

LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM – 12TH JUNE 2008

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

RIGHTS OF WAY CIRCULAR 1/08

Purpose of Report

1. To inform members of Rights of Way circular 1/08 (copy attached as appendix A to the report).

The Background

2. The circular gives advice to local authorities on recording, managing and maintaining, protecting and changing public rights of way. It replaces previous advice and guidance in circulars: 2/93, 3/93, 17/90, 18/90, 32/81, which are now no longer valid.
3. This advice and guidance sets out Defra's policy on public rights of way and its view of the law. It does not take the place of the legislation, but seeks to give an overview of it within a policy context.
4. New additions in the guidance include Local Access Forums and Gating orders.

Local Policy

5. The publication of the circular has been expected for some time. The Rights of Way Improvement Plan proposed the production of a revised Guide to development and Rights of Way. With the revised guidance from government now available this can be moved forward. The views of the forum will be sought at an early stage of this process.

Recommendation

6. That members note the guidance.

Appendices

Appendix A – Rights of Way Circular (1/08)

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