

Appendix 5 - Assessment of Condition and Action Plan

The Footpath Assessment of Condition and action plan describes the results of the assessment and the actions planned to carry out to improve specific footpaths to satisfy all users. This has been divided into two plans:

Annex A: Footpath Statement of Action Plan

This plan describes in detail the actions we plan to carry out for each footpath to satisfy users. This statement describes the current condition of each path and access limitations as seen in the Audit and reported by the public. Each statement of action includes the following information for each footpath:

- Footpath number
- Name of Path and type
- Location - Origin/Destination
- Width of path
- General information
- Current Status - condition
- Limitation of Access
- Planned Actions
- Usage - high/medium

The footpath Statement of Action can be found in **Table A** below

Annex B - The Combined Footpaths Statement of Action

This plan groups of paths that require the same actions to maintain and improve their condition e.g. adding signage, more vegetation control. Priority footpaths were identified for some action. Each action also so links to the general action plan and a Theme. The plan was created by grouping actions and footpaths from the Footpath Statement of Action. Each statement of action includes the following information:

- Action Plan ID (a link to the *General Action Plan* in Chapter)
- The Theme
- Action
- List of Footpaths
- Priority Footpaths
- Lead in RBC

Delivery Costs and Timescales can be assessed through the link to the general action plan.

This plan provides for each such general action the list of footpaths that would require such an action carried out on them and also prioritises the footpaths seen as the most urgent to attend to. Each such action also links to the general action plan. Each statement of action includes the following information:

The plan can be found in the **Table B** below.

ROWIP Themes

The following information is populated in the relevant columns of the action plan:

- Theme 1: Better information
- Theme 2: Improve the condition of the network
- Theme 3: Encourage using the network
- Theme 4: Better connected network
- Theme 5: Used by All
- Theme 6: A safer network
- Theme 7: Deliver the plan

Partnership Working

The success of the ROWIP relies upon a collaborative approach with appropriate partners to deliver our actions, including but not limited to local community groups, neighbouring authorities, user groups and specialists.

Partners	Partners (continued)
Reading Borough Council	Natural England
Wokingham Borough Council	Cycling England
West Berkshire Council	Ramblers Association
Oxfordshire County Council	British Waterways
South Oxfordshire District Council	Local Community Groups
Local Access Forum	Older Peoples Working Group
Cleaner air and safer transport forum	Access and Disabilities Working Group
Cycle Forum	Thames Path Management Group
Reading Tourist Board	Thames Valley Police
Individual Users	Horse Riding Society
Department for Transport	

Table A: Footpath Statement of Action plan

ID	Name/Type	Location	Width	General Information	Current Status - condition	Limitation of Access (All points relate to the corresponding modification order)	Actions Required
1 East	Thames Towpath – Footpath (FP)	From: Reading Bridge East Past Caversham Lock and over Kings Meadow, following Thames Towpath To: Borough Boundary at Kennet Mouth.	2-3m	Path along the Thames River.	Surface – Tarmacked path surface Vegetation - well maintained but has a lot of duck/swan mess Safety - Heavily used path with fast travelling cyclists Signage - Path is sign posted as Thames's and NCN Path but not as Footpath1. One direction board where joining FP ID 25 Lighting – Present but not sufficient	2 bollards at either end of Caversham lock area. Width problem - Horseshoe bridge sloping steps are too narrow for wheelchairs or prams and the surface is slippery in ice.	Action 1: Add more Information boards showing where the route leads to, including accessibility information. Action 2: Add Lighting at some places Action 3: Clean up duck/swan mess Action 4: Add signage specific to FP1 with QR code Action 5: changes to horseshoe bridge to make it accessible for wheelchairs and non-slip surface
1 West	Thames Towpath – Footpath (FP)	From: Rowbuck Ferry Cottage SE, E, NE and ESE along Thames Towpath and Thameside Promenade To: East Side Caversham Road.	1-3m	Path along the Thames River from the West	Surface - tarmac also mixed with stone, other parts are grassy/muddy Safety – The riverbank is not reinforced at places. Roebuck Cottage to Scours Lane most prone to flooding Signage – The path is signposted but requires cleaning Vegetation – Requires maintenance in grassy area Illegal mooring and antisocial behaviour at the very West Cleansing - a lot of Rubbish on the path where illegal mooring. Lighting - No lighting, does not feel safe at the West most part	Overhead vehicular barrier (Point H), Bollards (Point I) Wide enough most places but may not be if used by bikes Steps leading to the West Part of the path	Action 1: Information board, showing where route leads to, including accessibility information. Action 2: vegetation control in grassy area required Action 3: Improve surfaces in grassy area and surface improvements from Scours Lane to Thames promenade Action 4: Clean signage, clean up start of path duck/swan mess and other rubbish Action 5: Notify District Enforcement on illegal mooring and rubbish on side of paths Action 6: improve reinforcement of riverbank. Action 7: Deal with Antisocial behaviour on the west most part
1 Bridges	Caversham Bridge to Reading Bridge – Footpath (FP)	From: East Side Caversham Bridge. To: East side of Reading Bridge.	2-3m	Path along the River Thames. Runs very close to houses	Surface – Tarmacked path surface Vegetation - well maintained. Cleansing – Duck/swan mess that requires cleaning Signage – Requires information board	Point D - 2 bollards Point E - 4 bollards Point F - 1 bollard Point G - 2 bollards Point I - 4 bollards Point N - On NE side of path: low brick wall & flower bed. On SW side: low brick wall and railings. Chicanes for motor bikes Christchurch Bridge to join FP 24, not suitable for wheelchair	Action 1: To gain permission for cyclists to use this path. Action 2: Information board, showing where route leads to, including accessibility information. Action 3: Replacement of the chicanes for cyclist and disabled and prams Action 4: clean duck mess on tarmac especially near houses
2	Kennet & Avon Canal - Towpath	From: Burghfield parish boundary E and N along canal towpath, crossing River Kennet at Southcote Lock and canal at Fobney Waterworks. To: Temple Place to S of ring road.	2-3m	Burghfield boundary along K&A towpath to Temple Place Reading	Surface – recently resurfaced tarmacked path surface Signage – Path is sign posted. Some signage but most is NCN 422. Requires an information board showing where the route leads to. Safety - fast travelling cyclists in the urban section which is where the path is narrow. Traffic volume with cycles is quite high as much of the route is shared with NCN 422 and Reading cycle route R1. There is also a section of the Kennet towpath between Berkeley Avenue and the first wooden footbridge (going south towards Green Park, on the west side of the river) where the path is slowly falling into the river, due to erosion of the riverbank. Anti-Social behaviour - where interacts with A33 Vegetation - overgrown and requires maintenance	Narrow in some areas.	Action 1: Installation of an Information board, showing where the route leads to, including accessibility information. One very unclear board available Action 2: Add signage specific to Footpath 02, not only cycling path Action 3: Path needs to be widened at various locations Action 4: Vegetation growth to be better controlled Action 5 – Address Anti-Social behaviour where path interacts with the A33 and Rose Kiln and Berkeley Ave. Action 6: check if riverbank needs strengthening Action 7: Repair path edge from Berkely avenue upstream to the footbridge
3	Lambs Lane – Footpath (FP)	From: Wensley Road opp property No 73 E via Coley Avenue. To:	2-3m	The footpath starts in a wide area in Courage Park but then runs well hidden between fencing at the backs of resident's gardens.	Surface – Path surface is made of coxwell gravel Signage - Path is sign posted - No Footpath number Cleansing - Lots of litter	Anti-Motorbike railing chicanes at both ends. Gates restricting access - for motor bikes in both entrances - not good for wheelchair	Action 1: - Address anti-social behaviour Action 2: improvements to surface and clearance to widen the path. Action 3: Ensure that Anti Motorbike railing chicanes are still required.

