

## Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Public Rights of Way comprise footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways open to all traffic. They form a network across the borough in both urban and rural areas, offering both leisure activities and transport links.

Cheshire East Council is in the process of revising the County Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan which covered the period 2006-2011. A new plan is being compiled to reflect the geographic area of Cheshire East and to tie in with the next Local Transport Plan to cover the next 15 years.

A great deal of research was undertaken for the first improvement plan, and now we are seeking to confirm that the findings of that research remain valid, rather than start again from scratch.

Your input is greatly appreciated – **thank you!**

Alternatively, please send it to: ROWIP2, Public Rights of Way, Cheshire East Council, Phoenix House, Clough Road, Winsford, CW7 4BD or [rowip@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:rowip@cheshireeast.gov.uk).

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### 1. What do you see as the most important priorities for Public Rights of Way?

Tick the 3 most important priorities

- ☐ Improve paths between homes and schools, shops etc.
- ☐ Promote leisure routes to support local rural businesses
- ☐ Make paths easier to use by removing stiles and barriers
- ☐ Provide leaflets and information for people to find out where routes are
- ☐ Promote routes that people can get to by public transport

### 2. What actions would help people in your area to use public rights of way more?

Tick the 3 most important actions

- ☐ More signposting and waymarking
- ☐ More vegetation cutting on paths
- ☐ More information about routes through leaflets and websites
- ☐ Making existing routes easier to use by replacing stiles with gates
- ☐ Better surfaces and drainage on existing routes
- ☐ More paths available for cyclists and horseriders
- ☐ New routes to fill in gaps in the network of public rights of way

### 3. To make the Public Rights of Way network easier to use for everybody, including disabled people, what should we aim to do?

Tick the 3 most important aims

- ☐ Make a few key circular routes easy to use in each type of landscape (e.g. parkland, woodland, riverside, lakeside, farmland, hill country)
- ☐ Provide information on specific routes that are easy to use
- ☐ Provide information on how easy to use all public rights of way are
- ☐ Make each path easier to use as other works on the path are done

**4. Public Rights of Way have a role to play in delivering the following aims.**

Tick one box on each row only

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Reducing carbon emissions					
Supporting economic growth					
Promoting equality of opportunity					
Contributing to better safety, security & health					
Improving quality of life & a healthy natural environment					

**5. Who should we work with to improve rights of way in your area?**

Tick the 3 most important groups for us to work with

- ☐ Local businesses in the leisure service sector e.g. tea shops, bike hire
- ☐ Public transport providers
- ☐ Disability and older peoples' action groups
- ☐ Landowners
- ☐ Health agencies, to promote walking and riding as healthy activities
- ☐ Other (please specify) .....
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**6. Is there a Public Right of Way in your area between homes and a facility such as a place of work, school, shop or doctors surgery which could be improved?**

If so, please provide a description of the location of the route & what improvements could be made.

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Any other comments: .....

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**Contact details (so we can ask for further details about your suggestions if needed)**

Contact name: .....

Contact address .....

or email: .....