

Update from the Definitive Map Team

A report by the Head of Regulatory Services to Kent County Council's Regulation Committee on Tuesday 22nd January 2013.

Recommendation:

I recommend that Members receive this report.

Production of a new Definitive Map and Statement

1. As explained at the meeting on 15th May 2012, the Countryside Access Service has been in the process of producing a new Definitive Map & Statement (DMS).
2. The project has involved the creation of an electronic record and the careful checking of that new data set. All modifications i.e. diversions, extinguishments, additions, upgrades/downgrades which had been made to the 1987 Map have been incorporated within the new map.
3. During the summer months, a 3 month consultation took place giving the opportunity for people to examine a draft of the updated DMS and to raise queries about anything contained within it. Over 100 issues were raised, all of which were reviewed and changes made where legally possible i.e. where an Order had been missed or the alignment of a route had been incorrectly interpreted. If it was not possible to make the change requested, the consultee was informed of the reason why. All responses have been logged in a spreadsheet for future reference.
4. Following the consultation, the final layouts were completed incorporating any additional changes which had come into force prior to 12 December 2012. The new DMS was proposed to have a relevant date of 12 December 2012; however it has come to light since writing my first report that we may have to delay the publication and circulation of the new DMS until all outstanding Orders have been resolved. There are currently a number of Orders with the Planning Inspectorate awaiting determination and a few Orders which have received objections and therefore require submitting to the Planning Inspectorate.
5. The County Council is going to seek further advice on this issue as it could potentially delay the publication by a considerable amount of time whilst the Planning Inspectorate process the Orders. It also has the potential to delay existing case work. I will of course up date you further once we are in receipt of the advice.

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6. I RECOMMEND Members receive this report.

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