

## 7. Statement of Action











### Our Statement

7.1 Our Statement of Action is set out in Table 5 listed under the four themes.





### Theme 1 - Improving Maintenance and Safety

**Table 5: Statement of Action**








Green bars = short term 'quick wins'

Recommended Action	Link to Themes	Link To ILTP	Resources x1= minor x2= medium x3= major	Estimated Total Costs £ x1= <£5k x2= £5-20k x3= >£20k	Timescale (Years) 1-2 3-4 5+	Key Partners and Stakeholders
1.1 Develop consistent Rights of Way Management Standards (ROWMS) for maintenance, improvement and promotion (see 7.3)	2,3,4	Network Management Chapter 5 Asset Management Chapter 9		£ £		3 councils, ILAF, COM, ATP, NF (Cotswold Way), ACNBS
1.2 Undertake full network condition survey	2,3,4	Network Management Chapter 5 Asset Management Chapter 9		£ £ £		3 councils, volunteers, ILAF
1.3 Classify all routes in line with the ROWMS (see 7.4)	2,3,4	Network Management Chapter 5 Asset Management Chapter 9		£		3 councils, ILAF, Liaison Groups, Local councils
1.4 Develop joint diversion policy including specification standards for diverted paths	2,3,4			£		3 councils, ILAF, Landowners
1.5 Develop a strategy for managing the Definitive Maps and Statements and legal order work	4	Network Management Chapter 5		£ £ £		3 councils, Liaison Groups

## Theme 2 - Signing routes

Recommended Action	Link to Themes	Link to JIIP	Resources x1= minor x2= medium x3= major	Estimated Total Costs £ x1= <£5k x2= £5-20k x3= >£20k	Timescale (Years)			Key Partners and Stakeholders
					1-2	3-4	5+	
2.1 Complete a full review of signage in the area and produce signage guidelines	3,4	Smarter Choices - Chapter 5 Accessibility Chapter 6		£	✓			3 councils, JIAP, user groups
2.2 Ensure that 90% of path junctions with metalled roads are signed outside of urban areas.	3,4	Smarter Choices - Chapter 5 Accessibility - Chapter 6		£ £	✓			3 councils, JIAP, user groups
2.3 Ensure that signposts carry additional information for users where appropriate	3,4	Smarter Choices - Chapter 5 Accessibility Chapter 6	 	£ £ £			✓	3 councils

## Theme 3 - Providing Information

3.1 Creation of a common website to promote PROW and give a single point of contact	1,2,4	Smarter Choices - Chapter 5		£ £	✓			3 councils
3.2 To develop online mapping as an interactive tool available on the joint website	1,2,4	Smarter Choices - Chapter 5	 	£ £ £		✓		3 councils, outdoors Access Providers
3.3 Develop user focussed promotional material	4	Smarter Choices - Chapter 5	 	£ £ £	✓	✓	✓	3 councils, JIAP, user groups, tourist industry
3.4 Provide information, guidance and support to landowners	1,4	Asset Management Chapter 9		£	✓			3 councils, JIAP, Landowners
3.5 Provide information in a range of formats and/or languages	2,4	Accessibility - Chapter 6		£ £	✓	✓	✓	3 councils, user groups

Recommended Action	Link to Themes	Link To JIIP	Resources	Estimated Total Costs £	Timescale (Years)	Key Partners and Stakeholders
3.6 Promote Improvement works and provide feedback on completed maintenance through press and newsletters	1.4	Smarter Choices Chapter 5	x1 - minor x2 - medium x3 - major	£ £	1-2 ✓ 2-4 ✓ 5+ ✓	3 councils, JIAF
3.7 Promote PROW that can be accessed by Public Transport	4	Congestion - Chapter 5 Accessibility - Chapter 6		£ £	✓	Public transport operators Including community transport, user groups, 3 councils
<b>Theme 4 - Enabling local travel</b>						
4.1 Identify improvements to enable travel for all by foot / on bike to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; employment</li> <li>&gt; health services</li> <li>&gt; education</li> <li>&gt; leisure</li> <li>&gt; transport nodes</li> </ul>	3	Congestion - Chapter 5 Accessibility - Chapter 6		£ £	✓	3 councils, user groups landowners, employers, health services, education establishments, leisure transport operators
4.2 Identify improvements for people with mobility difficulties and visual impairments.	2,3	Accessibility - Chapter 6		£ £	✓	3 councils, user groups
4.3 Provide safer and shorter routes to enable easy access to and from public transport links and schools	3	Congestion Chapter 5 Accessibility Chapter 6		£ £ £	✓ ✓ ✓	Public transport operators including community transport, user groups, 3 councils
4.4 Identify road safety improvements that enable increased use of routes	1	Road Safety - Chapter 7		£	✓ ✓ ✓	3 councils, user groups, emergency services, Road Safety Partnership

