New action: Engage with local user groups and assess the fragmentation of network for motor cycle and motor vehicle use and identify potential improvements and priority areas	In response to comments received that motor vehicle users were not adequately considered as part of the plan
SOA2-3	SOA 2.2 (<i>To develop a better joined-up PROW network</i>) New action: Develop new links between existing public rights of way by utilising the verges within the wider highway network where feasible"	In response to comments that verges can be used to link paths
SOA2-4	SOA 2.2(b) (<i>Create links to join gaps in the network</i>) Added the statement "motor cycle and motor vehicle users" to the end, to ensure that motor vehicle users are considered to develop new routes	In response to comments received that motor vehicle users were not adequately considered as part of the plan
SOA2-5	SOA 2.3 (<i>To develop additional circular routes</i>) Added the statement "motor cycle and motor vehicle users" to the end, to ensure that motor vehicle users are considered to develop circular routes.	In response to comments received that motor vehicle users were not adequately considered as part of the plan

Statement of Action 3: Encouraging use of the public rights of way network

ID	Changes made	Reason
SOA3-1	Resources column updated with Existing, Low and Low-Medium resourcing requirements	In response to comments made regarding the implementation of the plan
SOA3-2	3.3(c) (<i>Guided walks</i>) Add Loddon Valley Ramblers (LVR) and Mid & West Berks Local Access Forum (MWBLAF) to Partnership groups	In response to comments regarding guided walks

SOA3-3	<p><i>SOA 3.3 (Reduce conflict between users)</i></p> <p>New action: "Seek to provide segregation of motorised and non-motorised traffic where possible and appropriate"</p>	In response to comments received regarding issues with shared use of byways.

Statement of Action 4: Access for All

ID	Changes made	Reason
SOA4-1	Resources column completed with Existing, Low and High resourcing requirements	To ensure that all actions consider the impact on resources in order to be implemented
SOA4-2	<p><i>SOA 4.4b (stile replacements)</i></p> <p>Action expanded to include the following: "including providing grants and other financing where resources allow."</p>	In response to comments that an in principle commitment should be made to provide resources for this work.

Statement of Action 5: Looking after the network

ID	Changes made	Reason
SOA5-1	<p><i>SOA 5.2 (c) (Manage vegetation issues effectively)</i></p> <p>Action expanded to include the following: "Ensure that the height clearance reflects the status and use of a public right of way." at the end of the action</p>	To reflect comments requesting that this is specifically taken into account with regard to maintenance and height clearance
SOA5-2	<p><i>SOA 5.6 (Manage network of byways effectively)</i></p> <p>New action: Work with vehicle user groups to improve signage along byways</p>	In response to comments and suggestions from vehicle user groups to work together to improve signage along byways
SOA5-3	<p><i>SOA 5.6 (Manage network of byways effectively)</i></p> <p>New action: Seek to provide additional passing places along narrow byways to reduce conflict between users</p>	In response to suggestions regarding ways to reduce conflicts between users on byways
SOA5-4	<p><i>SOA 5.6(c) (Seasonal closures)</i></p> <p>Action expanded to include the following: "...either by 'voluntary restraint' scheme or by Traffic Regulation Orders."</p> <p>Action renumbered to SOA 5.6(d)</p>	In response to comments regarding voluntary restraint scheme to reduce vehicular use of byways in winter months?

Appendix 5: Greenways Implementation Plan

ID	Changes made	Reason
GW1	Add new section under design standards: "Where the Greenways routes are constructed along existing byways, separate provision will be made in order for the byway to be shared with the existing vehicle use where possible, whilst still retaining the need for the Greenways to be traffic free. Where the available corridor width of insufficient for such segregation to occur other measures will be considered, for example by seeking to widen the byway or by using the Council's powers to regulate and restrict traffic along certain routes where appropriate. "	In response to concerns regarding the restriction of motor vehicles along the Greenway routes

Proposed new routes and changes to existing routes

Note: The suggested new Greenways detailed below provide a description of a general route but do not contain sufficient detail to enable a concise map of the route to be produced. These have therefore been included in the list of proposed new routes but have not been individually mapped.

