

**APPENDIX F  
RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN CASE PROGRAMME 2013/14**

<b>ROWIP objective</b>	<b>ROWIP objective number</b>	<b>Progress to date</b>	<b>Progress report March 2014</b>
<b>Formally adopt the draft policy governing the maintenance of PROW used for access to residential properties, farms and other private land or establishments.</b>	ROWIP 5	A procedure is in place but adoption by ID is required.	
<b>Produce a published prioritization scheme for dealing with applications for modification orders and applications for path orders.</b>	ROWIP 12	A procedure is in place but adoption by ID is required.	
<b>Carry out risk assessments for trees within PROW and formulate a prioritized plan of action to ensure the safety of PROW users.</b>	ROWIP 13	A number of high priority routes have been completed and work needs to continue.	
<b>Investigate methods to prevent fly-tipping and littering of PROW and also improved methods for clearance of litter and fly-tipping when instances occur.</b>	ROWIP 15	Some signage and CCTV was installed in 2012/13 in conjunction with the waste team.	
<b>Investigate improved sustainable procurement practices.</b>	ROWIP 16	Sustainably-sourced wood is stipulated and recycled surfacing material used where possible.	
<b>Introduce improved environmentally-sustainable working practices, which also protect and enhance biodiversity and historic landscape and features.</b>	ROWIP 17	A checklist has been compiled of environmental aspects to consider when carrying out practical works.	
<b>Increase the availability of PROW / access information and promotional material and explore greater use of a wider range of formats, to compliment relevant work carried out by others.</b>	ROWIP 18	A major report has been produced by a rights of way volunteer as part of his work towards an MSc. Work on improved use of electronic media is a particular priority for the future	
<b>Produce a formal policy for the management of vehicular use and vehicular surfaces, with the aim of improving the condition of PROW used by recreational vehicles.</b>	ROWIP 21	A procedure is in place which has been approved by the Local Access Forum. Adoption by ID is required.	
<b>Implement measures to ensure that all gates on equestrian routes are easily-openable from horseback, using best practice gate and latch</b>	ROWIP 33	Some work has already been done but more similar work is a priority.	

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<b>designs and gate configurations. Consider the installation of mounting blocks where dismounting cannot be avoided.</b>			
<b>Increase the numbers of PROW signposts indicating destinations, distances and local attractions.</b>	ROWIP 34	Some signposts already show these from an old project with parish councils. The feasibility of extending this needs to be established first by liaison with other local authorities who have such signposts as routine.	
<b>Improve the signage of PROW in and around West Berkshire's countryside sites.</b>	ROWIP 35	A simple audit is first needed of if and where any improvements are required .	
<b>Identify routes and circuits which are suitable for promotion for use by those with restricted mobility, including within countryside sites. Promote and sign the routes in terms of grading and carry out works, where needed.</b>	ROWIP 38	A scheme has already nearly been completed in Purley. Another priority location needs to be identified, preferable in an urban fringe location so as to provide maximum benefit.	
<b>Arrange formal rights of way training for parish public rights of way officers, parish plan teams and voluntary groups.</b>	ROWIP 48	Advice sheets have been sent to parish councils on several occasions, but more formal training might be beneficial where a council has its own rights of way officer.	
<b>Investigate the feasibility of a grant scheme for access work by parish councils, parish plan groups and others, taking into account funding already available.</b>	ROWIP 56	Successful schemes already run in Hampshire and Wiltshire.	
<b>Investigate opportunities for external and grant funding for PROW/ access projects.</b>	ROWIP 58	Some AONB funding has been acquired in the past but effort needs to be made to source more	
<b>Complete and formally adopt an enforcement protocol</b>	Additional priority	A need has arisen for such a protocol, to help defend legal challenges. Work has already started.	
<b>Make further progress on the Snelsmore to Chieveley new bridleway links</b>	Specific project	Landowners and stakeholders have been consulted and routes identified.	