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		Wensley Road adjacent to property No 226.			Anti-Social behaviour - Suffers from anti-social behaviour and break-ins Lighting - at the beginning of the path	Large slope on entrance from West Wensley Road	Action3: Clean and Pick up litter Action4: Add Footpath Signage.
4	Footpath (FP)	From: FP5 NE along N side of railway past Junction Cottage. To: Wensley Road between properties Nos 254 and 256.	2-3m	The path links from FP 05 into Wensley road – West. Goes under the Railway Bridge, then continues as a cycling route (R6)	Surface – tarmac/stone. Signage – Path sign posted. Cleansing – Litter is very prominent especially as R6 gets close to Wensley Road. Anti-social behaviour - Signs of vandalism and graffiti Vegetation – vegetation is overgrown	Anti-Motorbike railing chicanes at the Wensley Road entrance, Earth bank by the dog leg in path to stop vehicle access. A slope.	Action 1: Ensure that Anti Motorbike railing chicanes are still required. Action2: Clean and Pick up litter and remove graffiti Action 3: Address anti-social behaviour and vandalism. Check if there is gap in fence between 4 and 23 – repair if required Action4: Vegetation cut back some overgrowing trees on the path.
5	Footpath (FP)	From: Circuit Lane SE and SW over Kennet Bridge at Southcote Mill. To: Kennet and Avon Canal towpath.	1-5 m	Leads from Circuit Lane to the first bridge of Southcote Lock. Used also by cars of the Thames water site. The bridge also included in the path	Surface - made of stone which is badly eroded/potholed. Path well paved gravel uneven patching Signage - Path is sign posted. Add Signage with direction	Vehicle barrier at circuit lane end, Steps over Kennet Bridge. Kennet Bridge restricting access wheelchairs & prams - narrow can be use by one person at the time	Action 1: Improve Surface made of gravel and potholes. Full resurface. Choice of surface is tarmac appropriate. It is on the flood plain permission from Environment Agency would be required. Action 2: Ensure vehicle barriers do not hinder accessibility of path- no space for wheelchairs Action 3: Investigate ways of improving the accessibility of steps over Kennet Bridge. Action 4: Add signage showing direction at crossroads.
6	Footpath (FP)	From: FP36 Reading S of Monks Bridge over the Holy Brook, S of “The Brookmill”, SW, SE,SSE & SSW. To: FP2 Reading, E of Fobney Lock and Pumping Station.	1-3m	The route includes varying surface quality throughout, which is subject to flooding and can be difficult to walk after periods of continued rainfall	Surface - open sections are grassy, constrained sections are mud Signage – Path is sign posted on the North End. Flooding - The whole route is subject to flooding – cannot be used throughout the year. Safety - South end muddy and boggy with bits of metal and pallets to prevent flooding.	Gate and small Gap at Point C. Motorcycle barrier at Junction with towpath Gate and small gap at Point E; Bridge at Point F. Gate at north end of bridge (Point F); Footbridge at Point H Poor visibility at some sections The section south of the old railway line is part of the active flood plain so will be under water at times especially in the winter.	Action 1: Investigate accessibility of path, due to narrow points and barriers. Action 2: Improve Surface: South end needs to be upgraded to reduce mud and poor drainage. Action 3: Improve patchy signage
6A	Footpath (FP)	From: Wensley Road S and SW. To: The Holy Brook S and Coley Park Farm.	3m	Private roads and leads to a junction with 3 Footpaths 44, 36,06	Surface - Tarmacked path surface and Road Safety - speed humps to reduce vehicle speed. Narrow footpath where users must walk on the road. Signage - Path sign posted but is missing signage at the start of the path	Footpath is narrow must walk on the road One gate on footpath that limits access for cyclists, wheelchair users & pushchairs.	Action 1: Improve signage- no signage where the path begins at Wansley Rd junction with “The old Lane”. Add path numbers to existing signs. Action 2: investigate gate on pavement effect on access for those with mobility problems
7	Footpath (FP)	From: The footway adjacent A33 Relief Road NE of Fobney Water Treatment Works, W, SSW, WSW, adjacent to Water Treatments works fenceline, W. To: Just west of FP6 north of Fobney Mead Laboratory.	2m	A33 at Fobney Works access road to FP6 at corner of Fobney works Short cut to which is likely to flood	Surface - made of stone/natural material Flooding – Poor surface in parts, likely to be damp and flood even in summer Signage – Path sign posted both ends. Vegetation – overgrown in the summer.	Kissing gates at each end Not great visibility due to overhanging vegetation and low level of path	Action 1: Need to consider vulnerability to flooding. need to put down some 'fill' in one wet spot for even summer walking Action 2: Investigate the need for kissing gates as these do not promote accessibility. Action 3: vegetation growth control.
8	Footpath (FP)	From: FP12 Burghfield NE alongside River Kennet. To: Point SW of River Kennet footbridge.	2-3m	Winding route leading to West Berkshire - from the Lock.	Surface/safety - is natural and easy to trip. Path is often muddy Signage - Path sign posted. No signage showing direction leading to West Berkshire. Vegetation - Overgrown vegetation and fallen tree	kissing gate at entrance to woods Width 0.5m or less at places Steep gradient at places	Action 1: Investigate whether the path surface needs to be improved, as it is often muddy. Stone surface recommended. Action 2: Investigate the need for kissing gates as these do not promote accessibility. Action 3: Vegetation control overgrown and fallen tree Action 4: Widen path at places to improve access

