

Our first Rights of Way Improvement Plan was published in November 2007 as a result of The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (Section 60) placing a duty on all local highway authorities to prepare a Rights of Way Improvement Plan. We are currently considering whether to review and update this plan to produce our second Rights of Way Improvement Plan and assessing the network based on current and likely future use, emerging strategies, to better integrate the routes into the overall transport network and keep the network up-to-date and well maintained.

Given the urban nature of Reading, the Rights of Way network is relatively small compared to other areas, with 44 footpaths, three bridleways and one restricted byway. However, its importance should not be underestimated; there are some key routes connecting people to key destinations, such as the town centre, Reading Station, Green Park and Thames Valley Business Park, that are used by people traveling to work and school as well as rural-type routes that are attractive for leisure purposes.

The ROWIP forms a sub-strategy to our emerging fourth Local Transport Plan and will set out plans to enhance our Rights of Way network to provide a better experience for its users and to encourage more people to choose to walk or cycle for local journeys, or as part of longer multi-modal journeys. The Rights of Way Improvement Plan will sit alongside the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, which sets out our long-term aspirations for cycling and walking, and better integrate routes into the overall transport network.

We are inviting you, the people who use our network or represent those that do, to have your say on how you currently use our network and what you think we could do to enhance it.

Question 1: What routes do you use on Reading's Rights of Way Network?

[Tick all that apply, route numbers can be seen on a map [here](#)]

1	12	23	34
2	13	24	35
3	14	25	36
4	15	26	37
5	16	27	38
6/6A	17	28	39
7	18	29	40
8	19/19A/19B	30	41
9	20	31	42
10	21/21A	32	43
11/11A/11B	22	33	44

Question 2: When do you use Reading’s Rights of Way Network?

Early Morning (0500 to 0700)

Early Evening (1600 to 1900)

Morning (0700 to 1000)

Evening (1900 to 1000)

Daytime (1000 to 1600)

Night (1000 to 0500)

Question 3: How often do you use Reading’s Rights of Way Network?

Everyday

Weekdays

Once to twice a week

Weekend only

Three to four times a week

Question 4: How do you currently travel on Reading’s Rights of Way Network?

Walk

Horse

Cycle

Other

Question 5: How would you like to travel on Reading’s Rights of Way Network?

Walk

Horse

Cycle

Other

Question 6: What purpose do you use Reading’s Rights of Way Network for?

Commuting

Leisure

Education

Other

If other please state what for:

Question 7: Do you have difficulty accessing the Rights of Way network due to mobility restrictions?

Yes

No

If yes, why (i.e. is there restrictive infrastructure / surfacing)?

Question 8: Does anything deter you from using Reading’s Rights of Way Network?

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Question 9: What would encourage you to use Reading’s Rights of Way Network more?

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Question 10 - Are you aware of any historical Public Rights of Way that are not recorded on the Definitive Map?

Details of the Public Rights of Way recorded on the Definitive Map are available here
[insert hyperlink]

Yes

No

If yes, please give details of the location, description of the way, type of use and details of when it was publicly accessible.

Please write any further comments you have relating to our Rights of Way Network in the box below:

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