

8. Conclusion

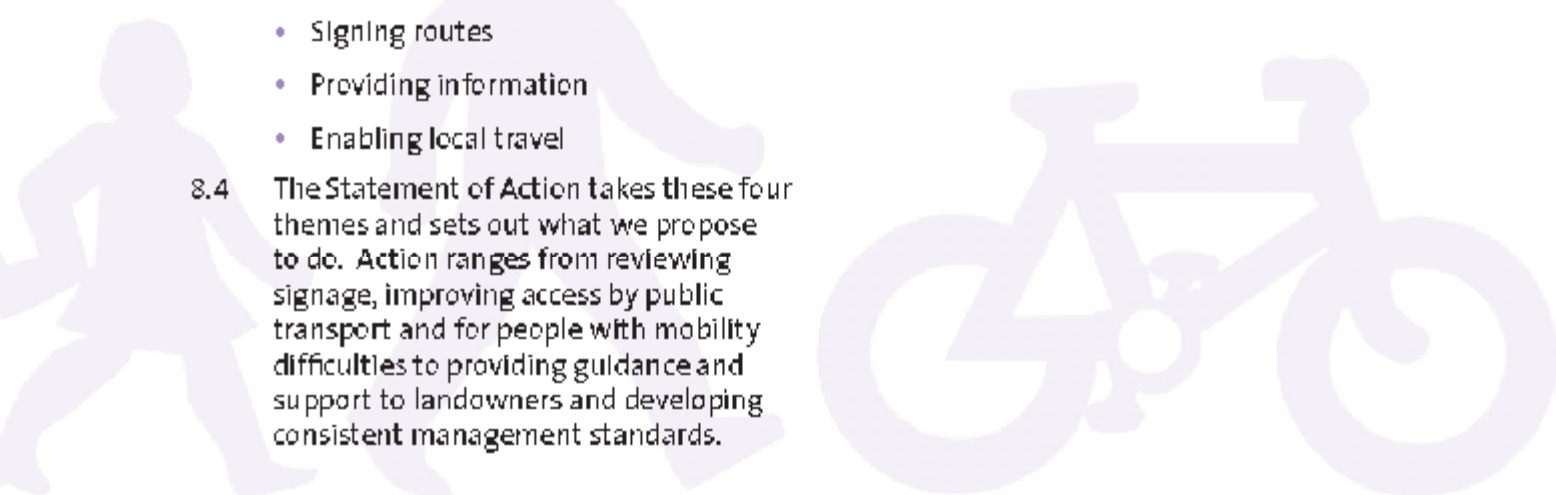
- 8.1 We believe our ROWIP is a major step towards developing a network of safe, accessible and attractive routes that meet the present and future needs of all members of the community. It is the result of extensive work undertaken by the three councils of Bristol City, Bath and North East Somerset and South Gloucestershire and the Joint Local Access Forum.
- 8.2 Our assessment of user needs and the current network revealed the scale of the task required to produce a ROWIP. We also had to consider how the ROWIP fitted in with other documents, policies and partners from the Regional Spatial Strategy to Parish Plans, Community Strategies to the Cotswolds and Mendip Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



- 8.3 Extensive public consultation through questionnaires and area events helped us to identify priorities and from these the four key themes of:
- Improving maintenance and safety
 - Signing routes
 - Providing information
 - Enabling local travel
- 8.4 The Statement of Action takes these four themes and sets out what we propose to do. Action ranges from reviewing signage, improving access by public transport and for people with mobility difficulties to providing guidance and support to landowners and developing consistent management standards.



- 8.5 This is only a draft ROWIP. Your views matter. Throughout the Plan we ask various questions. Please take some time to fill in the questionnaire at the end of this document.
- 8.6 The final ROWIP will be submitted to DEFRA in November 2007 and copies will be widely available through usual outlets and websites.



Glossary of Terms

- AONB - Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- AFVP - Avon Frome Valley Partnership
- BOAT - Byway Open to All Traffic
- BVPI - Best Value Performance Indicator
- BWB - British Waterways
- CNE - Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005
- CRC - Commission for Rural Communities
- CROW - Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000
- DCLG - Department for Communities and Local Government
- DCMS - Department for Culture, Media and Sport
- DEFRA - Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- DfT - Department for Transport
- EA - Environment Agency
- FoA - Forest of Avon
- FC - Forestry Commission
- JLAF - Joint Local Access Forum
- JLTP - Joint Local Transport Plan
- LDF - Local Development Framework
- LP - Local Plan
- NE - Natural England
- PROW - Public Rights of Way
- ROWIP - Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- ROWMS - Rights of Way Management Standards
- RSS - Regional Spatial Strategy