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							Action 5: Additional signage and with direction to west Berkshire required
9	Footpath (FP)	From: Shinfield Road E along The Chancellor's Way. To: FP6 Earley N of Blandford Lodge.	2m	Good Condition and easy walk along tarmac pavement through University of Reading	Surface - Tarmacked path surface Signage - Path sign posted.	At times the bus stop on the path at the campus end can get very busy and crowded	None
10	Footpath	From: FP2 Reading, S of Fobney Pumping Station, SSE, crossing Island Road, SSW, crossing Longwater Ave, through Green Park Business Development, SE. To: Footpath 11 on former Smallmead Road	2-4m	Fobney Lock to FP 11 at former Smallmead Road	Surface - made of varying gravel. Can be damp between Longwater Ave and Island Road Signage - Path sign posted. lack of signage within Green Park section where it has options and where it joins FP11 Vegetation - needs cutting -back Safety - Traffic in/out of recycling site can be busy	Barrier at Point B Footbridges at Points C, G and I	Action 1: More frequent vegetation cutting back needed at north end Action 2: Needs surface upgrade- damp between Longwater Ave and Island Road Action 3: add signage within Green Park section where it has options and where it joins FP11 Action 4: Check Footbridge accessibility wheelchairs can be improved
11	Footpath (FP)	From: Northern end of FP27 Shinfield, SW to Foudry Brook, NE to junction of Brook Drive, W along Smallmead Rd, across Longwater Ave, W. To: Junction with Kybes Lane.	2-4	Well used and well maintained by Green Park.	Surface - gravel/natural. needs improvement in some sections Signage - Path sign posted. Some more FP signage needed Vegetation - fallen trees need removal	Gate and bridge at Point M Barrier with gap at Point T Lime Square has two trees fallen across it is leaving gaps of 4 ft and 5ft to get under them	Action 1: footpath surface could be improved behind Lime Square. Action 2: Fallen trees remove behind Lime Square Action 3: Signage needs improvement. There exists a good sign at South Oak Way and some others but none at Longwater Ave or at Kirtons Farm Road. Action 4: Path substantial upgrading in light of the new developments in Green Park.
11A	Footpath (FP)	From: FP27 Shinfield ESE along N side M4. To: A33 at M4 interchange.	1-2m	Could be a useful link but constrained between two fences makes it unattractive. Could be useful link to Green Park without walking round A33, but access at the J11 end not directly possible without crossing at RIBP first	Surface - natural Signage - Path sign posted however no footpath sign at start by J11 Vegetation - Impossible to walk and requires cutting brambles	Width mostly 1m. Not wheelchair useable. Constrained between two fences.	Action 1: control brambles and other intrusive vegetation Action 2: Improve signage add footpath sign at start by J11 Action 3: Path substantial upgrading in light of the new developments in Green Park.
11B	Footpath (FP)	From: The northern end of Footpath 11 Reading on the eastern side of the Foudry Brook, NE and E, bounding the landscaped embankment. To: The footway adjacent to Northern Way.	2m	Path directly alongside Foudry Brook	Surface - Path surface is grassy. can be difficult to walk after periods of continued rainfall Signage - Path sign posted- signage not sufficient. Vegetation - Some low trees limiting footpath visibility	Not wide enough nor suited to wheelchair use. Slope up at the east end to join Northern Way.	Action 1: Surface needs improvement. Can be difficult to walk after periods of continued rainfall Action 2: Signage improvement- only one small footpath sign from Northern Way, nothing at junction with FP11 Action 3: Vegetation control addressing low trees Action 4: Path substantial upgrading in light of the new developments in Green Park.
12	Footpath (FP)	From: Mill Green E. To: S end Piggot's Road.	4m	FP12 is a resident private car park where the public has right to walk through continues from FP25 the Thames Path and links to Mill Green a council owned path by the river.	Surface - made of gravel stones. There are a number of potholes along the route. Signage - not sign posted.	There are a number of potholes along the route which makes accessibility difficult.	Action 1: Fill in potholes. Action 2: Add signage from FP25 to FP12 and when in FP 12 where leads to.
13	Footpath (FP)	From: FP19 Shinfield on E side of A33 ENE along Long Lane. To: FP18 Shinfield on S side M4.	2m	Shinfield to Campus (Reading Int Business Park) and Green Park.	Surface - Tarmacked path surface Signage - not sign posted. Vegetation - Route was hard to follow, across high grassed field and impassable bushes- work now carried out to clear path. Difficult to see desired line - FP sign at beginning on A33	Gate at the bottom of slope into field Access via broken steps	Action 1: vegetation control to improve, Action 2: Surface should be improved to benefit new housing residents of Shenfield Parish. Action 3: signage required to match desired line
15	Footpath (FP)	From: Burghfield parish boundary N of Anslows Cottages N.	2m	Narrow path leads to large fields and country	Surface - Natural & grassy. Will be muddy and slippery in winter/ after heavy rain Signage - Path sign posted.	Narrow less than 0.5 m at some places	Action 1: Improve surface quality as the current surface can get muddy / boggy after heavy rain. Action 2: Control very overgrown vegetation

