

REPORT TO THE ENVIRONMENT and PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON
THE CARMARTHENSHIRE'S RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN
10 YEAR REVIEW

Introduction

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000) states that each Local Authority must review their existing Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) within 10 years of first publication. Carmarthenshire's present ROWIP has steered the strategic management and development of Carmarthenshire's PRow network since 2007 and has served the County well.

As part of the review process an assessment of the PRow network and its ongoing management must be undertaken. This should be followed by an evaluation of the delivery of the existing ROWIP for the purposes of determining whether to amend the existing plan.

These stages of the review process have been completed and it is proposed that the existing ROWIP (2007-2017) should be revised.

Significant changes have occurred in Local Government since the inception of the first ROWIP.

A revised ROWIP should therefore be published that reflects these changes as well as encompassing new legislation and council policies.

Process

The Welsh Government produced guidance in July 2016 to assist Local Authorities in the review process. This guidance included a table which summarised the six stages of the review process as set out in Appendix 1 of this report. The steps in the process that have been completed or are underway are set out as follows:

First Consultation

In accordance with the Wales Government Guidance, the County Council's proposed timetable for reviewing our ROWIP went out to consultation for 4 weeks between Feb and March 2017. No comments or objections were received.

Assessment

The new assessment of Carmarthenshire's PROW network and management has been undertaken via a desktop exercise using data from quarterly statistics produced in respect of outstanding issues reported on the network and rate of issue resolution (both Maintenance and Legal issues), statistics relating to outstanding Orders and the number of Orders being processed and the considered accuracy of the Definitive Map and Statement.

In addition a condition survey of five percent of the Public Rights of Way Network was completed in March 2017 and the results from this contributed to the assessment.

An assessment of the delivery of the previous ROWIP was undertaken as a desktop exercise by the (acting) Countryside Access Manager and the Recreation and Access Manager. Each action and policy contained in the 2007-2017 ROWIP was reviewed to determine the level of attainment and suitability for the revised plan.

Review Decision

Having carried out the various forms of assessment it was determined that in order for the Carmarthenshire ROWIP to continue to be a sound steering document which takes into account the current condition of the network as well as current wider pressures, it should be revised and republished to serve the Authority effectively for the next 10 years.

Second Consultation

The County Council was required to publish and consult on the draft content for the revised plan, including a twelve week public consultation exercise to allow for representations. The public consultation will conclude by the end of September. Detail of the public consultation are included at Appendix three.

The consultation included all organisations detailed in Appendix two, in order to ensure that the information reached the widest possible targeted audience to provide useful and relevant responses to inform the final document.

On line surveys were also be published on www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk for the same 12 week period - July to September. Four different surveys targeting four distinct target groups were posted.

1. Members of the public
2. Land owners
3. Town & Community Councils
4. Groups (NFU etc).

Whilst broadly similar each survey contained a series of questions relevant to each user group.

