

## Cheshire West and Chester Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) Progress

Background:

The purpose of the new ROWIP is to identify how well our access network currently performs for Cheshire West and Chester residents and visitors alike

The plan must contain:

- An assessment of the extent to which local rights of way meet the present and likely future needs of the public
- An assessment of the opportunities provided by local rights of way for exercise and other forms of open air recreation and the enjoyment of the authority's area
- An assessment of the accessibility of local rights of way to blind or partially sighted persons and others with mobility problems
- A statement of action proposed for the management of the local rights of way and for securing an improved network of local rights of way, with particular regard for matters dealt

Local authorities will be expected to consider their contribution to national transport goals as over-arching priorities for their ROWIP. These five goals are as follows:

- Economic Growth;
- Climate Change;
- Better safety, security and health;
- Greater equality of opportunity; and
- Quality of life.

The tables below list the how the ROWIP will progress for Cheshire West and Chester

Consultation Process

DATES	SUBJECT	TARGET AUDIENCE	CONSULTATION METHOD
December 2009-July 2010	Open Space Audit (PPG17)	Households, user groups, Town & Parish councils	Questionnaires & presentations
June 2010-August 2010	Focus groups use/demand	Hard to reach groups & non users	Specific question feedback
June 2010-August 2010	Citizens Panel use/demand	Hard to reach groups & non users	Specific question feedback
June 2010- August 2010	Use/demand Questionnaire	Town & Parish Councils	Postal questionnaire
June 2010- August 2010	Use/demand questionnaire	Web users, search requests	Website questionnaire
June 2010- August 2010	Use/demand questionnaire	User groups & landowners	Postal questionnaire

### Survey process

DATES	SUBJECT	TARGET	METHOD
February 2010- July 2010	ROW Accessibility Network Survey	Cheshire West and Chester ROW Network	Survey, images, gradients

### Cheshire West and Chester ROWIP Programme

DATES	ROWIP PHASE
December 2009- August 2010	Open Space Audit/ Accessibility network Survey/User & Demand consultation
July 2010-August 2010	Writing draft document
August 2010	Writing Draft 5 year Implementation programme
September 2010	Draft Plan & Implementation programme to CLAF & Committee
October 2010- December 2010	Draft Plan & Implementation programme out to 3 month public consultation period
January 2011	Incorporate Feedback into Plan
February 2011-March 2011	Plan Adopted
April 2011	Plan in place

The ROWIP Steering group will continue to meet monthly until the Plan is adopted