ID	Parish	Proposals added
PNR1		Section renamed to be "Proposed new routes and changes to existing routes"
PNR2	Arborfield Barkham Shinfield St. Nicholas Hurst Swallowfield	Expand the following existing proposals to seek Footpath or bridleway status along the route: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7-8, 11, 15-16, 19, 20, 23, 37, 38-40, 41, 42, 53-54, 55, 56, 57-58, 60-61
PNR3	Arborfield	Create new Mole Road field edge bridleway and Church Lane verge track to form safe Barkham-Coombes/Arborfield - Carters Hill circular routes.
PNR4	Arborfield	Upgrade Arborfield Footpaths 17 and 18 as Bridleway.
PNR5	Arborfield	Upgrade Arborfield Footpaths 20 and 22 as Bridleway.
PNR6	Arborfield	Upgrade Arborfield Footpath 1 as a Bridleway.
PNR7	Arborfield	New assisted crossing points on Mole Road between Byway 4 (Copse Barnhill Lane) and Byway 6 (Gravelhillpit Lane)
PNR8	Arborfield Swallowfield	Upgrade Nutters Lane as bridleway and link to Shinfield Byway 22

PNR9	Arborfield Barkham	New bridleway N-S route on W side of Bearwood Road from opposite Simons Lane to Coombes Lane.
PNR10	Arborfield Twyford Winnersh Wokingham	A north-south Greenways route linking Arborfield-Sindlesham-Winnersh (station)-Dinton Pastures-Twyford (Station Cross-Rail).
PNR11	Barkham	New off-road Bridleway to link Church Lane to Commonfield Lane
PNR12	Barkham Finchampstead	New bridleway route from East end of Arborfield Footpath 15 across Arborfield Garrison to link up with Finchampstead Bridleway 14
PNR13	Barkham Finchampstead	New footpath or bridleway linking Finchampstead Footpath 28 with Barkham Byway 18 and new bridleway at Hogwood Farm
PNR14	Barkham	Upgrade Barkham Footpath 7 to a Bridleway
PNR15	Barkham	Create a new bridleway link from Footpath 7 to Bridleway 6
PNR16	Arbofield Barkham	Upgrade Footpath 4 / Footpath 12 to create a second circular bridleway route within the Coombes
PNR17	Earley Wokingham Winnersh	New Greenway alongside A329M
PNR18	Finchampstead	Upgrade Finchampstead Footpath 19 from RB 36 to B3348 at East end of the Ridges
PNR19	Finchampstead	New bridleway or Footpath alongside the N hedge of the B3348 from W end of the Ridges to the junction with Dell Road/Wick Hill
PNR20	Finchampstead	New Bridleway to link from Bridleway 4 to Byway 18 (Hogwood Lane)
PNR21	Finchampstead	Create Bridleway link from Finchampstead Village/Memorial Park to Nine Mile Ride.
PNR22	Ruscombe	New route from Milley Bridge/Stanlake Bridge/New Road/Castle End Road <i>Note: This route is unclear and has not been mapped pending clarification</i>
PNR23	Finchampstead	New bridleway E-W route from B3348 to A327 on N side of Eversley.
PNR24	Finchampstead	New bridleway E-W route on existing track from A327 N of The Leas to existing Footpath to Farley Hill.