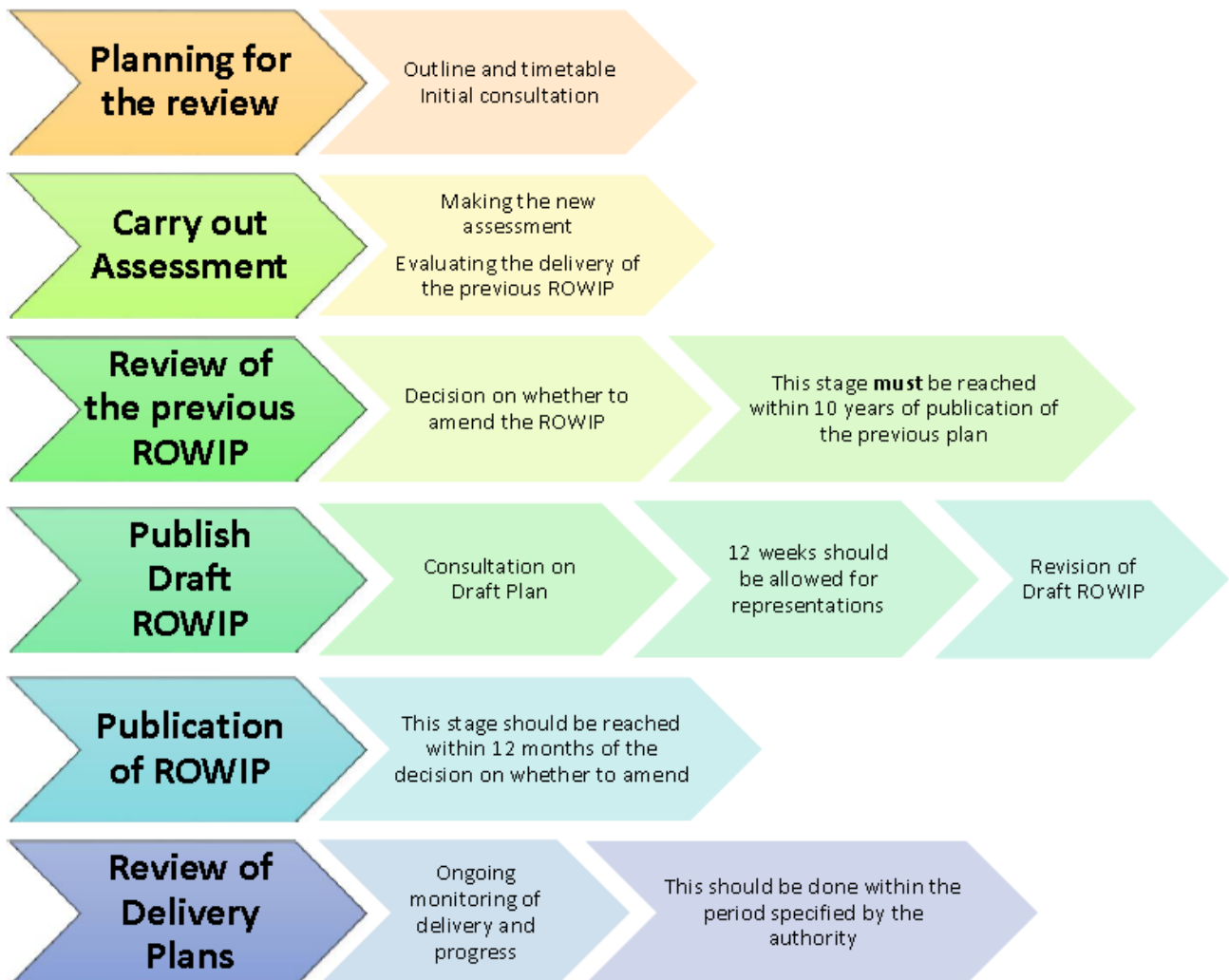
Post-Consultation

Following analysis of the consultation results work will begin to update and revise the existing ROWIP.

A Consultation Report, summarising the main findings will be presented to the ROWIP Working Group, made up of Local Access Forum Members and their agreement will be sought before any revisions take place.

It is expected that an updated Action Plan will provide the foundation of the emerging report.

Once approved, publication of the 2018-2028 ROWIP for Carmarthenshire will follow with a projected date of 19th January 2018.



(Taken from Guidance for Local Authorities on Rights of Way Improvement Plans - July 2016)

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Documents issued for Consultation

Covering Letter

Carmarthenshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan - 10 Year Review

The Carmarthenshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) 2007-2017 was first published in 2008. It was produced in accordance with the Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act 2000 and associated guidance.

Its purpose was to assess the extent that the rights of way network in Carmarthenshire meets the present and likely future needs of the public, and in order to plan how the network was going to be managed and improved for all types of users for the future. Carmarthenshire County Council is currently in the process of reviewing the first RoWIP, as part of a statutory 10 year review.

