

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
DRAFT STRATEGY FOR ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES TO DEAL
WITH LEGAL ORDERS AFFECTING THE DEFINITIVE MAP
AND STATEMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

Derbyshire County Council Policy for prioritising Public Path Legal Orders.

This strategy sets out the way in which the County Council will deal with applications to modify the Definitive Map and Statement and applications to divert, extinguish or create paths. Cases will be prioritised according to the considerations outlined in the table overleaf.

It is not envisaged that the Council will deal with applications in Priority 1 before dealing with Priority 2 etc. The number of applications within each category will vary and therefore there will be a 'mix and match' to suit the workload of the PRow Team and the County Secretary's Office. However, all applications within each category will be dealt with in chronological order.

Priority	
1	Any application or class of application ¹ which has been defined as a priority within another County Council Policy or Cabinet decision.
2	Where public safety could be substantially improved
	Where the creation of a path would result in a substantive gain to the public
	Where a Town and Country Planning Act (TCPA) application has been made to Derbyshire County Council in its capacity as a Planning Authority
	Where a case, based on user-evidence, where the people giving evidence are elderly
	Where the physical existence of an alleged route is threatened by development
	Where an Order is required to assist with the publication of the Definitive Map and Statement
3	Where there are high levels of public use or need and an issue needs resolving
	Where the investigation of a case would involve researching substantially the same evidence as a route currently under investigation or about to be investigated
	Where the processing of an Order would save significant costs that would otherwise be incurred in other Rights of Way functions e.g. to resolve maintenance problems
4	All other applications

Applications will be dealt with in chronological order within each group.

¹ A class of application identifies a unique group of applications i.e. those covered by a special project e.g. the Review Examining the use of Motorised Vehicles in the Countryside