PNR25	Finchampstead	New bridleway link and bridge over river from Footpath 52 across River Blackwater to Eversley Cross <i>Note: This route is unclear and has not been mapped pending clarification</i>
PNR26	Finchampstead	Create a pedestrian link along or adjacent to B3348 from Footpath 8 and 29 to A327.
PNR27	Finchampstead	New cycle route from Finchampstead to Wokingham Town Centre, which could use Nash Grove Lane and Evendons Lane
PNR28	Hurst Twyford Woodley	New Greenway between Hurst/Twyford/Woodley from Hogmoor Lane, Whistley Mill, and Ashenbury Park.
PNR29	Remenham Wargrave	New bridleway S-N route from minor road near Hennerton House to join path network near Henley Bridge.
PNR30	Remenham	Upgrade the Thames Path for use by cyclists
PNR31	Ruscombe	Upgrade Waltham St Lawrence Footpath 9/Ruscombe Footpath 4 for horse riding use.
PNR32	Ruscombe	New circular bridleway route linking Milley Bridge/Stanlake Bridge/New Road/Castle End Road <i>Note: This route is unclear and has not been mapped pending clarification</i>
PNR33	Ruscombe	Upgrade Ruscombe Footpath 5 to bridleway
PNR34	Shinfield	Seek dedication of permitted paths within Shinfield SANGs as public rights of way <i>Note: The exact paths desired are unclear and have not been mapped pending clarification</i>
PNR35	Shinfield	New Greenway from Green Park station to Shinfield village.
PNR36	Shinfield	Upgrade Shinfield Bridleway 41 I to Byway Open to All Traffic
PNR37	Shinfield	Downgrade Shinfield Byway 25 III to a Footpath or bridleway
PNR38	Shinfield	Remove links along Shinfield Byway 32 I/II as this is not separated by a highway.
PNR39	Shinfield	New bridleway from Southern end of Footpath 39, running parallel to Cutbush Lane and ending up on Shinfield Road <i>Note: This route is unclear and has not been mapped pending clarification</i>

PNR40	Shinfield	Upgrade Shinfield Footpaths 31A, 32A, 36 and 38 to a bridleway
PNR41	Shinfield	New bridleway from Byway 22 to the proposed River Loddon path
PNR42	Shinfield	Upgrade Footpath's 13,16 and 21 to Bridleway
PNR43	Shinfield	New bridleway link between bridleways 24 and 31B over the A33
PNR44	Shinfield	Upgrade the following Footpaths to bridleways or cycleways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shinfield Footpath 11 from School Green to Church Lane • Shinfield Footpath 12 north of School Green across to Hollow Lane • Shinfield Footpath 13:from Hyde End Lane, Ryeish Green across High Copse SANG, through a new housing development and via Footpath 11 to School Green • Shinfield Footpath 20 from Basingstoke Road to Clares Green Road • Shinfield Footpath 16 from Deardon Way to Ryeish Green
PNR45	Shinfield	New bridleway or cycleway link at Hyde End Road at the High Copse SANG. <i>Note: The exact paths desired are unclear and have not been mapped pending clarification</i>
PNR46	Shinfield	Seek dedication of short W-E track running from Weather Centre bus stop on Shinfield Road to Ryhill Way to a public Footpath
PNR47	Shinfield	Upgrade Footpath 1 to cycleway or bridleway
PNR48	St Nicholas Hurst	Upgrade Footpath 34 to a cycleway or bridleway
PNR49	St Nicholas Hurst	Upgrade Footpath 12 to a cycleway or bridleway
PNR50	St. Nicholas Hurst	New bridleway from junction of Church Hill and Sawpit Lane to top of Church Hill.
PNR51	St. Nicholas Hurst	Extending permissive path/creating new bridleway from Sawpit Road to connect to Footpath 34.
PNR52	St. Nicholas Hurst	Permissive upgrade of Footpath next to River Loddon to allow horses
PNR53	St. Nicholas Hurst	New bridleway link across from Poplar Lane to join up with Footpath 12
PNR54	St. Nicholas Hurst	Upgrade Footpaths 8,9,13,14,16,17,18,19,21 & 22 to bridleway.
PNR55	Swallowfield	Rephrase the suggestion for the downgrade of byways at Swallowfield to improve surfacing and

