

## **Report for the Derby and Derbyshire Local Access Forum**

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### **Derby City Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan Update**

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### **New Council Member appointment to DADLAF**

Councillor Lucy Care has replaced Councillor Kieran Morgan-McGeehan as Derby City Council's representative on DADLAF. Cllr Care is a Liberal Democrats party member, who represents Littleover ward in the southwest of the city.

### **Rights of Way Service Update**

The Rights of Way Service sits within the Planning Division, which in turn sits within the City Growth and Vibrancy department.

The Highways Maintenance service continues to carry out the rights of way maintenance and enforcement function. The Highways Maintenance Service sits within the Sustainability department.

All the functions sit within the Communities and Place strategic department.

### **Finances**

All rights of way functions, except for maintenance, are funded using the Spatial Planning group budget. There is no specific fixed sum allocated for rights of way work.

### **Definitive map and path orders**

As stated in previous reports, work continues to be carried out towards the production of the legal event modification orders that are required to bring the definitive map areas covering Derby up to date.

## **Status of definitive map modification order applications and public path order applications for 2024**

### **Applications for definitive map modification orders received.**

0

### **Applications for definitive map modification orders determined.**

0

### **Applications for definitive map modification orders undetermined**

6 (received in 2022 and 2023)

### **Applications for public path orders received.**

1 pending. 1 potential under discussion.

### **Applications for public path orders to be determined.**

1 (received in 2020 as amended)

## **Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP 2)**

Officers intend to hold a meeting with the RoWIP subgroup in the coming weeks to discuss network and stakeholder assessments for the next City and County improvement plans.

## **Major Path Schemes**

### **Derby Riverside Path (National Cycle Network (NCN 6) repairs**

The final section of the surface repair scheme for the Riverside Path, running between Raynesway and Borrowash, is due to be completed this month. There had been a slight delay.

### **Derwent Valley Bridleway**

Derwent Valley Bridleway scheme is dependent on the government's approval of the A38 Derby Junctions scheme. The Stop the A38 Expansion Group has challenged the road scheme's' Development Consent Order. The case was heard in the High Court on 15 May 2024. The decision of the court may take up to several months.

## **Other updates**

### **Allestree Hall**

There are no further updates on Allestree Hall. The rewilding scheme for the park continues as planned.

### **Defra**

There has been no news at the time of writing about the proposed Defra/Natural England support officer for Local Access Forums.

## **From the Council's Newsroom (with updates from Ray Brown)**

### **East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA)**

Claire Ward (Labour and Cooperative Party) was elected as the new Mayor of the East Midlands on Thursday 2 May 2024. The Mayor will hold office for four years, with the next East Midlands Mayoral election set to be held in May 2028. The Mayor will have access to £4 billion in funding, alongside devolved powers around transport, housing, skills and adult education, Net-Zero and economic development.

The first formal meeting of the new East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) was held on Wednesday 20 March 2024. The EMCAA board, made up of the four leaders and deputy leaders from Derbyshire, Derby, Nottinghamshire and Nottingham councils, along with the Mayor, debated a number of key reports.

Nicolle Sibusiso Ndiweni (Labour and Cooperative Party) was elected as Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

## Transport improvement scheme completed around Derby Station



*Councillor Carmel Swan with representatives from Derby City Council and Eurovia.*

Transport improvements around Derby Railway station are now complete, providing improved access for all road users and pedestrians from the station to the city centre. Works had been ongoing on Railway Terrace and Midland Road since July 2023. This completion is the latest in a growing number of schemes to improve transport options for citizens and visitors.

Reducing pollution and congestion in the city is at the heart of this scheme, and it will now be easier than ever to choose active travel options, such as walking and cycling, to move between the station and the city centre.

Pedestrians will benefit from wider footways and new crossings, while cyclists can make use of improved access from the station to National Cycle Route 6. They will also have more route options to get to the city centre via Castleward, Siddals Road or Bass's Recreation Ground.

Together these upgrades will help improve traffic flow to and from the station, reducing congestion and improving air quality in the area.



## New pocket parks to land in Derby



*A parklet pocket park situated next to a road, surrounded by plants and trees*

Seven new 'pocket parks' are to be installed at the heart of busy communities across Derby this summer.

Parklets, also known as 'pocket parks' are temporary structures that are designed to create a welcoming space for people to spend time in their local community, as well as increase footfall, enhance biodiversity and encourage active travel such as walking and cycling.

The fully accessible structures will be unique to each location and provide citizens with a safe space to sit with a coffee or catch up with a friend over lunch. Each Parklet will have seating and secure cycle parking, with plants installed in and around the structures to create green spaces that are attractive and welcoming.

### **Recommendation**

To note this report.