

SLOUGH LOCAL ACCESS FORUM – 17th July 2008

REPORT ON: SITE VISIT (25TH APRIL 2008) AND PROGRESS TO IMPROVE NEW BRIDLEWAY LINK TO JUBILEE RIVER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Local Access Forum about the site visit that took place on 25th April 2008 to the new Bridleway link to the Jubilee River from the Mercian Recreation Ground in Cippenham.

Those in attendance were; Malcolm Hellings, Jean Woods, Bruce Hicks, Gerald Pleace, Dave Wallis and Jacqui Wheeler.

2. OUTCOMES

2.1 The following works were identified along the route. Slough Enterprise have quoted for and carried out these works. The works now need to be checked and payment authorised.

- Surface improvements where the route runs adjacent to the motorway. Rake out the new width of footpath, removing all potential hazards and levelling out the surface for use by horse riders, cyclists and walkers
- Removal of racist graffiti at various points along the route
- Install Bridleway signs at the M4 embankment and at a point just south of the Roundmoor Ditch bridleway bridge.
- Install way markers at appropriate points – eg; the bridleway bridge south of the woods
- Clear vegetation throughout the woods including the removal of an elder tree and brambles at a pinch point to allow 3m width on the route.
- Remove parts of the willow tree that are causing a danger to users of the path.
- Cut back the willow tree by the stream in the corner of the field that is obscuring the sign located there.
- Repair wooden railings on bridleway bridge at south end of the woods and define a 3m path width leading from the bridge north into the woods. Vegetation growth has encroached onto necessary path width.

2.2 The Highways Agency needs to be contacted again concerning the M4 bridge parapets. They had previously agreed that they would make an application for funding to increase the height of the parapets in line with current standards (1.8m high metal post and 5 rail parapet). **JW to action.**

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2.3 Once all works are completed carry out a further safety audit and discuss possibilities for publicity for the opening of the route.

2.4 Photos taken on 25th April 2008.



2.5 Photo taken with contractor on 21st May 2008



Section of the bridleway adjacent to the M4.