

Annex 5: Current Statement of Priorities

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
Review of the Definitive Map and Statement
of
Public Rights of Way

STATEMENT OF PRIORITIES

Introduction

The City of York Council is the Surveying Authority for the purpose of preparing and maintaining the Definitive Maps and Statements for the City of York Council area, pursuant to the provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. In accordance with Department of the Environment Circular 2/93, paragraph 24, the City of York Council has adopted the following "Statement of Priorities" for undertaking this work.

Statement of Priorities

The review of the Definitive Maps and Statements of Public Rights of Way will be undertaken on the following basis :-

- 1) Production of Legal Event Modification Orders and consolidated Definitive Maps and Statements, in the following order, for the former West, North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, which now fall within the City of York Area. Legal Event Modification Orders will then be made on an annual basis.
- 2) Production of a Definitive Map and Statement for the area covered by the former County Borough of York.
- 3)* Investigation of any anomalies discovered on the Definitive Maps and Statements.
- 4a) Investigation and determination of those applications for Definitive Map Modification Orders submitted, to the former Surveying Authority (North Yorkshire County Council), for the area now controlled by the City of York Council prior to 1st April 1996.
- 4b) Investigation and determination of any applications, out of sequence, which in the view of the Council are :-
 - i) necessary to prevent actions which are illegal under current highway legislation, or
 - ii) deemed to necessitate immediate action in an attempt to prevent further local difficulties.
 - iii) in the interests of the promotion of development

Requests for applications to be considered out of sequence must be made in writing and will be considered and determined by the appropriate Planning and Transport Area sub-Committee.

If it is decided to take an application out of sequence, the applicant will be informed accordingly and advised that the application will be prioritised within the list of out of sequence applications which meet the criteria of paragraph 4b, i, ii & iii above, as deemed appropriate.

- 4c) Investigation and determination of any applications for Definitive Map Modification Orders submitted to the City of York Council, after the 1st April 1996, in chronological order of their receipt, subject to paragraph 4b above.
- 5)** The investigation, and reclassification if required, of R.U.P.P.s reclassified under the Countryside Act 1968.
- 6) Investigation and determination of any anomalies discovered on the Definitive Maps and Statements.
- 7) Production of consolidated Definitive Maps and Statements, taking into account all confirmed Definitive Map Modification Orders and Legal Event Modification Orders.
- 8)*** The updating, and production of, individual Definitive Statements for every path, including modifications to take into account the authorised addition/removal of stiles, gates and other physical features.

Review of Statement of Priorities

The above "Statement of Priorities", for the review of the Definitive Maps and Statements of Public Rights of Way, will be reviewed on an annual basis as part of the 'Milestones' process, and progress reported to the Transport Consultative Group – Pedestrians and Rights of Way.

Notes

- * On 14 October 1999 the Planning and Transport Committee resolved to temporarily defer further work, other than that already underway, on the determination of applications for Definitive Map Modification Orders. This decision was made in order to allow investigations to be undertaken to identify the true nature and extent of outstanding anomalies on the Definitive Map.
- ** Subject to the provision of additional resources, approved by the Planning and Transport Committee on 14 October 1999, this item will be taken out of sequence starting 2000/01.
- *** Subject to the provision of additional resources, approved by the Planning and Transport Committee on 14 October 1999, work on the Definitive Statements for that part of the former North Riding now within the City of York, will be taken out of sequence starting 2000/01.

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