		drainage along the routes, and seek seasonal restrictions along the routes where necessary.
PNR56	Swallowfield	New bridleway SE-NW route from Swallowfield Church along N bank of River Blackwater (Broadwater) across River Loddon to join proposed Loddon Valley path
PNR57	Swallowfield	New bridleway SE-NW route from last riverside path on Blackwater Valley Path along N bank of River Blackwater (Broadwater) to road. <i>Note: This route is unclear and has not been mapped pending clarification</i>
PNR58	Swallowfield	New bridleway N-S route on W bank of River Loddon from existing riverside path near Kings Bridge under A33 via existing subway to district boundary S of The Priory.
PNR59	Swallowfield	Upgrade Footpath 18,19,13,15,16,17 to bridleway. Add new Bridleway to link between 17 and Byway 23, between Byway 31 and Bridleway 37 (W side of A33)
PNR60	Swallowfield	New bridleway between Swallowfield Village and Farley Hill School <i>Note: This route is unclear and has not been mapped pending clarification</i>
PNR61	Swallowfield	New Bridleway link from Riseley village to meet Footpath 17 and link from Footpath 16 to Swallowfield village.
PNR62	Swallowfield	The Blackwater path to continue past Wheeler's Farm and then through Farley Farms land to reach Church Road near the bridge over the Blackwater (called the 'The Broadwater' in that stretch) near to the Church and linking to Footpath 13 <i>Note: This route is unclear and has not been mapped pending clarification</i>
PNR63	Swallowfield	New path along the River Loddon at Bridge Farm <i>Note: This route is unclear and has not been mapped pending clarification</i>
PNR64	Twyford Wargrave	New bridleway N-S route along E bank of River Loddon from River Loddon to A3032.
PNR65	Wargrave	New Greenway from Wargrave to Henley
PNR66	Wargrave	New bridleway to link Bridleway 2 with Byway 19
PNR67	Wargrave	New bridleway NE-SW route from Wargrave Station access road along bank and around STW to E bank of River Loddon.
PNR68	Wargrave	New bridleway along Loddon Drive

PNR69	Wargrave	<i>Route 53-54</i> Adjust wording to “NW-SE route from A4 to minor road at Scarletts Home Farm, and W-E route from Kiln Green at A4 to junction of paths N of Weycock Hill.”
PNR70	Wargrave	<i>Routes 49 and 51</i> Separate the routes as follows: Route 49: S-N route along E bank of Hennerton Backwater from existing footbridge to A321 opposite existing path near Hennerton Farm. Justification: Waterside route. Links isolated path to Wargrave village avoiding very busy road. Creates circular walks from village. Route 51: Improvement of the pedestrian route alongside the A321 from the north end of Wargrave village to Willow Lane (Footpath10). Justification: The existing provision is an unpleasant narrow pavement alongside the 40 mph road. Widening the pavement would be possible, but a better solution would be to provide a new Footpath in adjacent land, either a permissive path or a path on gifted land, perhaps similar to that provided by Park Place alongside Kentons Lane.
PNR71	Wargrave	New pedestrian and cycle link from Wargrave over the River Thames <i>Note: This route is unclear and has not been mapped pending clarification</i>
PNR72	Winnersh	New Greenway from Winnersh to Twyford, also Winnersh to Wokingham
PNR73	Winnersh	New Greenway from Winnersh to Wokingham
PNR74	Winnersh	Improved walking and cycle link needed from Winnersh Triangle to Arbor Lane. <i>Note: This route is unclear and has not been mapped pending clarification</i>
PNR75	Winnersh	Improved walking and cycling link needed from Winnersh Triangle / Showcase cinema to Dinton Pastures.
PNR76	Winnersh	Upgrade Winnersh Footpath 6 (Bearwood Path) from Hatch Farm Way off road shared cycle/footway that links to Jersey Drive to allow cycling with a surfaced route.
PNR77	Winnersh Wokingham	Traffic free route needed to get from Winnersh to Wokingham <i>Note: This route is unclear and has not been mapped pending clarification</i>
PNR78	Wokingham	New bridleway linking Footpath 16 to Footpath 14 and then running parallel to A329 to eventually end at Dinton Pastures.

