

**Public Rights of Way: DRAFT Legal Order cases for April 2016-2017**

Case Type*	Title	Parish	Ward	Description
PPO	Public Footpaths Burghfield 2 & 22 - extinguishment of obsolete cul-de-sac paths	Burghfield	Burghfield	Public Footpath Burghfield 2 is a cul-de-sac path that runs along Searle's Farm Lane, and has been obstructed by a building at its northmost end for around thirty years. Public Footpath Burghfield 22 is a cul-de-sac public footpath that was flooded by a lake 50+ years ago but has never been formally extinguished. <b>Decision to make order: 23rd December 2016.</b>
PPO	Public Footpaths Burghfield 15 & 24 – diversion to re-align paths to take into account relocation of River Kennet bridge	Burghfield	Burghfield	Bridge over River Kennet has been moved eastwards by 15+ metres, and the legally recorded public footpath network needs to be formally amended by Order. <b>Decision to make order: 23rd December 2016.</b>
DMMO	B4001 to Oldings Road, Lambourn – claimed public footpath	Lambourn	Lambourn Valley	Investigation and decision needed on a 2015 application to record a public footpath running east from the B4001, over field immediately north of the M4, running east onto Oldings Hill (a cul-de-sac public road). As of November 2016, Council is awaiting response from a key path user.
PPO	Public Footpaths Thatcham 16 & 27 (on border with Hampshire) – diversion application	Thatcham	Thatcham South & Crookham	Application in requesting diversion of footpath from cross-field route prone to flooding, onto a riverbank route on higher ground, along a route 210 metres longer, on a pleasant route by the river. Consultations made. An objection has been raised. A decision report is being drafted, although final liaison will take place with objector to see if this objection can be overcome. <b>APPLICATION WITHDRAWN 28th February 2017</b> in light of objection.
PPO	Public Footpath Welford 16, Elton Farm, Weston - diversion application	Welford	Kintbury	Application to divert public footpath out of old farm yard onto a more direct route with better views to the north-east. Applicant will cover costs. Consultations made - deadline for comments 18th July 2016. An objection has been raised. <b>CASE ON HOLD</b> whilst landowner considers whether to proceed in light of the objection.
PPO	Public Footpath Welford 15, Easton Farm House, Easton	Welford	Kintbury	Diversion application to re-route a public footpath out of a garden/drive onto a route alongside a spur of the River Lambourn, and across a small area of trees - opposed by Open Spaces Society but liaison took place to mutually agree an alternative diversion. Applicant will cover WBC admin costs. Investigation and consultation within WBC will take place before a final decision is made. Consultations made. <b>Decision to make Order: 20th October 2016.</b> Order is to be drafted and submitted to legal team for sealing, before public rights of way team advertise the order for objection. Final meeting between WBC, applicant and original objector held 17th November 2016.
DMMO	Legal Event Modification Order - 2014-2016	Various	Various	Administrative Order to update the Definitive Map and Statement with the effect of completed path order cases from the last two years. Decision to proceed made <b>16th May 2016.</b> Orders made and completed <b>7th October 2016.</b>

<b>General</b>	Definitive Map:	Further work to publish a new Definitive Map. A new Deregulation Act 2015 has been passed that will have great effect on public rights of way legal work, but the relevant sections are not yet in force - this is estimated to happen in April 2016, but there is no guarantee that it won't be postponed for longer than this.
	Definitive Map and Path Orders:	DEFRA are due to bring in new Regulations and guidelines in 2016 that is likely to increase the number of decision reports that is needed, and may have other material effects on legal order case work. Until they are published, the precise effect is unclear.

\*DMMO = Definitive Map Modification Order case (i.e to prove/disprove existence of a public right of way)

\*PPO = Public Path Order case (e.g. diversion, creation or extinguishment)

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