The main aim of the RoWIP is to plan strategically, and to identify, prioritise and plan for improvements to the rights of way network in Carmarthenshire. This will create an improved and a more inclusive rights of way network for an array of users including: walkers, cyclists, horse riders, people using motorised vehicles, and people that have mobility problems, in order to improve their experience of the rights of way network across Carmarthenshire.

In developing the plan, consideration will also be given to the views and needs of landowners and land managers whose land is crossed by PRow but is also used for a variety other of purposes from business uses to recreational activities.

Your feedback/Views

A vitally important aspect of the RoWIP is the consultation stage, where we want to discover the views that you have on the public rights of way network, and collate suggestions that you have for Carmarthenshire County Council, in order for us to manage and improve the rights of way network in the County. We can then consider your views when we set the aims and objectives to be included in the second RoWIP, set to be published in 2018.

In order to achieve this we have created 4 separate questionnaire surveys; one targeted at the general public, one for relevant/interested groups and organisations, the other for landowners and the other for Town and Community Councils. This will allow us to get a broad range of feedback from various interested parties.

Your feedback is vitally important to us and your guidance will play a key role in assisting us to manage and improve the public rights of way network in Carmarthenshire, now and in the future.

Thank you for your time.

The closing date for this consultation is:

Community Councils Consultation

Please can you state firstly which town or community council you represent?

To what extent is your community/ town council involved in the development and maintenance of public rights of way and countryside access?

Please consider the aspects below and answer accordingly:

	Always	Sometimes	Never	No Answer
Maintenance of existing routes				
Production of leaflets / guides / maps				
Establish walking groups or working parties				
Involvement with other countryside sites, e.g nature reserves / National Trust				

What are your views on the suitability of the public rights of way network in Carmarthenshire for each type of the following users?

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	No Answer
Walker						
Horse Rider						
Person with restricted mobility						
A family with a pushchair / young children						
Horse Drawn Carriage						
Motorcyclist						
A 4X4 Driver						
Dog Walkers						

This question allows you to answer two aspects around the rights of way network at the same time.

Firstly, we'd like to know how adequate the provision is within your community, followed by how important you feel it is.

	Good	Average	Poor	Very Important	Important	No Important At All	No Answer

Routes from centres of population which allow access to the countryside							
Links which create local circular routes							
Routes to enable people to avoid busy roads							
Routes used in conjunction with public transport							
Access to areas or features of particular interest							
Access to common land and open access land							
Routes that link with other forms of access e.g. nature reserves, forestry land							
Routes accessible for less mobile residents (e.g. wheelchairs, pushchairs, less agile)							
Routes accessible for blind or partially sighted people							
Attractive routes which support local tourism							
Routes for local journeys such as walking to the shops, work, doctors and local amenities							
Routes used to improve health and well-being							
Promoted long-distance routes in your community							

What do you think our priorities should be for the future of the rights of way network?

		Please Rank Your Priorities 1 = Highest Ranking 13 = Lowest Ranking
1	Waymarking and signage - maintaining and erecting more signs at roadsides and waymarkers along public paths and at entrances to access land	
2	Information and promotional work - doing more to publicise and promote the network to both landowners and the general public. e.g. information boards, website	
3	Practical improvement work - this would focus on making the network more easily accessible for people with mobility difficulties	
4	Removing unlawful obstructions waymarking	
5	General maintenance – opening up and maintaining routes and trails including installing gates and stiles and clearing overgrown vegetation	
6	Resolving anomalies - working with landowners to resolve issues around things like access to cul de sacs paths etc.	
7	Unrecorded routes -discovering and recording unrecorded routes	
8	Definitive map work - updating and improving the definitive map where there is evidence to suggest this is needed	
9	Active travel work - provide paths which link to public transport, places of work, shops and other amenities	
10	Area Access management - work to improve user access to common land and open country	
11	Health routes - target work on routes which can be used and promoted for exercise and recreation	
12	School routes - increase links for access to the network by and for schools and their pupils	
13	Education - to increase their knowledge and awareness of the countryside	

Finally, if there is anything that your town / community council would like the Rights of Way Improvement Plan to address please use this space to tell us what this is. Thank you.