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		To: FP2 AT River Kennet footbridge.			Vegetation - Very overgrown vegetation		Action 3: Widen path
16	Bridleway	From: Gravel Hill at Shipnells Cottages S along Hemdean Bottom. To: Hemdean Road by property by 103.	2-3m	Runs to the side of Bugs Bottom Park. Bridle way - leading to another bridleway in South Oxfordshire	Surface - Path consists of tarmac surface off Hemdean Rd leading to Hemdean (Bugs) Bottom. At Hemdean (Bugs) Bottom the path surface changes to coxwell gravel. Signage -- No signage, except for one in the boundary with the next county which indicate that the route is suitable for horses	Is a bridleway in addition to footpath Two concrete posts on the rise by the Gravel Hill entrance Road closed off with bollards). Path accessible to all users, although slightly steep.	Action 1: To link path at Hemdean (Bugs) Bottom with off-path tracks used around Hemdean (Bugs) Bottom so that the tracks are useable for those with mobility difficulties. Action 2: Improve onward links into S. Oxfordshire, or publicity. Action3 - Add signage.
17	Footpath (FP)	From: Bend in Richfield Avenue, N along Cow Lane. To: Thames Towpath at Thameside Promenade.	4m	Leads from Cows Lane into Thames Path FP01. From Cows Lane it links into the off-road cycling network R5.	Surface -- Path has a gravel surface Signage -- Path is sign posted however its pointing in the wrong direction. There is no sign at the end of the route. Parking - parking for Reading Festival may obstruct access - but route is closed to cars	Vehicle barriers at both ends, closed for cars. Reading festival closes off route 17 which makes it hard to access route 1.	Action1: The sign at the entrance on Cow Lane is pointing in the wrong direction and needs correcting. Install a sign at the other end of the route. Action2: improve surface consider upgrade to bridleway
19A	Footpath (FP)	From: Upper Woodcote Road opp Crispin Close W along Blagrave Farm Lane. To: County boundary at Blagrave Farm.	4m	Good Condition Goes along the driveway of houses - leads to boundary with South Oxfordshire	Path Surface - Path surface made of loose stone. Signage - Path sign posted requires attention	Is a driveway for the houses off the path. Large Gravel will be very difficult for wheelchairs	Action 1: Signage - requires attending - beginning - Upper Wood Cote Road missing number -- end signage - information on a path via golf club to South Oxfordshire. Action 2: Consider Change surface as will be difficult for those with mobility issues
19B	Footpath (FP)	From: Woodcote Road at junction with Woodcote Way NW. To: Upper Woodcote Road at junction with Crispin Close.	1- 1.5m	Begins in an entrance in parking of a house. A useful path to shorten journey -- but narrow and behind back of houses	Surface - Natural bark. Cleansing -- There is a high volume of rubbish on this footpath. Signage -- The path is sign posted however it requires improvement. There is also a fly tipping sign at this location. Vegetation -- The vegetation on this route is overgrown Safety -- A recent clearance of the vegetation and rubbish saw an increase of crime.	Path cannot be used before clearing vegetation and rubbish blocking path The path is very narrow and the surface could make it difficult for wheelchair users and pushchairs.	Action 1: Undertake thorough clearing and vegetation removal Action 2: Work with Thames Valley Police to promote security. Recent clearance appears to increase crime. Action 3: Path reportedly too narrow for comfortable use, investigate width improvement Action 4 Signage exists at start and end -- but numbers fell off at one side.
20	Bridleway	From: County Boundary S of Gravel Hill ESE. To: The Warren.	3-4m	The path is along The Warren and is used for horses running in addition to walking.	Surface - is currently unimproved (soil and stones). Vegetation - is well maintained. Tree Trunk lying on the floor Signage - Path sign posted. Numbers missing. Fly tipping signs exist at this location.	Bridleway Gate at the end of the roadway going into the path Tree Trunk lying on the floor where connects to the path number 46	Action 1: Accessibility could be improved. Action 2: Path surface could be enhanced. Action: 3: Clearing out the tree trunk Action 4: improve the signage as the number of the path are missing
21	Footpath (FP)	From: Forbury Road at Blakes Bridge, W along N sides River Kennet and Holybrook. To: Abbey Street.	3m	It is surrounded by buildings, most of them are offices and the Abbey Ruins -- in central Reading	Surface - Tarmacked path surface Vegetation - well maintained. Signage - No signs at particular points	Well used path with no identified access issues.	Action1: add Signage - no signage at points where path leaves Abbey Street, not obvious there is a ROW under or around an office block. 'Tourist' Abbey Quarter signage doesn't show footpaths.
21A	Footpath (FP)	From: The slope on the eastern boundary of Forbury Road, NE, E & ESE along the north side and abutting the River Kennet. To:	3m	Access awkward at Forbury Rd end however beyond this continuing to Chestnut Walk RoW is accessible.	Surface - Tarmacked path surface Vegetation - Needs urban vegetation control and has overgrown trees and buddleia, especially at access off Forbury Road Signage -No Path signage	A lowered width of approx. 4m Accessed at each end by steps (Points X,Y) Railings and retaining wall between Points X and Y 2 bollards between Points I and J	Action 1: Investigate and where possible improve path accessibility. Action 2: Undertake urban vegetation control and cut back overgrown trees Action 3: Add signage for the path.

