

Appendix 1

Rights of Way Improvement Plan - Commencement

Project timescales

We are asking for permission to undertake the Stage 1 and 2 of the process

	Actions	Dates
Stage 1a- preparation for consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of questions • Identification of consultees • Set up of engagement plan and online survey 	May 2025 – June 2025
Stage 1b - Consultation	Start of 12 week public engagement process to include online survey (draft questions can be seen in Appendix 2.)	June 2025
Stage 2a - data processing	Evaluation of data received Identification of key trends and requirements with regards to the network	Autumn 2025 (expected duration 3 months +)
Stage 2b – Production of draft report	Production of a draft report incorporating data received and setting out the priorities for the public rights of way network moving forward.	Early Spring 2026

Further approval will be sought for the following stages upon completion a draft report.

Permission is not being sort for stage 3-6 at this point.

These will include:

	Actions	Prospective dates
3 – seek approval for draft Rights of way improvement plan (ROWIP)	Referral of draft document for review and approval to send out for public consultation	Early Summer 2026
4 – Public Consultation	Start of 12 week public engagement on draft document	Summer 2026
5 – Redraft of document following engagement process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse the results and prepare consultation report. • consider results and redraft as appropriate ready for potential adoption 	Autumn 2026
6 – Adoption of ROWIP by Worcestershire County Council	Pending agreement by Council of redrafted changes we would look to adopt the new policy document	Winter 2026/2027

Please note that timescale above are advisory only and may be subject to amendment.