

## **Peak District Local Access Forum**

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**Item:** 9b

**Title:** Review of Derbyshire's Rights of Way Improvement Plan

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### **Purpose of Report**

To present Forum members with a briefing note on the current Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) and the proposed programme for its review during 2012/13.

### **Background**

- The existing RoWIP covers the period from 2007-2012 and will run out in November this year.
- RoWIPs were originally set up under the Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act 2000. They were intended to last for 10 years, but were also to be closely aligned with Local Transport Plans. Many authorities, including Derbyshire County Council, only produced 5 year plans initially in order to tie into the LTP process.
- The proposal is to refresh the existing RoWIP for the next 5 years, taking it up to its formal 10 year review by updating the initial chapters where there have been changes in data or relevant policies etc and then producing a new Statement of Action.

### **Proposed Process**

- To collaborate fully with the two Local Access Forums over the refresh of the document and production of the new Statement of Action. This will involve working closely with the joint sub group from the two LAFs to provide specific advice and comments.
- To consult with key partners as opportunities permit about how they can contribute to the new Statement of Action.
- To consult fully with officers throughout the Authority, especially those in Integrated Transport to ensure alignment with the LTP and to carry out an Equality Impact Analysis of the revised document, similar to that produced for the Derbyshire Infrastructure Plan.
- To bring a draft of the revised Action Plan to the June meetings of the LAFs, followed by a formal report to Cabinet in early August.
- To go out for a 3 month public consultation, prior to producing the new document at the end of November 2012.

### **Recommendation**

That LAF members note the report and the intention that the LAFs will provide significant input into this process.