Carmarthenshire County Council *is keen to ensure that the Rights of Way Network is as accessible as possible.*

We would now like to ask some questions about you as the Chair/Clerk to a Community Council. This should only take a few minutes to complete.

The information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence and used only for making statistical comparisons. You don't have to answer any question that you don't want to; however, the more that you can tell us, the better our information will become, so please try to provide us with as much as you possibly can. *The*

answers to this data will be anonymised to ensure your privacy.”

All questions are optional. Please leave blank any that you prefer not to answer.

What is your home postcode? If you'd rather not give your full postcode, please let us know the first part (e.g. SA31)

Age

<i>Under 16</i>	
<i>17 – 29</i>	
<i>30 – 45</i>	
<i>46 – 59</i>	
<i>60+</i>	
<i>Prefer not to say</i>	

Gender

<i>Male</i>	
<i>Female</i>	
<i>Other</i>	
<i>Prefer not to say</i>	

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Yes	
No	
Prefer not to say	
Please state the nature of your disability	

Thank you for your time.

Public Consultation

Please rate the importance to you of the 5 Main Aims in the Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

	Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan Aims	Priority 1 – 5 *
1	Ensure that the rights of way network is easy to use and enjoyable	
2	Provide a reliable, accurate, up to date and widely available definitive map & statement	
3	Ensure that opportunities for other countryside access are easy to use and enjoyable	

4	Work in partnership to achieve improved facilities for countryside access	
5	Promotion – maintain and improve the range and quality of public information, widely available in appropriate formats	

*1 is the most important and 5 is the least important

Any Additional Comments:

Do you agree with the following statements / actions under ‘Ensuring that the rights of way network is easy to use and enjoyable’?

				Agree	Disagree	Don't Know
Aim 1	Ensure that the rights of way network is easy to use and enjoyable	Rights of way improvement	Increase the proportion of PROW that are open and easy to use for all users			
		Rights of way maintenance	Improve maintenance performance by ensuring routes are open, available, signed and well maintained			
		Rights of way enforcement	Define an Enforcement Protocol to assert and protect the rights of the public that promotes discussion, negotiation, goodwill and cooperation			
		Access for all	Adopt the policy of Least Restrictive Access and follow the principles of "By All Reasonable Means" using appropriate advice and guidance to improve the accessibility of all countryside access schemes			

Any additional comments:

Do you agree with the following statements / actions under ‘Providing a reliable, accurate, up to date and widely available definitive map & statement’?

				Agree	Disagree	Don't Know
Aim 2	Provide a reliable, accurate, up to date and widely available definitive map & statement	Maintain progress in updating the definitive map.	Use approved scoring matrix to define Definitive Map Modification Order priorities which give consideration to such criteria as age of application, quality/validity of application, threat from development and value to network.			
		Produce a digital definitive map	Continue to work towards 100% audit of digital map of PRow (CAMS) though ongoing continuous review of digital PRow layer.			
		Lost ways	Consider evidence received for Modification Orders to add unregistered historic rights of way to the Definitive Map and Statement as a matter of priority.			

Any additional comments:

Do you agree with the following statements / actions under ‘Ensure that opportunities for other countryside access are easy to use and enjoyable’?

