

Public Rights of Way: Legal Order cases for April 2017-2018

Case Type*	Title	Parish	Ward	Description
PPO	Bucklebury 138 Public Footpath diversion proposal	Bucklebury	Bucklebury	An obstructed public footpath, blocked by two fences and a pond by the previous landowner. The new landowner is seeking to create a new route through the copse to the east and is prepared to physically create a new public footpath route to accommodate it. Matter to be investigated to see if long-standing issue can be resolved to benefit of all parties. DECISION to make Order made 6th December 2017. Order to be drafted.
PPO	Fawley 10 public bridleway	Fawley	Downlands	Diversion of public bridleway from tarmac driveway and electric security gates onto a new route a few metres to the south with a more suitable non-tarmac surface. Decision report drafted. DECISION to make order, 1st February 2018. **Landowner has not been in contact to agree final details**
DMMO	Saltney Mead claimed public footpath	Pangbourne	Purley-on-Thames	Claimed public footpath to investigate, over old track to the west of Springs Farm - recently fenced off. Lots of user evidence. Landowner to oppose. Investigation and determination required. DECISION made 22nd May 2018.
DMMO	Route running parallel, and west of, the Sul Brook, claimed public footpath	Pangbourne	Pangbourne & Purley-on-Thames	Claimed public footpath west of Sul Brook linking to Thames Path. Matter investigated. DECISION made 22nd March 2018 NOT to make an order.
DMMO	Springs Farms claimed public footpath	Purley-on-Thames	Pangbourne & Purley-on-Thames	Claimed public footpath to investigate between Sul Brook and Pangbourne Meadow, linking to Thames Path. Investigation and determination required. Landowner evidence received 9th November 2017 and requires assessment. DECISION made 22nd May 2018.
PPO	Shaw-cum-Donnington 20 public footpath	Shaw-cum-Donnington	Speen	Diversion of public footpath from private vehicular driveway alongside Walnut Cottage onto a new field edge route with good views of the surrounding countryside - will re-route the path out of electric security gates. Order made and unopposed. CONFIRMED & IN EFFECT 7th March 2018.
	Old cases needing further attention			
DMMO	B4001 to Oldings Road, Lambourn – claimed public footpath* outstanding from 2016-2017 case list	Lambourn	Lambourn Valley	Decision made 3rd October 2017 NOT to make an order as there is insufficient evidence. Route runs east from the B4001, over field immediately north of the M4, running east onto Oldings Hill (a cul-de-sac public road). No appeal made.
PPO	Public Footpath Welford 16, Elton Farm, Weston - diversion application - outstanding from 2016-2017 case list	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. CASE ON HOLD whilst landowner considers whether to proceed in light of the objection.
DMMO	Tilehurst - Calcot Centre to Farm Drive claimed public footpath	Tilehurst	Birch Copse	WBC has decided to make an order to record this route as a public footpath. The landowner may not object, but certain tree maintenance works may be required. WBC is to encourage owner to carry out tree maintenance as there are various informal access routes used by the public. Aim is to avoid landowner objection that would lead to a costly Planning Inspectorate determination.
DMMO	Thatcham, field between Lower Way and Nature Discovery Centre - 2 claimed public footpaths	Thatcham	Thatcham West	WBC has decided to make an order to record two public footpaths across this field. The landowner has indicated that although they do not oppose these two paths in principle, they would object to a formal order because applications for additional routes, unwanted by the owner, are expected. Attempts to encourage the owner to instead sign a dedication agreement have been made to avoid two costly Planning Inspectorate determinations.

*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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