

REVISED “STATEMENT OF PRIORITIES”

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 - Section 53 Applications

The new statement to consist of the following priorities: -

Applications for Definitive Map Modification Orders

1. To investigate all applications by using the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) Scorecard to determine their order of investigation unless*:-
 - The path concerned has been identified as an important link in the Local Transport Plan (LTP);
 - the path concerned is likely to disappear as a result of development;
 - an affected party can demonstrate that they are experiencing significant problems due to an application that impacts on their property**;
 - The path concerned is subject to a Section 130 notice and the County Council is satisfied that there is cogent evidence that the status or route of the path is in dispute.
2. To give priority to first applications for modifications of the Definitive Map and Statement over second and subsequent applications on paths where a decision has already been reached by the Authority.
3. To continue to accept applications for modifications to the Definitive Map and Statement up to the cut off date of 2026.

* *Applications submitted during the term of a Rights of Way Improvement Plan will only be Scorecarded following a RoWIP review.*

** *Any request to take an application out of turn will be considered by the Regulation Committee. Parties must make an initial request to the Local County Councillor or Chairman of the Regulation Committee for the matter to be considered. It is expected that this clause will apply in exceptional circumstances only, in accordance with Section 8.9 of Appendix C to the Constitution of the County Council.*