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Dorset Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Policy Details

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| What is this policy for? | Statutory strategy to improve and develop the network of public rights of way and green space in Dorset. |
| Who does this policy affect? | <p>The Statutory Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) is the result of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (CROW) 2000 which place a duty on local authorities to set out a strategy for improving its network of Public Rights of Way (PROW), wider access and outdoor public space.</p> <p>In two parts, the assessment considers the current strengths and weaknesses of the access resource for legitimate walking, horse-riding, cycling, horse-drawn carriage driving and vehicular use, how easy it is to use by people of all needs and abilities including people with visibility and mobility impairment and the opportunities to develop and improve the access resource to meet peoples needs today and in the future.</p> <p>The Action plan lists the work needed to realise these opportunities and develop an improved access network.</p> <p>It impacts on wider issues such as climate change, sustainable transport, green infrastructure, social inclusion, health & wellbeing, natural environment & landscape, cultural heritage, community, arts, local economy, tourism, land management – agriculture – environmental conservation – forestry, development/spatial planning, young, old, disabled people and ethnic minorities.</p> <p>Local people and visitors of all ages needs and abilities and the breadth of social, environmental and economic issues today and for the future.</p> |
| Keywords | Dorset rights of way improvement plan, ROWIP |
| Author | Tara Hansford, Countryside Project Development Officer Countryside & Greenspace |
| Dorset Council policy adopted from | <p>Dorset County Council.</p> <p>This policy applies across the Dorset Council area.</p> |
| Does this policy relate to any laws? | Countryside & Rights of Way Act (CRoW 2000) |
| Is this policy linked to any other Dorset Council policies? | Bournemouth,poole & Dorset Local Transport Plan 2011-26 Dorset County Council Corporate Plan & objectives |
| Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) | <p>Yes an EQIA was completed for this policy.</p> <p>A new EQIA will be completed when the policy is reviewed/harmonised for Dorset Council.</p> |
| Other Impact Assessments | EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment), budgetary/resource implications. |

You can view the Dorset Rights of Way Improvement Plan on our website:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/countryside-coast-parks/rights-of-way/pdfs/the-dorset-rights-of-way-improvement-plan-2011-2021.pdf>

Status and Approvals

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