

Solihull MBC L.A.F. Meeting Report

Period 4 - Jan/Feb/Mar 2025



Background:

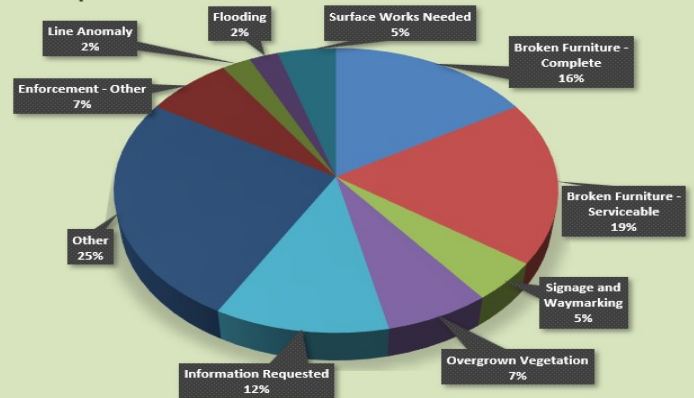
The Service looks after all aspects of the management of the Public Rights of Way network in the borough which consists of approximately 250km of routes. All rights of way are Public Highway and afforded the same legislative and statutory protection as the wider network.

The service is responsible for Rights of Way: Maintenance, Asset Management, Promotion, Enforcement and Legal challenges

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. We have a new ad-hoc vegetation maintenance contractor who's initial work has been very thorough.
- Summer strimming completed – 3 week programme, strimming **131** sections of paths ~ **42,000** linear metres (from a total of **450** routes)

Service request breakdown %



Improvement works

- Repair to boardwalk
- Repair to bridge
- Repair to gates and stiles
- Repair to marker posts

Landowner/Highway Statements and declarations

0 received in the reporting period:

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Contribution of volunteers

We continue to work with and are thankful for the contributions of our group of volunteers. Solihull Bramblers Works carried out:

- M186 Fallen tree removed
- SL67 Replace missing waymark post
- M196 Clearance of overgrown brambles
- SL96 Clearance of overgrown brambles
- SL56 Clearance of overhanging holly bush
- SL56 Repair to fallen fence

Diversion orders

- Formal diversion Order **SL20A** Arden School – complete
- Request for diversion **SL81/SL82** Hockley Heath – on hold awaiting formal application.
- SMBC led diversion at **SL78** Illshaw Heath. —on hold following temporary closure in place.
- Request for diversion **M121** Hampton Manor—on hold awaiting formal application
- Request for diversion **M169** Heronfield Cottages—on hold awaiting formal application and maintenance issue

Service requests

- **186** service requests received since 1st April 2024

Impact of schemes on Network

- **HS2**
13 PROWs affected with closures and diversions. Early work on the legal processes being undertaken on diversions, closures and signage
- **M42 Jct 5A**
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DMMOs

- Ongoing - 5 requests