

Appendix C1 PROW Enforcement Case Programme 2017/18

MAJOR SPECIFIC SITE CASES					
Officer	Case	Summary of issue	Target	Action taken	Complete/ carry forward
JT	Lambourn BW60 sarsens, gates, vehicles obstructing.	Trip/ impact/ hazard. Client of Concern.	Complete in 2017/18 (+ adjoining paths in Oxon)	Legal advice sought, letter sent. TVP, NE & Oxon CC contacted. Sarsens etc. remain in spite multi-agency approach. Site attended with TVP. Farmer warned. Carriage gap requested.	No action by Oxon CC For 2018
JT	Lambourn BW61 ploughing.	Byway unavailable.	Aim to deal by harvest time 2017. (+ adjoining paths in Oxon)	Warning letters sent. NE & Oxon CC contacted. Tied in with BW60.	No action by Oxon CC For 2018
SJ	Catmore BW1 ploughing / obstruction	Byway unavailable.	Aim to complete by end of March 2018.	Byway to be re-opened across the field, landowner informed. Surfacing works are required on sections of the byway and an adjacent bridleway.	Byway not cultivated 2017/18 but obstructed
JT	Boxford FP17 large pond excavated, trees planted.	Definitive line unavailable, unofficial line inconvenient.	Decide on appropriate action 2017/18. Common law right to deviate.	Enforcement action stalled from several years ago – diversion may be needed, but landowner highly resistant. Not picked up 2017.	Using Common Law right to deviate - Rangers to clear 2018
EC	East Ilsley BR15 horse injury on steel posts.	Trip/ laceration/ impact hazard.	Aim to complete by end of March 2017.	Steels removed, but replaced with gate posts on slope.	WBC can remove or relocate posts
JT	Greenham FP6 Illegal vehicles.	Safety of public (and residents) on path.	Complete in 2017/18.	WBC to install anti-vehicle barrier in 2017. Member and TVP involved. Landowner agreement finally granted 2017.	Completed

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JT	Beenham BR 15	Obstructed definitive line (alternative permitted BR but have been problems there).	Complete in 2017/18.	Gates occasionally locked in 2017, but permitted path open without problem. Officers to interview l/o under caution if necessary.	No complaints 2017
JT	Shaw FP 19	Crop obstruction – June 2017	14 days	Legal Notices served on all Title holders. Contractor lined up. 11 th hour compliance.	Completed
JT	Shaw FP 19	Hazardous bale stack	Immediate	Passed to HSE who took enforcement action.	Completed

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PROJECTS					
Count	Project	Summary of Issue	Actions required	Action taken / info.	Outstanding
35	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.	18
4	Intimidation Person/ animal/ notice.	Safety of users, availability of network.	Police, landowners contacted as necessary.	Ongoing area of work.	0
9	Illegal vehicles – non motor routes Various Bridleways and & Restricted Byways especially in Downlands.	Safety hazard, surface damage. Police involvement.	Ongoing area of work in Bucklebury Common, Farnborough and East Garston areas. Kent Carriage Gaps installed during winter months on routes identified. Action days with Police to be organised periodically during autumn and winter months.	Carriage gaps installed, signage installed, camera traps installed at various sites. Liaison with Police.	1
18	Illegal vehicles - Byways	Landowners are asking for WBC to limit public use by vehicles. Safety concern.	Police to lead. Some WBC actions might arise from Police requests for new structures or closures.	Trial closure of selected Byways in Bucklebury and Lambourn over Winter 2017 to protect surface. Liaison with Police.	0
40	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 gate kits delivered for l/o installation. Or added to volunteer list.	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 landowners.	0
2	Electric gates	Liability on WBC / public accessibility.	Research histories. Enforcement as necessary.	Ongoing area of work, new cases come in occasionally. Expert Barrister advices sought on those which are Limitations.	2

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1	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.	0
6	Fence encroachment	Safety of users, loss of path.	Landowners need to be contacted.	Ongoing area of work.	1
23	Cropping	Network problem affecting ~300 paths.	Spring round- robin letter. Enforcement of complaint if required.	Ongoing area of work. Seasonal.	5
11	Ploughing	Network problem affecting ~300 paths.	Autumn round- robin letter. Enforcement of complaint if required.	Ongoing area of work. Seasonal.	5
152	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 surveyed. 10 Top Tier Urban routes & 9 Rural Service Centre school routes surveyed. School Route inspections complete. WBC works largely completed, some enforcement required in 2018.	<10
117	Landowner tree problems	Safety of users, obstructions.	Landowners contacted.	Ongoing area of work.	36
68	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, best resolved over Autumn & Winter.	21
5	Badger Setts	Damage to surface.	Liaise with Natural England over where action can and can't be taken. Cordon off or close PROW where there is a hazard and where action can't be taken.	Licences required for works disturbing setts. One sett worked on autumn 2017. Small number of paths closed over winter for public safety. Work planned for 2018.	2
6	Streetworks Failures	Surface damage, WBC liability and maintenance risk	Contact utilities, issue failure Notices in conjunction with Streetworks Team.	Gigaclear liaison meetings ended. Subcontractors contacted on site. PROWs being added to Streetworks Gazeteer.	3

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