

APPENDIX C - PROW Enforcement Case Programme 2017/18

Target progress:

Green – very likely to meet target

Amber – likely to meet target

Red – will not meet target

MAJOR SPECIFIC SITE CASES					
Officer	Case	Summary of issue	Target	Action taken	Target progress
JT	Lambourn BW60 sarsens, gates, vehicles obstructing.	Trip/ impact/ hazard. Client of Concern.	Complete in 2017/18.	Legal advice sought, letter sent. TVP, NE & Oxon CC contacted. Sarsens etc. remain in spite multi-agency approach. Resolve by March 2018 (+ adjoining paths in Oxon.).	
JT	Lambourn BW61 ploughing.	Byway unavailable.	Aim to deal by harvest time 2017.	Warning letters sent. NE & Oxon CC contacted. Tied in with BW60.	
SJ	Catmore BW1 ploughing / obstruction	Byway unavailable.	Aim to complete by end of March 2018.	Byway to be re-opened across the field, landowner to be informed. Surfacing works are required on sections of the byway and an adjacent bridleway.	
JT	Boxford FP17 large pond excavated, trees planted.	Definitive line unavailable, unofficial line inconvenient.	Decide on appropriate action 2017/18.	Enforcement action stalled from several years ago – diversion may be needed, but landowner highly resistant. Time constraints meant not picked up in 2016/17.	
EC	East Ilsley BR15 horse injury on steel posts.	Trip/ laceration/ impact hazard.	Aim to complete by end of March 2017.	Suggested replacement S66 installation of gap. Steels removed, but replaced with gate posts on slope. Enforcement stalled due to landowner objections and lack of clarity on how far we can enforce.	
JT	Greenham FP6 Illegal vehicles.	Safety of public (and residents) on path.	Complete in 2017/18.	WBC to install anti-vehicle barrier in 2017. Landowner agreement.	
JT	Beenham BR 15	Obstructed definitive line (alternative permitted BR but often problem on that).	Complete in 2017/18.	Need to interview l/o under caution if necessary.	

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SPECIFIC SITE CASES - high priorities to be added during the year					

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PROJECTS					
	Project	Summary of Issue	Actions required	Action taken / info.	
	General Obstructions Various locations throughout District.	Many erected by farmers/ landowners to prevent illegal vehicle access.	Site visit. Make initial contact. High priorities to go to specific site cases.	Ongoing area of work, new cases coming in all the time.	
	Illegal vehicles Various BRs & RBs specifically in Downlands.	Safety hazard, surface damage. Police involvement.	Ongoing area of work in Bucklebury Common, Farnborough and East Garston areas. Kent Carriage Gaps installed /to be installed during winter months on routes identified. Action days with police to be organised periodically during autumn and winter months.	Carriage gaps, signage installed, camera trap installed at various sites.	
	Illegal use of byways to access farms/properties for burglaries/hare coursing etc.	Landowners are asking for WBC to limit public use by vehicles.	Liaise with Police, not ours to do. Some actions might arise from Police requests.	Ongoing area of work, new cases coming in all the time.	
	Electric gates	Liability on WBC / public accessibility.	Research histories. Enforcement as necessary.	Ongoing area of work, new cases coming in occasionally.	
	Electric fences	Safety of public.	Inspected or landowner contacted on receipt of complaint within 24 working hours of complaint.	Ongoing area of work. Tends to be seasonal, and temporary.	
	Stiles and gates project	Need to increase accessibility of the network for less agile or disabled users.	Stile complaints inspected within 3 weeks of complaint. Enforcement action taken or	Ongoing area of work replacing stiles with more user-friendly structures esp. on well-used routes. Currently 1 gate installed per month by the Ramblers' Work Party / gate kits supplied to	

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			gate kits delivered for l/o installation. Or added to volunteer list.	landowners.	
	Ploughing & Cropping (divide these into Ploughing/lack of marking and cropping?)	Network problem.	Spring & Autumn round- robin letter. Enforcement of complaint if required.	Ongoing area of work. Seasonal.	
	Visual tree inspection project	Safety of users, particularly on popular routes and routes to school.	The high-priority tree-lined routes must be identified and surveyed. Works needed and/or contact landowners.	The high-priority tree-lined routes have been identified and many have been surveyed. 10 Top Tier Urban routes & 9 Rural Service Centre school routes surveyed. . School Route inspections complete. Some WBC works needed, plus enforcement.	
	Landowner tree problems	Safety of users, obstructions.	Landowners need to be contacted.	Ongoing area of work.	
	Intimidation Person/ animal/ notice.	Safety of users, availability of network.	Police, landowners contacted as necessary.	Ongoing area of work.	
	Fence encroachment	Safety of users, loss of path.	Landowners need to be contacted.	Ongoing area of work.	
	Overhanging vegetation	Boundary vegetation can obstruct PROWs, but it is the responsibility of the landowner.	Landowners/farmers contacted in Autumn round-robin letter, and householders contacted following inspection of problem.	Ongoing area of work.	
	Badger Setts	Interfering with public use.	Liaise with Natural England over where action can and can't be taken. Cordon off or close PROW where there is a hazard and	Ongoing area of work.	

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			where action can't be taken.		
	Investigate use of more robust enforcement approach to clear problems	There are instances when enforcement processes can be more streamlined.	More consideration needed.	We have already increased the efficiency of our processes through more action being taken by PROW officers, without the need for legal sanction. There are also instances when we can and do take direct action to remove obstructions.	
	Thousands of lower-priority enforcement issues in database		Look through every 6 months and extract higher priorities.	Ongoing area of work.	
	Measures to prevent problems before they arise	We hope that through spreading the message about the responsibilities of the public and landowners, we can prevent a number of enforcement problems arising out of ignorance.	Improved web site. Considering an annual newsletter to farmers. Possible use of social media.	A letter is already sent to farmers twice a year, to remind them of their obligations when ploughing and cropping.	