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Aim 3	Ensure that opportunities for other countryside access are easy to use and enjoyable	Country parks	Continue to implement improvements at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pembrey Country Park • Llyn Llech Owain Country Park • Millennium Coastal Park • Mynydd Mawr Woodland Park 			
		Open country	To ensure all maintained or improved points of public access to areas of open access land are signed appropriately with the national access symbols			
		Picnic areas & nature reserves	Maintain existing picnic sites and nature reserves remaining under local authority care and ensure that robust maintenance arrangements are put in place during the asset transfer process to ensure all sites no longer under LA care remain in good order			
		Cycling	Maintain existing cycle ways in the county to meet the needs of cyclists and other users in partnership with Sustrans and in accordance with the Active Travel Act			

Any additional comments:

Do you agree with the following statements / actions under ‘Work in partnership to achieve improved facilities for countryside access?’

				Agree	Disagree	Don't Know
Aim 4	Work in partnership to achieve improved facilities for countryside access	Promote partnerships	Continue to promote partnerships with community councils, landowners/occupiers and other public and private organisations, to maximise resources available for improved countryside access.			
		Volunteers	Maximise use of local organised voluntary groups and student volunteers for the preparation for and provision of improvement and maintenance programmes on the PRow network.			

Any additional comments:

Do you agree with the following statements / actions under ‘Promotion – maintain and improve the range and quality of public information, widely available in appropriate formats’?

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Aim 5	Promotion – maintain and improve the range and quality of public information, widely available in appropriate formats	General	Actively encourage participation in countryside access from all sections of society using all widely accessible forms of promotion to maximise reach.			
		Publicity material	Provide up to date promotional material for promoted rights of way.			

Any additional comments:

The following activities are popular on our rights of way network. Please state which ones apply to you and how often you do them.

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Walking							
Running							
Horse Riding							
Horse Drawn Vehicle							
4 x 4 driving							
Motorcycling							
Dog Walking							
Something else							

Please give details of the 'something else' that you do

What problems, if any, have you encountered whilst using the Rights of Way Network in Carmarthenshire?

If you have not encountered any problems, please leave this blank and move on to the next question.

	Tick All That Apply
Signage and waymarking (poor or missing)	
Vegetation (surface or overhanging growth)	
Ploughing / crops	
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Intimidation (from other users or landowners)	
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Something else	

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The Rights of Way Department has a number of roles and responsibilities to promote and improve the rights of way network.

This includes:

- The repair and maintenance of paths and furniture
- Taking appropriate enforcement action when a user of the network has found an obstruction to a path
- Promoting long distance routes / trails

We'd like to know your level of satisfaction with any that you have experience or knowledge of. Click "no opinion" for any that don't apply to you

	Very Satisfied	Fairly Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	No Opinion
The quality and standards of network surfaces					
The quality and standard of the furniture e.g. stiles and gates					
Structures (bridges and retaining walls)					
Signage e.g. Waymarks and signposts					
The quality of practical improvement work that you see whilst out using the network					
Evidence of any enforcement action that has been taken to remove obstructions to a path etc.					
Promotional information (leaflets, noticeboards) that give details re the network and what we do to look after it					
Information about long distance trails					
Use and maintenance of the definitive map including dealing with modification orders					

From where would you normally get information about the public rights of way network in Carmarthenshire?

	Tick All That Apply
Ordnance Survey maps	
A local library	
Carmarthenshire County Council Website	
Other website	
A guidebook or leaflet	
Local knowledge	
A club or association e.g. Ramblers, fishing club	
A friend or family member	
A local hotel / guesthouse / B&B	
The Rights of Way team in Carmarthenshire	

What discourages you from using the public rights of way?

	Tick All That Apply
I don't know where the routes are	
The routes don't go where I want to go	
The paths I use can be obstructed sometimes	
The condition/surface of the path can be an issue	
I don't like crossing someone else's land or walking through a farmyard	
I feel intimidated	
I don't want to get caught in bad weather conditions	
I'm worried about getting lost	
There is a lack of organised walks	
I have concerns over my safety	
There are too many stiles to negotiate for me to enjoy using the network	
There is a lack of public transport to get me to a right of way	
Other rights of way users	
Something else: Please specify below	

What type of information would you find useful with regard to the rights of way network?