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		The footway alongside Gas Works Road.					
22	Footpath (FP)	From: Peppard Road, Emmer Green, opp Kidmore End Road junction, E along Milestone Way and N. To: County Boundary SW of Foxhill Lane.	2-3m	Long path. Leads to Primary Schools and Shopping area by Peppard Road Joins path 38, at that point the path is already in the woodlands	Surface - made of tarmac until the bridge after which a soil surface is found Vegetation - well maintained Cleaning - Issues with graffiti and other rubbish. Signage - Path sign posted requires improvement.	Well used path with no identified access issues.	Action 1: Implement a graffiti removal programme. Action 2: Add Signage to the middle of the path-joining paths make it not clear. Action 3: Clear out rubbish under the bridge Action 4: Improve the path surface after the bridge
24	Footpath	From: Promenade Road SE and E along River Thames in Christchurch Playing Fields and NE. To: Mill Road opposite Mill Green.	3-4m	runs along the River Thames where there is a swan & duck sanctuary. Joins with cycle path NCN4 and lead to cycle path R60 Links to Footpath 25	Surface - Tarmacked path surface Cleansing – areas of the path are covered in duck/swan mess. Lighting – The path is lighted. Vegetation – The vegetation along this route is well maintained. Signage - No signage at end of path when joining FP 25. Cycle symbols looking worn away. Safety - fast travelling cyclists but there is a lot of space	A barrier in one of the exit for cars	Action 1: Check if renewing cycle signage is required and add direction signs Action 2: Clear duck/swan mess
25	Footpath	From: Thames Towpath NE via Caversham Lock and View Island. To: Junction with Mill Road and Mill Green.	2-3m	It goes along the View Island. Links central Reading to Lower Caversham Cross Caversham where then the path goes across Caversham Lock Links to path 24	Surface - Tarmacked path surface which is prone to flooding. Lighting – The path is lighted however dark in places. Vegetation – The vegetation along this route is well maintained Signage – The Cycle symbols are looking worn. The path is sign posted but needs improving. Safety: wood bridge requires maintenance	Well used path with no identified access issues.	Action 1: Improve surface / drainage in areas prone to flooding. Action 2: Renew path cycle signage. Action 3: Review the condition of the wood bridge, Action 4: Improve signage (missing the number of the path) Action 5: Undertake a lighting review.
26	Footpath (FP)	From: Bath Road, almost opposite Circuit Lane, NNE across Prospect Park. To: Tilehurst Road near junction with Liebenrood Road.	3m	Cross Prospect Park and Links Bath Road to Tilehurst Road	Surface - Tarmacked path surface. Pothole were identified along the route. Signage - Path sign posted Vegetation – Trees were hanging over the path. Cleansing – Bins were full.	Steep access Bollards where crossing the road width 1.5m – narrow access for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Potholes along the route	Action 1: Empty bins more regularly Action 2: Cut trees hanging on path more frequently Action 3 : Fix potholes and before crossing the road
27	Footpath (FP)	From: St Saviour's Road N across Coley Recreation Ground. To: Holybrook Road, opp Shaw Road.	2m	Cross Coley Recreation Ground Links St Saviour's Road to Holybrook Road	Surface - Tarmacked path surface. Vegetation - Oak Tree root damage to path Signage – Path sign posted on one side Cleansing – A lot of litter along the route.	The path is too narrow with a width of 1-1.5 meters – narrow access for wheelchairs and pushchairs. There is a chicane gate at St Saviours Road Very Steep Gradient	Action 1: Improve signage: One side missing the other damaged Action 2: Clear litter from along the route Action 3: Investigate options to widen the path Action 4: Investigate resurfacing the route – specifically where tree roots come out Action 5: consider changing the gate
28	Footpath (FP)	From: Bend in Commercial Road, N behind Gillette factory. To: West end Manor Farm Road.	3m	Kennet Island A diversion of existing path to Longship Ways a private road	Surface - Tarmacked path surface with tactile pathing crossing roads Signage – Path is not sign posted Safety – Due to the pavements being narrow users may have to move onto the road .	Narrow pavements	Action 1: Review signage along this route
29	Footpath (FP)	From: Oxford Road (A329) at the Roebuck Hotel, NE, NW and NE. To:	2m	Joining Thames Path PF01 from Oxford Road.	Surface – The path surface is made of steps (anti slip surface/stone). Signage – Path sign posted. Signage on entrance from Oxford Road and when arriving to FP01- no number in one direction	Crossing over the railway which is all steps -access for bikes very difficult Access for wheelchairs is not possible.	Action1: -Add no parking marking at entrance from Oxford Road Action2: improve Signage – entrance from Oxford Road missing number

