

D2. Existing list of all cases being worked on April 2020-2021

Case Type*	Title	Parish	Ward	Description
DMMO & PPO	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.
DMMO	The Bevers to Windmill Road, claimed public footpath	Stratfield Mortimer	Burghfield & Mortimer	Claimed public footpath to be investigated so that the Council can determine whether or not to make an order. Decision report being drafted.
DMMO	Stephen's Road to Stephen's Firs, claimed public footpath	Stratfield Mortimer	Burghfield & Mortimer	Claimed public footpath to be investigated so that the Council can determine whether or not to make an order. A decision to make the order was made 28th January 2021. The order now needs to be drafted and advertised for objection.
DMMO	Stephen's Close to Stephen's Firs claimed public footpath	Stratfield Mortimer	Burghfield & Mortimer	Claimed public footpath to be investigated so that the Council can determine whether or not to make an order. A decision to make the order was made 28th January 2021. The order now needs to be drafted and advertised for objection.
PPO	Public footpath Burghfield 3 extinguishment	Burghfield	Burghfield & Mortimer	Order made and advertised. No objections. Order confirmed. Matter complete.
PPO	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 came about due to a couple of potential compensation claims that were mooted during consultation. A decision report has been drafted, and led to a conclusion that compensation valuation should be carried out before a final decision on whether to proceed is made. The prospect of an informal improved route being laid out is also being considered.
DMMO	Claimed Public Footpath Across Beedon Manor Farmyard	Beedon	Downlands	Claimed public footpath used as an alternative to public footpath Beedon 10 that was blocked until 2008, running across Beedon Manor Farm yard, linking Stanmore Road and the lane near St Nicholas' Church. WBC made a decision NOT to make the requested order on 8th August 2020. The applicant has been notified and has until 15th September 2020 to appeal. NO APPEAL. Case closed.
DMMO	Claimed Public Footpath across eastern edge of Little Park Orchard and Hyde End Wood (Brimpton), between two sections of public footpath Brimpton 21	Brimpton	Aldermaston	Claimed public footpath used as an alternative to public footpath Brimpton 21, which it connects to at either end. WBC made a decision NOT to make the requested order on 8th August 2020. The applicant has been notified and has until 15th September 2020 to appeal. NO APPEAL. Case closed.
DMMO	Investigation of gap in highway record between the adopted part of Elton Lane (Weston, Welford) and the southern end of public bridleway Welford/23	Welford	Hungerford & Kintbury	There is a gap in the highway record between the 'adopted' part of Elton Lane and public bridleway Welford 23. There is a potential danger that public rights may be lost in 2026 if blanket legislation comes in to extinguish unrecorded public paths, and so this gap needs to be addressed. Investigation has taken place and a report is being drafted.
DMMO	Donnington Square, claimed public footpath around back of properties	Newbury	Newbury Speen	Claimed public footpath around the outside of the houses on Donnington Square. Matter has been investigated. An order was made 8th August 2020 and then advertised. The objection period ended 4th December 2020. Objections/representations were received. The matter must now be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for determination, although consideration to see if objections/representations can be withdrawn will be carried out first.
	Cases Below: ON HOLD			
PPO	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. Network Rail subsequently withdrew their application as nearby treeworks have improved visibility.
PPO	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. Site meeting between owners and WBC took place in December 2020. No application submitted to date.
	Old cases needing further attention			
DMMO	Opposed Definitive Map Modification Order for width of public footpath Cold Ash 18	Cold Ash	Chieveley & Cold Ash ward	In June 2019, WBC submitted this case to the Planning Inspectorate for determination. Order confirmed without modification by Planning Inspectorate 21st December 2020.
DMMO	Opposed Definitive Map Modification Orders at Saltney Mead (Pangbourne) and Springs Farm (Purley-on-Thames)	Pangbourne & Purley-on-Thames	Chieveley & Cold Ash ward, and Tilehurst & Purley ward	In June 2019, WBC submitted these two cases to the Planning Inspectorate for determination. WBC has carried out significant administrative and report-writing tasks. Due to the coronavirus outbreak the Planning Inspectorate Inquiry due in July 2020 was cancelled. The cases are now to be determined by means of a virtual public inquiry on 15th-17th March 2021.

*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)
 Grey Rows = complete. Amber Rows = on hold (awaiting third part input)

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