

Cheshire East Council

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDERS:

2020 - Draft

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 on the policies and objectives of the Cheshire East Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) 2011-2026 and the objectives of Local Transport Plan 2019-2024, 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).	
Local Transport Plan objectives		
LTP1	Supporting growth and economic strength through connectivity	
LTP2	Ensuring accessibility to services	
LTP3	Protecting and improving our environment	
LTP4	Promoting health, wellbeing and physical activity	
Other considerations		
-	Application has been on waiting list for more than 1 year (automatically add 2 points for every year on the waiting list since receipt date of full application).	
-	Application would resolve a mapping anomaly (automatically add 5 points).	
-	Claimed route coincides with a Discovering Lost Ways case route (automatically add 5 points).	
-	Applicant or witnesses over the age of 70 (automatically add 2 points per witness/applicant)	
TOTAL		