PNR79	Wokingham	New bridleways within Foxhill and Highlands Avenue. <i>Note: This route is unclear and has not been mapped pending clarification</i>
PNR80	Wokingham	New Greenway at St Pauls Churchyard
PNR81	Wokingham	New Footpath between Oaklands Park (bottom of Fishponds Lane) and Blagrove Drive
PNR82	Wokingham	Upgrade Wokingham Footpath 15 to a bridleway or cycleway
PNR83	Wokingham Without	Downgrade Wokingham Without Byway 28 III where it runs through the housing area to a Bridleway
PNR84	Wokingham Without	New Greenway to Wokingham town centre via Gorrick Woods
PNR85	Wokingham Without	New Greenway to new Gray's Farm sports facility from "greater Crowthorne" via Wokingham Without Footpath 12
PNR86	Wokingham Without	New circular walk within Wokingham Without starting and finishing at junction of Byway 28 with Nine Mile Ride/New Wokingham Road: (a) Byway 28 north-west to junction with Footpath 17 (Can be shortened by using Footpath 16). (b) Footway along Nine Mile Ride and lay-by past Kingsbridge Cottages. (c) Cross Nine Mile Ride and take existing track (to be designated) east beside Nine Mile Ride to junction with Footpath 18. (d) Continue east on track through Heathlake Country Park (to be designated) beside Nine Mile Ride to start point at New Wokingham Road Possible local name for this is 'Gorrick Circular Walk'
PNR87	Wokingham Without	New circular bridleway route using Byway 30 and linking up with Redlake Lane, using neighbouring fields.
PNR88	Wokingham Without	Classify Ludgrove Road as a Restricted Byway or Bridleway.
PNR89	Wokingham Without	Upgrade Footpaths 10, 11, 12, 14 and 16 to Bridleways
PNR90	Wokingham Without	New 'Pipeline' Bridleway, upgrading Footpath 18 and 34 to Bridleway
PNR91	Wokingham Without	New path to link from Byway 28 on the track some 300m NW of the crossing of Heathlands Road to come south to and around the St Sebastian's Playing Field and then exiting south along St Sebastian's Close to cross Nine Mile Ride and

		pick up the existing track which parallels Nine Mile Ride east to Wokingham Without Footpath 18
PNR92	Wokingham Without	New Footpath linking Wokingham Without Byway 28 some 300m NW of where it crosses Nine Mile Ride and going north along existing paths within the farm through the farm to end up opposite the Crooked Billet pub on Honey Hill. <i>Note: This route is unclear and has not been mapped pending clarification</i>
PNR93	Wokingham Without	New path from Wokingham Without Byway 28 about 200m NW of junction with Nine Mile Ride going NNE and then NNW/N to end on Honey Hill approximately opposite the 'Crooked Billet' Public House. <i>Note: This route is unclear and has not been mapped pending clarification</i>
PNR94	Wokingham Without	New and improved path network to access new SDL from Greater Crowthorne - some existing Footpaths off Redlake Lane [WOKW Footpath 7 I] / Honey Hill [WOKW Footpath 11 I] / Easthampstead Road [WOKW Footpath 5 I] might be re-purposed, but crossing of Easthampstead Road / Heathlands Rd will need to be carefully considered <i>Note: This route is unclear and has not been mapped pending clarification</i>
PNR95	Wokingham Without	Upgrade Footpath 33 from Hatch Ride to Nine Mile Ride (past Oakham Park) to bridleway
PNR96	Woodley	New Footpath link from Dinton Pastures and Sandford Lane to Mohawk Way

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