

Cheshire East Council

**DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDERS:
REVISED STATEMENT OF PRIORITIES
December 2011****Background**

Cheshire East Council, as Surveying Authority for the Definitive Map and Statement, has a duty to keep it under continuous review and make modifications as required. The Secretary of State recommends that Surveying Authorities should periodically publish a statement of priorities for dealing with Definitive Map Modification Orders.

A revised prioritisation system is described here. It is based (with modifications) on the policies and objectives of the Cheshire East Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) 2011-2026 and the priorities of the Cheshire East Sustainable Community Strategy 2010 – 2025, plus 4 other considerations.

The scoring system is designed to permit a systematic yet flexible approach to dealing with a potentially large volume of applications and matters requiring detailed investigations.

N.B. Any claimed route threatened by development will be taken out of turn regardless of the score it initially received.

The higher the total score for a route, the higher priority it will be given for processing.

Application of scoring

- 0 = objective not met
- 1 = not met, but potential to meet
- 2 = partially met
- 3 = met
- 4 = met, with potential added value

Ref.	ROWIP policy/objective	Score (0-4)
H2	Promotion of active travel and healthy activities: Working in partnership to promote walking, cycling and horseriding as active travel options and healthy activities	
H3	Public rights of way and green infrastructure: Protect and enhance our public rights of way and green infrastructure and endeavour to create new links where beneficial for health, safety or access to green spaces	
S7	Walking: Working with stakeholders to improve facilities for walking so that it is attractive for shorter journeys	
S8	Cycling: Working with stakeholders to improve facilities for cycling so that it is attractive for shorter journeys	
	Application coincides with existing ROWIP suggestion which has come from interest groups (e.g. users, Parish Council, landowners) (automatically add 4 points).	
Sustainable Community Strategy policy		
SC2	Create conditions for business growth: make the most of our tourism, heritage and natural assets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop and exploit the potential of heritage assets and themes, including rail & engineering, silk & textiles, food & produce, canals, historic estates & gardens and the salt industry, to benefit the economy directly or in generating a positive image of Cheshire East, its towns and rural areas 	
SC3	Unlock the potential of our towns: deliver sustainable growth for our towns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve links into towns to provide access to key services for nearby village and rural areas, balancing access and parking provision against the environmental impact of traffic 	
SC5	Ensure a sustainable future: improve transport connections and accessible services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create better integration between different modes of transport...including safe routes to schools, cycle routes.... - Improve facilities for cycling and walking so that it is attractive to cycle or walk for shorter journeys 	
SC7	Drive out the sources of poor health: focus local actions on the wider determinants of health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invest in 'green infrastructure' to encourage active and healthy lifestyle choices 	
Other considerations		
	Application has been on waiting list for more than 1 year prior to December 2011 ⁱ (automatically add 3 points for every year on the waiting list since receipt date of full application prior to December 2011).	
	Application would resolve a mapping anomaly (automatically add 5 points).	
	Claimed route coincides with a Discovering Lost Ways case route (automatically add 3 points).	
	Applicant or witnesses over the age of 70 (automatically add 2 points per witness/applicant)	
TOTAL		

ⁱ December 2011 being the date when Cheshire East Council adopted this scoring system within its Statement of Priorities.