	Tick All That Apply
More printed leaflets / information sheets which I can pick up and carry with me on a route /trail	
More information boards which are positioned at the start of a route or at a half way point	
Leaflets about guided walks that I could take part in	
Mapping on the council's website which shows all the routes and the definitive map and access land which is also compatible with tablet and smartphone use	

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We would now like to ask some questions about you as a person. This should only take a few minutes to complete. By collecting this type of information and comparing it across many different types of people, we are able to see patterns that can tell us about where we can do things better, to meet people's needs.

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What problems, if any, do your members/partners encounter on the Rights of Way Network in Carmarthenshire?

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Horse Rider						
Person with a mobility difficulty or sight impairment						
Family with a pushchair / young children						
Horse-drawn carriage						
Motorcyclist / a 4 x 4 driver						
Cyclist						
Dog Walker						

The Rights of Way Department has a number of roles and responsibilities to promote and improve the rights of way network.

This includes:

- The repair and maintenance of paths and furniture
- Taking appropriate enforcement action when a user of the network has found an obstruction to a path
- Promoting long distance routes / trails

We'd like to know your level of satisfaction with any that you have experience or knowledge of. Click "no opinion" for any that don't apply:

	Very Satisfied	Fairly Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	No Opinion
The quality and standards of network surfaces					
The quality and standard of the furniture e.g. stiles and gates					
Structures (bridges and retaining walls)					
Signage e.g. Waymarks and signposts					
The quality of practical improvement work that you see whilst out using the network					
Evidence of any enforcement action that has been taken to remove obstructions to a path etc.					
Promotional information (leaflets, noticeboards) that give details re the network and what we do to look after it					
Information about long distance trails					
Use and maintenance of the definitive map including dealing with modification orders					

From where would you normally get information about the public rights of way network in Carmarthenshire?

	Tick All That Apply
Ordnance Survey maps	
A local library	
Carmarthenshire County Council Website	
Other website	
A guidebook or leaflet	
Local knowledge	
A club or association e.g. Ramblers, fishing club	
A friend or family member	
A local hotel / guesthouse / B&B	
The Rights of Way team in Carmarthenshire	

What do you think discourages your members/partners from using the public rights of way network?

	Tick All That Apply
I don't know where the routes are	
The routes don't go where I want to go	
The paths I use can be obstructed sometimes	
The condition/surface of the path can be an issue	
I don't like crossing someone else's land or walking through a farmyard	
I feel intimidated	
I don't want to get caught in bad weather conditions	
I'm worried about getting lost	
There is a lack of organised walks	
I have concerns over my safety	
There are too many stiles to negotiate for me to enjoy using the network	
There is a lack of public transport to get me to a right of way	
Other rights of way users	
Something else: Please specify below	

What type of information would you find useful with regard to the rights of way network?

	Tick All That Apply
More printed leaflets / information sheets which I can pick up and carry with me on a route /trail	
More information boards which are positioned at the start of a route or at a half way point	
Leaflets about guided walks that I could take part in	
Mapping on the council's website which shows all the routes and the definitive map and access land which is also compatible with tablet and smartphone use	

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We would now like to ask some questions about you as an organisation. This should only take a few minutes to complete. By collecting this type of information and comparing it across all respondents, we are able to see patterns that can tell us about where we can do things better, to meet everybody's needs.

The information you provide will be used only for making statistical comparisons.

All questions are optional.

What is the postcode of your office/headquarters?

If you'd rather not give your full postcode, please let us know the first part (e.g. SA31)

What is the nature of your group/organisation?

What is the age demographic of your members/partners? (Please tick one)

- | | |
|---------------|-------------|
| - Under 16 | - 16 - 17 |
| - 18 – 19 | - 20 – 30 |
| - 31 – 40 | - 41 – 50 |
| - 51 – 60 | - 61 – 70 |
| - 71 and over | - No answer |

Thanks you for taking time to complete this survey

Landowners Consultation

Do you have public rights of way crossing your land?

