

## **Solihull MBC LAF Meeting Report 27/04/2023**

### **Maintenance Work**

- Ad-hoc maintenance of the PRowS continues on a reactive basis, continued requests for new/repairs to furniture, i.e. missing fingerposts and stiles/gates.
- Summer strimming will start on 22 May – 3 week programme repeated again late Summer as dictated by growth. Strimming 131 sections of paths ~ 42,000 linear metres (from a total of 450 routes)

### **Improvement Works Carried Out (includes but not limited to)**

- Repairs to boardwalks.
- New kissing gates and gates.
- Repairs to steps.

### **Obstruction and Encroachment Problems**

- Letters are sent to landowners as appropriate, sometimes/preferably resolved informally over the telephone and email where an established relationship exists.

### **Land Owner Concerns**

- None received in reporting period.

### **Service Requests**

- ~ 30 service requests in the last 3 months.

### **Diversion Orders**

- Formal diversion Order SL20A Arden School – objections received to formal consultation matter now referred to Planning Inspectorate.
- Request for diversion SL81 Hockely Heath – applicant has now requested formal advertising having been on hold for several months.
- SMBC led diversion at SL78 Illshaw Heath. Additional consultation with stakeholders undertaken, a revised proposal now developed awaiting formal consultation.
- Request for diversion M121 Hampton Manor. Additional consultation with stakeholders undertaken, a revised proposal now developed awaiting formal consultation.
- Request for diversion M166 Oldwich Lane East. Additional consultation with stakeholders undertaken, a revised proposal now developed awaiting formal consultation.
- Request for diversion M169 Heronfield Cottages. Concerns raised through informal consultation a revised proposal is under development.
- Request for diversion M125 Back Lane. New request currently under investigation, the route is temporarily diverted for 6 months to facilitate construction.

### **DMMOs**

- Ongoing. 15 current requests – Oak Lane Barston has been progressed and attracted objections and been referred to the Planning Inspectorate.

### **Land Owner/Highway Statements and Declarations**

- None received in reporting period.

### **Notices**

- No formal notices received since the last LAF meeting.

### **Contribution of Volunteers**

- We continue to work with and are thankful for the contributions of volunteers. There is now one main group that work on the network - Solihull Bramblers.
- The Bramblers completed clearance work on a route in Hampton-in-Arden to facilitate an upcoming charity event.
- Clarification of October minutes a Coventry Way have not disbanded but were unable to carry out work for a period of time. With the assistance of a new coordinator they hope to be able to carry out volunteer works on our network again.

### **Impact of Schemes on Network**

- No update on HS2 and M42 jct 6 schemes at the current time. Next HS2 Stakeholder meeting is due to take place on 4 May.

**Photographs:**

Clearance work on LDWA Elephant, Bear and Bull 100 route in Hampton-in-Arden (event to be held over the bank holiday weekend of 27-29 May 2023). **Thanks to Solihull Brambler Volunteers.**



New steps at M232A in Meriden. Improves route for A Coventry Way annual 40 mile Challenge walk held in March/April. **Works completed by our contractor.**

