

Equality Impact Assessment

Name of item being assessed:	Public Rights of Way Case Programmes
Version and release date of item (if applicable):	March 2013
Owner of item being assessed:	Elaine Cox
Name of assessor:	Elaine Cox
Date of assessment:	13 March 2013

1. What are the main aims of the item? (What does the item try to achieve?)

Improvement of public rights of way network and ensuring ease of use.

2. What are the results of your research?

Note which groups may be affected by the item. Consider how they may be affected and what sources of information have been used to determine this. (Please demonstrate consideration of all strands – Age, Disability, Gender Reassignment, Marriage and Civil Partnership, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion or Belief, Sex and Sexual Orientation.)

Group Affected	What might be the effect?	Information to support this
Older people	Inaccessible structures, e.g. stiles, and uneven PROW surfaces, exist on the PROW network.	Works take place following EIA and consultation with local people, parish councils and the Local Access Forum
Physically disabled/ pregnancy and maternity	Inaccessible structures, e.g. stiles, and uneven PROW surfaces, exist on the PROW network. For the blind or partially-sighted, there may be trouble reading promotional information.	Works take place following EIA and consultation with local people, parish councils and the Local Access Forum
Race	For those who are unable to read English, the case programme contains steps to introduce greater use of QR codes and interactive web pages.	Works take place following EIA and consultation with local people, parish councils and the Local Access Forum

Further comments relating to the item: Those managing the public rights of way (PROW) network are legally obliged to ensure that all PROW are maintained in a suitable condition for those who wish to use them. There is a network of 700 miles of rural, urban and suburban PROW. When managing and maintaining this network, each PROW is considered on a case-by-case basis and reasonable adjustments are made to for access for the disabled.

3. What actions will be taken to address any negative effects?			
Action	Owner	By When	Outcome
Inaccessible structures, e.g. stiles, and uneven PROW surfaces, are to be removed/improved as part of the case programmes.	PROW team	Ongoing	A gradual improvement in accessibility across the network, with priorities in the case programme for replacement of stiles with gates and for identification of new routes for easy access by those with reduced mobility.
The case programme contains steps to introduce greater use of QR codes and interactive web pages, to benefit the partially-sighted and those unable to read English.	PROW team	Ongoing	There is a priority in the case programme for promotional work, so there will be an improvement in accessibility to such material.

4. What was the final outcome and why was this agreed?
 (Was the item adjusted, rewritten or unchanged? Refer to page 15 of *Meeting the Equality Duty in Policy and Decision Making* for more information.)
 N/A

5. What arrangements have you put in place to monitor the impact of this decision?
 N/A

6. What date is the Equality Impact Assessment due for Review?
 March 2014

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