

9. Implementation and monitoring

9.1 Implementation

- 9.1.1 Rights of Way Improvement Plans are intended to be aspirational. This plan therefore includes a number of proposals for improvements to the rights of way network that it will not be possible to implement immediately.
- 9.1.2 The preparation of this plan has been undertaken in a number of phases during which its content and focus has been refined in light of input and feedback from stakeholder groups, users of the network and members of the public. The final revision of the plan was undertaken in the Autumn of 2007 when a draft of the plan was published for consultation for a two month period.
- 9.1.3 In total over 400 questionnaires were sent as part of this consultation on the draft. Of this number, 70 responses were received feeding back on the plan generally but more specifically on the themes identified in the statement of action and its associated action plan.
- 9.1.4 The source of feedback was consistent with those received from the initial consultation undertaken in 2006/07. 66% of all those responding were male, and 59% were over 60 years of age. 59% of responses originated from individuals with the remaining 41% from stakeholder organisations such as Parish Councils, the Ramblers Association, the Local Access Forum and the National Farmers Union.
- 9.1.5 85.7% of those responding indicated that they felt the seven identified themes were appropriate whilst 12.9% of those responding felt that additional and/or modified themes were needed. The feed back to the plan in general has been very positive and we have received many constructive comments from both members of the public, user groups and stakeholders

- 9.1.6 The consultation process for the draft plan has helped to refine priorities within the action plan and has had a key role in determining priorities for implementation.
- 9.1.3 The action plan has been updated in light of the feedback received and a summary of the main issues raised has been provided in the appendix of this document. The detailed comments and feedback will where appropriate be used to assist in the implementation of many of the proposed actions, providing specific detail to ensure that they have the desired positive impact.
- 9.1.4 The Council will need to work in partnership with a range of bodies in order to deliver many of the proposed actions. Additional funding may be required and will be sought from both internal and external sources.

9.2 *Monitoring*

- 9.2.1 We will produce an annual report containing details of progress that has been made towards the objectives in the plan. The Local Access Forum will also monitor progress.
- 9.2.2 It is anticipated that as the Plan will eventually be incorporated into the LTP and reporting on delivery will be included within LTP Annual Progress Reports.
- 9.2.3 A review of the ROWIP will be carried out after five years in 2012.