	Please Tick One
Yes	
No	
Don't Know	

Have you had any dealings with the Countryside Access Department regarding rights of way in the past two years?

	Please Tick One
Yes	
No	
Can't Remember	
No Answer	

Please rate the importance to you of the 5 Main Aims in the Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

	Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan Aims	Priority 1 – 5 *
1	Ensure that the rights of way network is easy to use and enjoyable	
2	Provide a reliable, accurate, up to date and widely available definitive map & statement	
3	Ensure that opportunities for other countryside access are easy to use and enjoyable	
4	Work in partnership to achieve improved facilities for countryside access	
5	Promotion – maintain and improve the range and quality of public information, widely available in appropriate formats	

*1 is the most important and 5 is the least important

Any Additional Comments:

Looking at the following, please indicate how satisfied or dissatisfied you are with the level of provision provided?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	No Answer
Provision of furniture e.g. stiles, gates, signposts					
Quality of furniture e.g. stiles, gates, signposts					
Waymarking - provision of signs and waymarkers along the route/s					
Work on surfaces - clearance of vegetation along paths or work to surface					
Definitive Map - maintaining the map, processing modification orders and providing information					
Enforcement - taking appropriate steps to remove obstructions					
Improvements - carrying out practical improvements to make paths more accessible					
Promotion - providing information about the path network and what we do to look after it					
Staff - helpfulness and professionalism of countryside access staff					
Access land- advice and assistance available					
Overall satisfaction with the Countryside Access service					

What do you think our priorities should be for the future of the rights of way network?

		Please Rank Your Priorities 1 = Highest Ranking 13 = Lowest Ranking
1	Waymarking and signage - maintaining and erecting more signs at roadsides and waymarkers along public paths and at entrances to access land	
2	Information and promotional work - doing more to publicise and promote the network to both landowners and the general public. e.g. information boards, website	
3	Practical improvement work - this would focus on making the network more easily accessible for people with mobility difficulties	
4	Removing unlawful obstructions waymarking	
5	General maintenance – opening up and maintaining routes and trails including installing gates and stiles and clearing overgrown vegetation	
6	Resolving anomalies - working with landowners to resolve issues around things like access to cul de sacs paths etc.	
7	Unrecorded routes -discovering and recording unrecorded routes	
8	Definitive map work - updating and improving the definitive map where there is evidence to suggest this is needed	
9	Active travel work - provide paths which link to public transport, places of work, shops and other amenities	
10	Area Access management - work to improve user access to common land and open country	
11	Health routes - target work on routes which can be used and promoted for exercise and recreation	
12	School routes - increase links for access to the network by and for schools and their pupils	
13	Education - to increase their knowledge and awareness of the countryside	

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We would now like to ask some questions about you as a person. This should only take a few minutes to complete. By collecting this type of information and comparing it across many different types of people, we are able to see patterns that can tell us about where we can do things better, to meet people's needs.

The information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence and used only for making statistical comparisons. You don't have to answer any question that you don't want to; however, the more that you can tell us, the better our information will become, so please try to provide us with as much as you possibly can. *The answers to this data will be anonymised to ensure your privacy."*

All questions are optional. Please leave blank any that you prefer not to answer.

What is your home postcode? If you'd rather not give your full postcode, please let us know the first part (e.g. SA31)

Age

Gender

<i>Under 16</i>	
<i>17 – 29</i>	
<i>30 – 45</i>	
<i>46 – 59</i>	
<i>60+</i>	
<i>Prefer not to say</i>	

<i>Male</i>	
<i>Female</i>	
<i>Other</i>	
<i>Prefer not to say</i>	

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Yes	
No	
Prefer not to say	
Please state the nature of your disability	

Thank you for your time.