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		Footpath 1 (Thames Towpath) at the foot of the footbridge steps.			Safety – Cars parked on the route cause visibility issues.	Cars parking can hide entrance on the route	
30	Crane Wharf – Footpath (FP)	From: Kings Road at Crown Bridge, S and W along Crane and Highbridge Wharf. To: Duke Street at High Bridge.	1-4m	Path located in the town centre along the Kennet River in parts an attractive riverside walk	Surface - Tarmacked and paved path surface. Signage – No/broken signage Vegetation - overgrown buddleia and trees in places. Cleansing - some broken glass on steps to Kings Road. Safety – Parked cars can cause access issues.	No slopes but path ends in steps up to Kings Road bridge unsuitable for wheelchairs parking at various points block easy access past parked cars.	Action 1: Improve signage Action 2: Undertake Vegetation Control Action 3: Clean from rubbish and broken glass
31	Footpath (FP)	From: Burghfield Road E along N side Holybrook and N. To: Brunel Road	1-4m	Cross Southcote Linear Park Along Holy Brook. The Entrance from Burgfield road is dangerous with no proper place to cross the road and limited visibility	Surface – The Path surface is made of stone and grass. There are large potholes on the entry from Brunel Road. Vegetation – the stone surface has been overgrown by grass etc in places Signage - Path sign posted however there is no signage on the entrance Safety – The riverbank is not reinforced at places.	The grass paths are very narrow with less than 1 m Barrier -Exit into FP40 has barrier Suitable for walking /mountain bikes - not wheelchairs, regular bikes & pushchairs	Action 1: Improve surface including potholes. Action 2: Investigate options to widen the path. Action 3: improve /add signage Action 4: improve reinforcement of riverbank.
32	Footpath (FP)	From: FP19a Shinfield SE and N. To: A33/M4 interchange.	2m	On the boundary with Wokingham local Authority	Surface - Tarmacked path surface. Signage – Path is sign posted	Good condition path with no identified access issues.	No actions identified.
33	Footpath (FP)	From: Peppard Road, south of Balmore Drive WSW, NNW along the track to the rear of properties in Balmore Drive and across the recreation area. To: Rotherfield Way between properties 2 and 4.	2-4m	Passes at the back of houses, Half of the path is through the middle of a field. Links to National Cycle route NCN5 and joins a cycle route	Surface - Path surface is unimproved (soil/turf) from Peppard Rd / Balmore Drive and gravel. Path goes from Rotherfield Way on stone then across grass then back onto stone/gravel. Vegetation – requires more control and the branches of trees are too low. Signage - Path is sign posted. The sign by Peppard Rd Requires improvement. There is also a no-fly tipping sign on this route	Has a pedestrian gate	Action 1: Investigate usage from Peppard Rd / Balmore Drive. Action 2: Improve path surface from Peppard Rd / Balmore Drive to the bottom path leading to Rotherfield Way. Action 3: improve signage where the path joins in the NCN and correct the wrong direction signs in the middle of the route Action 4: Clear vegetation, branches too low for tall pedestrians where the path joins in the NCN
36	Footpath (FP)	From: The Holybrook at rear of property No 101 St Saviour's Road SW, W, S and E alongside Holybrook and N side of railway. To: Railway underpass	2m	The path goes along the Holy Brook The majority of this path is along water meadows and the brook with views of cows grazing and the Chrischurch steeple in the distance.	Surface – The path surface is grass but it can get flooded if there is a lot of water flow. Most of the footpath is well defined along the bank of the Holybrook Vegetation - the east end of the route is getting overgrown with stinging nettles. There are also two Fallen Trees. Signage - Path sign posted. Safety – The riverbank is not reinforced at places.	Gates at points H and C and stiles at points D and GI Needs to be extended at east end to highway.	Action 1: Following the heavy rain of the winter there is an area of the Holybrook bank that has been breached with a strong flow of water into the water meadows south of Coley. The flow of water is such that it constitutes a blockage of the footpath and is about two meters across. This should be repaired so that the footpath can remain open all year. Action 2: Review adding proper access to old railway line to make path more useful at west end. Action 3: Vegetation clearance between Holybrook and old railway bridge including removal of fallen tree. Clear vegetation out at the exit into FP6. Action 4: Investigate surface upgrades to the East end of path; this would be a useful walking route path from Coley Park to A33. Action 5: Investigate extending right of way at east end to highway. Action 6: improve reinforcement of riverbank.
37	Footpath (FP)	From: Recreation Road between Blagrove Nursery School and property No 12. To: Gratwicke Road adjacent to property No 1.	3m	The path goes along a residential area.	Surface – The path surface is made of tarmac, gravel and sand Signage - Path sign posted well Vegetation - Overgrown vegetation where cars pass	Narrow at places.	Action 1: Clear overgrown vegetation Action 2: Explore if path is needed due to low usage by non-residents as there is another path in the vicinity which leads to the same road. Action 3: Improve the surface especially sand and grass Action 4: widen the path at some places
38	Footpath	From: Caversham Park Road opp its junction with Northbrook Road, ENE.	4m	Path crosses the woodlands Path leads to the countryside and borders with South Oxfordshire County	Surface – The path surface is natural. Path in the woods, roots coming out from the soil Vegetation – branches may pose a problem for taller pedestrians or cyclists.	Surface uneven and may not be suitable for persons with reduced mobility or visual impairment. Only mountain bikes can use	Action 1: Undertake vegetation Control - specifically height of tree branches Action 2: Improve signage where the path ends in Reading and starts in the next county

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		To: FP22.			Signage – Path is sign posted with one sign at the beginning of the path Lighting – There is no lighting. The path is in the middle of the woods		
39	Chalkhouse Green Lane - Byway	From: Peppard Road N of Rosehill House NW. To: Oxfordshire County Boundary	3m	A Byway (cars & horses) - leading to stables.	Path surface - made of recycled road plannings. After heavy rainfall the path surface can get muddy/ puddles due to the number of holes on the surface Signage - Path sign posted- one in the entrance	Road surface very bad, uneven with bumps and potholes	Action 1: improve surface to get rid of the potholes.
40	Footpath (FP)	From: FP31 Reading at the southern end of the driveway leading to Brunel Rd,E,SE,ENE,E, S and E. To: FP5 Reading at a point between the Railway and the Holy Brook grid.469437 171586.	2-3m	Runs along the Holy Brook and crosses Southcote Linear Park Leads to Path 5 and Path 31	Surface – The path surface is made of gravel/stone and natural. There is Rotten wood on the path edge causing a tripping hazard. The path is subject to flood and become muddy, causing it to become unusable in the winter. Cleansing – There is minor littering near the carpark and towards the end of the path. Signage – the path signage along the route requires improvement. Lighting – There is no lighting along this route. Safety – The riverbank is not reinforced at places.	Handrail between Points C-D A few steep narrow bends with no vision	Action 1: Improve signage on cross to FP4 and FP5 Action 2: Improve surface of path including rotten wood on path sides consider a gravel surface Actions3: Undertake works to preventing from flooding Action 4: Address littering. Action 5: improve reinforcement of riverbank and repair eroded bank sections.
41	Horseclose Path – Footpath (FP)	From: Henley Road by property number 110 NNW. To: Chiltern Road between property number 111 and number 1 Cawsam Gardens.	2-3m	One of the exits is located where the shops are on Henley Road Flat path and busy at rush-hours	Surface – The path surface is made of mostly tarmac with gravel in places. There are areas where the gravel has gone causing trip hazards. Signage – the path has signage at both ends of the route. Vegetation - not well maintained. Anti-Social behaviour - Anti-social issues on the path have been reported; fires started, litter, burglary, shouting, dog mess, peeping toms, etc. Cleansing – A Dog waste bin and litter bin have been provided.	Two vehicular bollards on the entrance from Chiltern Road Route very narrow at places	Action 1: Investigate ways of solving anti-social issues with Thames Valley Police. Action 2: Re-surface path at some places to resolve trip hazards Action 3: Investigate path usage to identify if it serves a purpose. Action 4: Clear overgrown vegetation Action5: investigate widening the path.
42	Footpath (FP)	From: The track adjacent to Felton Way between properties 66 & 68 Chapel Hill. To: Lower Elmstone Drive.	1-2m	The path links residential streets.	Surface – The path surface is made of concrete however it is not in good condition with potholes and cracks. Signage – Path is not sign posted Vegetation – Vegetation is overgrown on this route. Cleansing – There was a lot of litter along this route.	There is a slope on this route. There is poor access from Felton way and no direct way to cross Felton Road to the other side. Footpaths are narrow between houses	Action 1: Add signage to the entrance & exit of the path Action 2: Clear litter from along the route Action 3: replace the fence in a corner where there is a gap Action 4: Clear overgrown vegetation Action 5: Improve the surface of the path
43	Footpath (FP)	From: The NW boundary of property no.3 Hewett Close,SE,SW following bend of Hewett Ave. To: The boundary of property no.29 Hewett Ave,extending in width eastwards to Mapledurham Playing Fields boundary.	3m	Circular path	Surface – The path surface is naturally earth and grassy. Signage - Path is sign posted however there is poor signage where one of the posts are not visible	Trees centrally located within the area	Action 1: Consider the usage options of this RoW. Action 2: Requires maintenance
44	Footpath (FP)	From: The bend in the south-eastern arm of Wensley Rd, SE and E across the old Allotment Gardens. To: Footpath 6A at The Brookmill.	3m	Can be used as a route to St Marry all saints. Off road walk to school. Links Wensley road with FP06A	Surface – The path surface is naturally grassy. In the winter the path surface has puddles Cleansing – There is minor littering on the route Signage – Path is not sign posted	There is a gate on this route	Action 1: Undertake cleansing of rubbish along the route. Action 2: Undertake a review of how the surface can be improved Action 3: add signage to the route including at the crossroad.
45	Bridleway	From:	1-2m	Links to Footpath 20. You can reach upper warren avenue	Surface - Path surface is unimproved (soil and stones). Signage - Path is sign posted	Slope Narrow at places.	Action 1: explore improvements to path accessibility Action 2: improve / enhance surface

