

Update on Warwickshire ROWIP for LAF

Work is continuing on gathering views to provide the evidence which will underpin the new Warwickshire ROWIP.

A public survey was carried out between 8 January and 7 April 2024. There were 2,395 responses, which is considered a high response. 91% of these were Warwickshire residents. The survey asked a range of questions around how people use public rights of way, where in the county they use them, frequency and the reasons for using public rights of way. It asked whether users had encountered problems with public rights of way and priorities for improvement.

A parish council survey was also conducted between January and April. 85 parish or town councils responded. This represents 39% of councils. The councils were asked about their views on public rights of way in their parish and their priorities.

Two workshops have been held with equestrians supported by the British Horse Society. Further workshops are planned for later in the summer for other users - walkers (supported by the Ramblers), cyclists and motorised vehicle users. Meetings with other stakeholders, including people with disabilities, Warwickshire County Council transport and active travel teams, country parks and other stakeholders have been taking place and will continue through the summer.

The results from the engagement exercise, alongside review of other strategies and analysis of the public rights of way network, will be brought together to formulate the draft ROWIP towards the end of 2024.