

## Regulatory Committee

Meeting to be held on 18 November 2020

**Part I**

Electoral Division affected:  
All

### Progress Report on Previous Committee Items

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#### Executive Summary

An update on the progress made in relation to matters previously considered by Committee.

#### Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note the progress report.

### Background

At the Regulatory Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020, Members asked whether it would be possible to be updated on the progress made in relation to matters previously presented to them.

This report details progress made since January 2020 in relation to matters decided by Regulatory Committee.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the past 9 months have been particularly challenging in the way that Officers have had to adapt our work including in relation to the progression of Definitive Map Modification and Highways Act Orders. This has resulted in some matters not having being progressed as quickly as we would have liked, due to the fact that we were initially unable to advertise the making or confirmation of legal orders on site or make them available to view at District Council Offices, in addition to the temporary closure of the Planning Inspectorate Offices in Bristol.

However, what the pandemic has taught us is the importance of the local public rights of way network to the health and well-being of the people of Lancashire and the immense value of the work carried out by the Public Rights of Way team both on

the ground in maintaining the network of paths, and the work carried out to keep the Definitive Map and Statement up to date.


While work to progress some of the Orders made by the county council may have slowed down other work to investigate new applications and prepare future reports to be presented to the Regulatory Committee has proceeded apace.

Since January 2020, the county council have received 44 new applications to amend the Definitive Map and Statement and dealt with countless other enquiries from researchers and local people preparing to submit further applications. This is many times the usual number.

Enquiries regarding applications for Highways Act diversion, creation and extinguishment orders are also on the increase. When lockdown began in the spring many landowners reported a sharp rise in numbers of people enjoying the network of public rights of way on their doorstep. Since then, several landowners have made applications to divert paths that have never been a problem in the past. However, the increase in use and concerns about the spread of infection, particularly where paths are within close proximity to homes and working environments, has prompted discussions about the application process, costs and suitability of proposed alternative routes.

Since January 2020, the county council have received over 30 public path order applications and diversion proposal details that are expected to be followed by formal applications in the coming months.

**Progress this year so far:**

Event	Item	Committee Date
 <p data-bbox="188 1697 619 1798">Order made, no objections received, Order confirmed May 2020 and advertised.</p>	<p data-bbox="641 1697 1072 1798">Investigation into the deletion and addition of part of Footpath Oswaldtwistle 287</p>	<p data-bbox="1106 1697 1417 1731">29<sup>th</sup> January 2020</p>
<p data-bbox="188 1832 528 1865">Agreement January 2020</p>	<p data-bbox="641 1832 1072 1966">Creation agreement under the Highways Act 1980 for a public bridleway at Dertern Lane, Bolton-le-Sands</p>	<p data-bbox="1106 1832 1417 1865">29<sup>th</sup> January 2020</p>



Order drafted October 2020

Investigation into what public rights existed over a route from Keighley Road at Parson Lee Farm along Smithy Clough, Trawden

11<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Order drafted October 2020

Investigation into the addition of a footpath from Footpath Preesall 1 along the sea embankment and ramp to Fluke Hall Lane, Preesall

11<sup>th</sup> March 2020



All Orders drafted September 2020

Addition of a number of footpaths across the former Ingol golf course at Fulwood

11<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Decision notices issued September 2020. Unless the decision is appealed by the applicant the matter is now closed.

Addition of public bridleway from Noyna Road to Noyna Hall and Moss Houses Road, Foulridge (rejected).

16<sup>th</sup> September 2020



Order drafted October 2020

Addition of a public footpath along a dismantled railway line from Strongstry bridge to Stubbins Station.

16<sup>th</sup> September 2020



Order drafted October 2020

Proposed diversion of part of Footpath Trawden 188 at Parson Lee Farm, Trawden

16<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Order made October 2020

Proposed extinguishment of part of Footpath Rawtenstall 205 from Windsor Avenue to Staghills Road.

16<sup>th</sup> September 2020



Enforcement action taken January 2020 to remove fences that obstructed route. Path now open and used.

Public inquiry held September 2019 and Order confirmed to record Footpath at Elmers Green, Skelmersdale.

13<sup>th</sup> January 2016



Drainage and surface works in 2019-20 following earlier confirmation of Order.

Michael Wife Lane (Byway Open to All Traffic Ramsbottom 276).

31<sup>st</sup> August 2005



<p>Public inquiry in January. Inspector confirmed the Order with modifications. Objection received to the modification.</p>	<p>Upgrade footpath to bridleway between Cowpe and Rooley Moor Road</p>	<p>22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014</p>
		
<p>Referred to the Planning Inspectorate Jan 2020 Written representations. Interim decision June 2020.</p>	<p>Bridleway from Cockhill Lane Foulridge to Castle Road, Laneshaw Bridge</p>	<p>Various Committee dates up to 2019</p>
		
<p>Order confirmed and notices issued. Obstruction removed. Path now open and in use.</p>	<p>Footpath at Kirkdale Avenue, Rawtenstall</p>	<p>18<sup>th</sup> September 2019</p>



Public Inquiry March 2020.  
Order confirmed Sept 2020.  
Surface maintenance Sept 2020.

Bridleway from Edenfield to  
Helmshore Road via Hardsough  
Lane, Irwell Vale and Irongate  
Lane

6<sup>th</sup> April 2016



Works completed Sept 2020  
following an older confirmed  
diversion order

Footpaths around Hey Meadow  
on the Bacup/Rawtenstall  
boundary.

7<sup>th</sup> September 2011



Order drafted Sept 2020

Diversion of footpaths in  
connection with M6 footbridge  
removal near Nans Nook, Forton

11<sup>th</sup> March 2020





Works completed following confirmed diversion order Sept 2020.

Footpaths at Simfield Farm, Slaidburn, Ribble Valley.

7<sup>th</sup> September 2011



Works completed following confirmed diversion order Sept 2020.

Land to rear of Anderton Close and Hardman Close in Cowpe, near Bacup, Rossendale.

27<sup>th</sup> July 2016



Diversion order confirmed April 2020, works ongoing to construct new route.

Footpath at Cockle Hill, Over Kellet, Lancaster.

26<sup>th</sup> June 2019



Diversion order confirmed April 2020.

Footpath at Watson Laithe Farm, Hapton, Burnley

13<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985  
List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
None		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		