Recommended Action	Link to Themes	Link To JIIP	Resources	Estimated Total Costs ±	Timescale (Years)	Key Partners and Stakeholders
4.5 Work with employers and educational establishments through travel planning to promote use of local rights of way	3	Congestion - Chapter 5 Smarter Choices - Chapter 5	x1= minor x2= medium x3= major  1 person icon	£  x1= <£5k x2= £5 - 20k x3= >£20k	1-2   1-1   5+  ✓	3 councils, user groups, employers, developer's education
4.6 To produce joint guidance to secure appropriate improvements and additions to the JIROW network through planning processes.	3	Smarter Choices Chapter 5	2 person icons	£ £ £	✓	3 councils, developers
4.7 Identify gaps in the network that will improve accessibility and connectivity	3A	Accessibility Chapter 6 Congestion Chapter 5	3 person icons	£ £ £	✓	3 authorities, user groups, JIAF

# Joint Rights of Way Improvement Plan

7.2 Below we describe two other initiatives that we aim to pursue and which will aid us in delivering our planned actions.

## Rights of way management standards

7.3 We intend drawing up a Rights of Way Management Standards (ROWMS) document which will set out service and quality standards. It will be aspirational, at least in the short to medium term. At this stage we have identified the following 7 areas for attention but others will be added as the ROWMS is developed:

1. standard inspection programme;
2. provision of infrastructure;
3. surfacing and drainage;
4. signage and waymarking;
5. path lighting;
6. scheduled maintenance e.g. cleansing, vegetation control;
7. refuse and dog waste bins.

## Classification of paths

7.4 It is clear that the PROW network serves different functions, travel (or 'everyday') and recreation, for different people and at different times. Depending upon their location and character, routes may have a predominantly travel function or recreational function or they may serve both purposes. In order to deliver the improvements that you have told us you want we need to develop a set of minimum standards for the way that we look after all paths. We also need to identify particular routes that would benefit from enhanced maintenance and other improvements. In essence, this will involve the classification of paths to determine the management regime that will be applied to it under the ROWMS. The classification of paths will be subject to periodic review to enable future changes in the patterns of use to be taken into account.

## Implementation, funding and partnership working

7.5 The bulk of the actions will fall to the three Councils to implement in our roles as local highway authorities but in the last column of Table 5 we identify key partners and stakeholders. The JLAF will have a key role as will the Cotswold and Mendip Hills AONB and FoA Services. Through these stakeholders we plan to draw upon the resources of user and other voluntary groups. For some specific actions delivery will need to have input from the tourism industry and outdoor access providers. Others will depend on partnership working with public transport operators and community transport organisations, the emergency services and the Road Safety Partnership. Private landowners will be influential and we look forward to working closely with them.

7.6 The Statement of Action puts forward estimates of the scale of staff resources needed and capital and revenue costs. Also shown is the timescale for each action subject to funding. Some will be relatively costly and take at least 5 years to complete but marked in green are a number that we see as short term projects or 'quick wins'.

7.7 We will investigate in detail the financial implications of the Statement of Action. These details will be set out in annual business plans to be prepared by the three Councils in accordance with the DEFRA guidance. As DEFRA advise, these will be flexible, working documents and regularly updated.

## Monitoring

7.8 We aim to chart progress on implementing our Statement of Action as part of work on our JLTP. A report will be prepared in parallel with the first JLTP Delivery Report in July 2008.

*What do you think of our identified actions?  
Let us know by filling in the questionnaire at the end!*