PROW Stakeholder Group Meeting

Date of Meeting: 17 June 2025

Attendance:	BBV	Nick Cuming
		Cher Snudden
	Parish Councils	Councillor Charlotte Shadbolt
		(Berkswell/Balsall)
		Councillor Roger Waring
		(Hampton in Arden)
	SMBC	Claire Bishop
		Clare Lee (minutes)
		Paul Tovey (chair)
		Rob Wyatt
	Ward Members	Councillor Andrew Burrow
	Open Spaces Society	Richard Lloyd
	HS2	David Gibb
Apologies:	Ward Members	Councillor Alison Rolf
		Councillor Bob Sleigh
		Councillor Gail Sleigh
	WSC Local Access Forum	Sheila Cooper

1.1	Welcome and Introductions	
	PT welcomed ALL to the meeting, introductions were made.	
2.1	Roles, Responsibilities and Legal Processes	
	DG to follow up with Richard Adam, HS2 and provide update at the next meeting on the process for modifying the definitive map.	DG
	PT confirmed that 14 PRoWs were affected by HS2 works in Solihull. One definitive order had been raised for PRoWs affected by the M42 Junction 6 development. RL stated the need to formalise the legal position and that this was an opportunity to improve access standards and define PRoWs.	
3.1	Actions from Last Meeting	
	Cfwd No further works have been carried out by 16 Acre Wood. RL queried whether path could be made wider.	
	NC to review site.	NC
4.1	BBV Community Engagement Update (Cher Snudden)	
	It was confirmed that that a crushed stone material had been laid on the footpath from Old Waste Lane to the Greenaway.	
4.2	M77 was open and would remain open, additional signage was now in place and the slight diversion had been straightened. It was confirmed	
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	that the route was open from Solihull through to the Warwickshire section.	
	RL raised an issue of overgrown vegetation in the section under the M6 – PT to raise with Warwickshire CC.	PT
4.3	It was stated that a couple of issues had been identified with M214 new pathway - signing a diversion along Old Park Lane and work to tidy up this route.	
	CS to send CL images of M214 to share with this group.	cs
4.4	The issue of the overhanging tree limb on Kenilworth Greenway had been raised with PT / RWyatt.	
4.5	The M198 footpath diversion was outlined which would continue via a sloped path, with a stepped ramp connecting M184.	
	RL stated that the route across Waste Lane to Hodgetts Lane had not been opened. Cllr AB stated that the path by the substation M186 stopped due to works and did not connect with the permissive path - NC to follow up on whether M186 could be connected to the permissive path.	NC
	CS to follow up on whether M198 diversion could continue along maintenance track / CB to check if this was included in Schedule 17. Post meeting note - The parliamentary plans have been agreed as to the location which the public rights of way should pass through - the route shown on the final preliminary design plans which needs to hit a "P" Point P6:	CS CB
	Termination of Work No. 2/187 Commencement of Work No. 3/18 Land Not to be Acquired or Used P6 P1 S3 49 P5 126 58 21.0 km	
4.6	CS reported that a meeting was taking place with HS2 on 4/7 to confirm the location for the PRoW interactive map, which had been updated following the meeting with RL / RWyatt.	
	The link to the map would remain in presentation and should not be shared outside this group at this stage.	
	It was confirmed that no further works were planned in Solihull which would impact PRoWs.	
	CS to update the table of PRoWs with target dates for the opening of these routes.	CS

5.1	Open Spaces Society – Issues and Opportunities	
	NC confirmed that M218 bridleway was not restricted and that users on horseback could be escorted through the site. There may be a stage when this would be closed and diverted to M215.	
	RL queried whether previous drainage issues would recur. NC confirmed that flooding issues were not likely as there was a catchment area for rainfall.	
6.1	Ward Councillors – Issues and Opportunities	
	Cllr A Burrow requested an agenda item for the next meeting around plans for relocated route Greenway connection – CL to include.	CL
	PT confirmed that discussions were ongoing re plans for route under the viaduct to Lavender Hall Lane, a DfT led initiative with HS2 - PT to follow up .	РТ
	NC to look at signage left over from previous works (Murphy).	NC
7.1	Parish Councils – Issues and Opportunities	
	There were no further issues raised.	
8.1	<u>SMBC</u>	
	PT reported that P Prosser had retired and would be replaced by Alison Lonnon – CL to invite AL to the next meeting.	CL
	Cllr AB invited AL to walk Meriden PRoWs. RWaring confirmed that AL had visited Hampton in Arden PRoW.	
	PT stated that there would be a demo at a future meeting on drone flights of PRoWS and that this technology would be beneficial for managing PRoWs going forward.	
9.1	AOB	
	NC stated that a woodland trail had been created in Hampton in Arden by the arboretum and sports field. RWaring stated that this was a permissive route on Fentham Trust / Parish Council land and had been well received by the community.	
	PT reported that HS2 IAG Forums would cease and that HS2 items would be raised at the relevant cabinet decision session.	
10.1	Date of Next Meeting	
	The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 9 September at 3.00 – 4.30 pm.	