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		The junction of Blagrave Lane with Upper Warren Avenue, SW, and W. To: Bridleway 20 Reading east of the County Boundary.		Horses are allowed In the middle of woodlands	Vegetation – The vegetation overground could be dangerous for those who use a horse		Action 3: Undertake vegetation control.
46	Footpath (FP)	From: A bend in the track approx.23 metres SW of the junction of Blagrave Lane with Upper Warren Ave., SW, WSW and SW. To: Bridleway 20 Reading opposite the track leading to Chazey Court Farm.	2m	Links the Warren to Upper Warren Avenue.	Surface - Path surface is unimproved (soil and stones). The path can be very slippery. Signage – The path is sign posted at just one end. A Fly tipping sign also exists at this location. Safety - The existing handrail is a wire barber which has been covered by clothes, to prevent people from touching it and get injured. Vegetation - Overground vegetation and fallen logs on the track. There are also a few low tree trunks on the route.	There is a very steep slope on the route which is not suitable for those with mobility difficulties. The surface of the route can be very slippery. A few low trunks	Action 1: explore improvements to path accessibility Action 2: improve / enhance surface Action 3: Replace the existing wire barber for a sager handrail that could help people to go up to the hill in a safer way. Action4: Clear overgrown vegetation that is overground.
47	Footpath	From: The southern end of Russet Glade alongside the boundary fence of property 42 Russet Glade To: Along the road and eastern footway known as Jefferson Close to its junction with Wordsworth Court and the adopted length of road leading to Kiln Road.	1-2	Access via footway and private residential street, linking Russet Glade to Kiln Road.	Surface – asphalt path and road surface leading to Kiln Road. Lighting – Present but not sufficient and requires improvement. Signage – Path is not sign posted	The route has a big slope Th route surface could make it difficult for wheelchair users. Narrow at places.	Action 1: Add signage to the route. Action 2: Undertake a review of the lighting along the route.

Table B: Combined Footpaths Statement for Action Plan

Action ID	ROWIP Theme	Action	List of Footpaths	Priority Footpaths	Lead in RBC
	General	Good Condition - limited or no actions	1 East, 6A, 7, 9, 17, 21,24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 37, 38, 39, 43, 47		
1.6	Information	Add signage to routes with no signage or insufficient	1 East, 2,3,5,6, 6a, 8, 10, 11, 11a,11b, 12, 13,16, 17, 19a, 19b, 20, 21,21A, 22, 21,24, 25, 27,28,29, 30,31,33,36,38, 40, 42,44, 46, 47	28,13	Parks Network Management
1.7	Information	Map Board - adding /map boards to paths	1 East, 1 West, 1 Bridges, 2, 16		Parks Network Management
2.1	Condition	Surface improvement	1 West,2,3,5,6, 7, 8,10,11,11b,12,13,15, 16, 17, 19a,20,22,25,27,31,33,36,37,39,40,41,44,42,46	13,1 West	Parks Network Management
2.2	Condition	Vegetation Control	1 West,2,4,7,8,10,11,11a,11b,13,15,19b,20, 21A, 30, 33,36,37,41,42, 45,46	19b, 46	Parks Network Management
2.3	Condition	Riverbank reinforcement	1 West,6,31,36,40		
2.4	Condition	Drainage and flood control	5,6,7,8,36,40	36,40	Parks Network Management
2.5	Condition	Clean litter and rubbish	1 East, 1 West, 1 Bridges ,3, 4, 13,19b,22,24,26,27,30, 40, 42,44	19b	Street Care
2.7	Condition	Improve Foot bridges	10, 22,25, 1East	1 East	Parks Network Management
4.13	Rights of way extension	Review disjoint, short or not used paths question for replacing /extending/diverting	36, 37		
5.1-5.6	Access to all	Changes to Gate/barrier/bridge/steps to improve access	1 Bridges, 1East, 3,4, 5,6, 6a,7,8,20,21a,27,46	1 East bridge	Transport planning
6.5	Safety	Width of path - increase	2,6,8,15,19b, 27,30,31,41		Parks Network Management
6.1	Safety	Add lighting on dark paths	1 East, 19b, 25,30		Street care
6.2,6.4	Safety	Address illegal activity	1 West,2,3, 19b	3	Street care
6.3	Safety	Reduce public conflicts on path	1 West, 2,3,4, 19b,41		
6.6	Safety	Gratify removal program	22,4		Street Care
6.7	Safety	Reduce Illegal use of path	19b, 1 West		
5.1-5.5	Access to all	Changes to Gate/barrier/bridge/steps to improve access	1 Bridges, 1East, 3,4, 5,6, 6a,7,8,20,21a,27,46	1 East bridge	Transport planning

Priority Paths and Actions

As a result of the ROW condition surveys, the Council has identified a number of key activities as outlined in the various action plans contained within this Appendix and the wider ROWIP. Whilst this is not an exhaustive list of priorities, the Council has identified within Table C and D below a list of priority actions based upon the results of condition audits (Table C), and the popularity of the paths/routes and their links to key destinations / uses (Table D). As part of our ongoing review of the ROWs, the Council will review how the other routes in the network can be improved, promoting wider use and enjoyment of the entire network.

