

**West Berkshire Council Public Rights of Way Legal Order Cases**  
**Priority work list, April 2020- April 2021**

Case Type*	Title	Parish	Ward	Description
<b>DMMO &amp; PPO</b>	Initial assessments of new queries and proposals as they come in	All	All	Provisions from the Deregulation Act 2015 are due to come into effect, that will put a statutory requirement for initial assessment decisions on Public Path Orders (PPOs) and Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMOs) applications within 4, and 3, months, respectively. At present, many proposals and queries come in each year. These are assessed straight away, and preliminary investigations are carried out. At present the Council has a discretion to process Path Orders, although it has an obligation to determine all duly made DMMO applications. Accepted cases that are then prioritized make it onto the annual caselist. Refused cases do not appear on any caselist, but the investigation and informal assessment still take time and resource.
<b>PPO</b>	Investigate a diversion of the long-obstructed public bridleway running through Broadview Farm	Bucklebury & Cold Ash parishes	Bucklebury Ward, and Chieveley & Cold Ash Ward	See if the obstructed public bridleway through Broad View Farm can be diverted onto a suitable new route (partly in Bucklebury and partly in Cold Ash parishes/wards). Parish meeting held in autumn 2019. No application submitted to date.
<b>DMMO</b>	The Bevers to Windmill Road, claimed public footpath	Stratfield Mortimer	Burghfield & Mortimer	Claimed public footpath. To be investigate and a determination of whether or not to make an order..
<b>DMMO</b>	Stephen's Road to Stephen's Firs, claimed public footpath	Stratfield Mortimer	Burghfield & Mortimer	Claimed public footpath. To be investigate and a determination of whether or not to make an order..
<b>DMMO</b>	Stephen's Close to Stephen's Firs claimed public footpath	Stratfield Mortimer	Burghfield & Mortimer	Claimed public footpath. To be investigate and a determination of whether or not to make an order..
<b>PPO</b>	Public footpath Burghfield 3 extinguishment	Burghfield	Burghfield & Mortimer	Proposed extinguishment of public footpath Burghfield 3 by Moatlands Cottages. It is a 140 metre long cul-de-sac that was cut off by the M4 in the late 1960s. It does not lead anywhere of public interest and is not needed for public use. Liaison is underway with WBC highways drainage team and residents. Further investigation relating to ownership of the track is underway. At present the matter is on hold until WBC receives a response from a local 1980s landowner about current ownership.
<b>PPO</b>	Investigate Holybrook parish Council's request for a new public footpath to link Sharnwood Drive to London Road (A4), by Lidl	Holybrook	Tilehurst South & Holybrook Ward	Sharnwood Drive to London Road (A4) by Lidl. Delays have come about following a couple of potential compensation claims. Matter is on hold until this can be clarified, and then Holybrook Parish Council will have to decide whether they want to pursue the matter as they will be liable to pay any successful compensation claims.
<b>PPO</b>	Public footpath Sulhamstead 2 railway level crossing diversion	Sulhamstead	Bradfield ward & Theale ward	Network Rail are seeking to divert their railway level crossing for safety reasons, so that instead of the current situation where path users cross three sections of railway, they will only have to cross two, making it less distance and reducing the risk significantly. Network Rail have submitted a formal application but this did not include landowner agreement from an adjacent affected owner. The matter has been fully investigated but WBC cannot proceed until Network Rail has agreed terms with the landowner.
<b>DMMO</b>	Hill Gardens to Green Hill claimed public footpath	Streatley	Basildon	Claimed public footpath in Streatley parish running from Hill Gardens to public footpath Streatley 1. Evidence submitted, but no formal application yet submitted. Pending.
	<b>Old cases needing further attention</b>			
<b>DMMO</b>	Opposed Definitive Map Modification Orders at Cold Ash 18, Saltney Mead (Pangbourne) and Springs Farm (Purley-on-Thames)	Cold Ash, Pangbourne & Purley-on-Thames	Chieveley & Cold Ash ward, and Tilehurst & Purley ward	In June 2019, WBC submitted these three cases to the Planning Inspectorate for determination. WBC has carried out significant administrative and report-writing tasks, and arranged Planning Inspectorate inquiries for each case in summer 2020.
<b>Agreement/ DMMO</b>	Tilehurst - Calcot Centre to Farm Drive claimed public footpath	Tilehurst	Tilehurst Birch Copse	WBC has made a decision 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.
<b>DMMO</b>	Great Plantation, claimed public footpaths	Inkpen	Hungerford & Kintbury	Several claimed public footpaths running through Great Plantation, Inkpen. FIVE separate applications were submitted to cover various paths in Great Plantation. Substantial investigation has taken place. However, the application certificates were not duly made as the correct landowners were not correctly notified. Whilst this is a technical issue, it may have a material impact on the ability to appeal against the matter, and means that the obligation for WBC to determine the matters has not been activated.

\* of a public right of way), \*PPO = Public Path Order case (e.g. diversion, creation or extinguishment)  
 Number Rows = on hold (awaiting third part input)

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