The Council will continue to work with local residents and user groups to maintain its list of priorities and identify a collaborative approach for the ongoing maintenance of all routes. All actions are subject to resource and funding constraints.

Table C - Priorities identified during Footpath Audits

Action ID	ROWIP Theme	Action	Priority Footpaths
1.6	Information	Add signage to routes with no signage or insufficient	28,13
2.1	Condition	Surface improvement	13,1 West
2.2	Condition	Vegetation Control	19b, 46
2.4	Condition	Drainage and flood control	36,40
2.5	Condition	Clean litter and rubbish	19b
2.7	Condition	Improve Foot bridges	1 East
5.1-5.6	Access to all	Changes to Gate/barrier/bridge/steps to improve access	1 East bridge
6.2,6.4	Safety	Address illegal activity	3
5.1-5.5	Access to all	Changes to Gate/barrier/bridge/steps to improve access	1 East bridge

Table D - Priorities identified due to Footpath use and key links

Footpaths	Route and links	Key Links/uses	Key Actions Required
1, 17, 29	Major leisure route along the River Thames that links to primary walking routes Links West Berkshire -Reading-Wokingham Part of NCN 05 - national cycle path	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thames Promenade Kings Meadows Thames Valley Park Thames & Kennet Marina Shops Reading Town Centre Caversham Local Centre Caversham / Reading Bridge Offices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adding /map boards to paths (1 East, 1West, 1 between bridges). Add /improve signage (1,17,29) Add lighting on dark paths (1East) Improve access (1East, 1 Between bridges). Clean litter and rubbish (1 East and 1 between bridges) Vegetation control (1 West) Surface improvement (1West) Address illegal activity (1 West) Riverbank reinforcement (1 West) Improve surface (17)
12, 24, 25	Major leisure route by the Thames that links into Footpath 1 - Thames's path promenade NCN 05 - national cycle path	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thames Promenade Rivermead Leisure Centre Thames & Kennet Marina NCN-05 cycle path Shops Reading Town Centre Caversham Local Centre Caversham / Reading Bridge Offices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surface improvement (12,25) Add /improve signage (12,25,24) Drainage and flood control (25) Add lighting on dark paths (25) Improve Foot bridges (25) Add lighting on dark paths (25) Clean litter and rubbish (24)
2 and 8	Continuing from West Berkshire Footpaths to Reading Town centre NCN04 cycle path	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Along the River Kennet Island Waterland Nature reserve Waterloo Meadows NCN04 cycle path Reading Town Centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adding /map boards to paths (2) Add /improve signage (2,8) Width of path - increase (2) Vegetation control (2,8) Reduce public conflicts on path (2) Riverbank reinforcement (2) Surface improvement (8) Changes to gates /barrier/ bridge/ steps to improve access (8)
2, 4, 5, 31 and 40	Southcote to Reading town centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holybrook and River Kennet Island Waterland Nature reserve Reading Town Centre Waterloo Meadows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adding /map boards to paths (2,40) Add /improve signage (2,5,31) Width of path - increase (2,31) Vegetation control (2,4) Reduce public conflicts on path / Anti-Social behaviour (2,4) Riverbank reinforcement (2,31,40) improve access (4,5). Clean litter and rubbish (4,40) Improve surface / Drainage and flood control (5,31,40)

Footpaths	Route and links	Key Links/uses	Key Actions Required
2, 6, 6A, 36 and 44	Coley Park - Reading town Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Along the Holy brook and later River Kennet Reading Town Centre Rose Kiln Lane retail park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adding /map boards to paths (2) Add /improve signage (2,6,6A,40) Width of path - increase (2,6) Vegetation control (2,36) Reduce public conflicts (2) Riverbank reinforcement (2,36) Changes to gates /barrier/ bridge/ steps to improve access(6,6A) Improve surface /drainage and flood control (6,36,40) Review extending the path (36) Clean litter and rubbish (40)
21, 21A and 30	Town centre walk links into primary walking routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partly along the River Kennet The Abby Historical site Reading Town Centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add /improve signage (21,21A,30) Vegetation control (21A,30) Changes to gates /barrier/ bridge/ steps to improve access(21A) Clean litter and rubbish (30)
6, 6A, 10, 11, 11A, 36 and 44	Coley walk to Green Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Across Holybrook /along Kennet Green Park business park Reading Gate Retail Park Reading Campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adding /map boards to paths (2) Add /improve signage (6,6A,10,11,11A,44) Width of path - increase (6) Vegetation control (10,11,11A,36) Riverbank reinforcement (36) Improve access(6,6A,10) Improve surface /Drainage and flood control (6,10,11A,36,44) Review extending the path (36) Clean litter and rubbish (44)
2, 5, 10, 11, 11A, 31 and 40	Southcote walk to Green Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Along Holybrook Across the River Kennet Green Park business park Reading Gate Retail Park Reading Campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adding /map boards to paths (2) Add /improve signage (2,5,10,11,11A,31,40) Width of path - increase (2,31) Vegetation control (2,10,11,11A) Reduce public conflicts on path (2) Riverbank reinforcement (2,31,40) Improve access (5,10) Improve surface /Drainage and flood control (5,10,11A,31,40) Clean litter and rubbish (40)