

West Berkshire Council, Public Rights of Way Legal Order Priority Case List: April 2025 - April 2026
(PINS = Planning Inspectorate)

Case Type*	Title	Parish	Ward	Description
DMMO & PPO	Initial assessments of new queries and proposals as they come in	All	All	Provisions from the Deregulation Act 2015 are due to come into effect, that will put a statutory requirement for initial assessment decisions on Public Path Orders (PPOs) and Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMOs) applications within 4, and 3, months, respectively. At present, many proposals and queries come in each year. These are assessed straight away, and preliminary investigations are carried out. At present the Council has a discretion to process Path Orders, although it has an obligation to determine all duly made DMMO applications. Accepted cases that are then prioritized make it onto the annual caselist. Refused cases do not appear on any caselist, but the investigation and informal assessment still take time and resource.
DMMO	Opposed Definitive Map Modification Order at Saltney Mead (Pangbourne)	Pangbourne	Pangbourne	An order to record this route as a public footpath was confirmed, but then quashed by the High Court in 2023 as the decision to confirm the order made by the PINS was flawed. Since then the principle question of Foot and Mouth Disease closures in public rights of way cases went to High Court in February 2025, but the decision has since been appealed. Currently for a decision.
DMMO	Opposed Definitive Map Modification Orders at Springs Farm (Purley-on-Thames)	Purley-on-Thames	Tilehurst & Purley	An order to record this route as a public footpath was confirmed, but then quashed by the High Court in 2023 as the decision to confirm the order made by the PINS was flawed. Since then the principle question of Foot and Mouth Disease closures in public rights of way cases went to High Court in February 2025, but the decision has since been appealed. Currently for a decision.
DMMO	Westridge Green	Aldworth	Basildon	no certificate yet
DMMO	Thatcham Whitelands Road	Thatcham	Thatcham North East	PINS appeal from14th May 2025
DMMO	Battery End, Wash Common, Newbury	Newbury	Newbury Wash Common	PINS appeal from Aug 2025
PPO	Broadview Farm, public bridleway diversion order	Bucklebury & Cold Ash	Bucklebury, and Chieveley & Cold Ash	Order made 5th August 2025, and advertised for objection from 14th August 2025 to 15th September 2025
Ongoing cases waiting PINS determination				
DMMO	Byway Open to All Traffic Cold Ash 5 (MOD291 width case)	Cold Ash	Chieveley & Cold Ash	Application to record a width for the Byway Open to All Traffic on small corner section of lane between The White House, Wynd Wood and Holly Lodge. WBC decision made NOT to make order, 30th May 2024. Applicant lodged PINS appeal (ROW3347492). PINS refused the Appeal.
DMMO	Claimed public footpath: Kintbury, Station Road running west along Barton Court outer driveway to public footpath Kint/14	Kintbury	Hungerford & Kintbury	Application to record a public footpath leading from Station Road westwards to existing public footpath Kintbury 14, east of Barton Court. Decision to make order made 18th March 2024. Order made 2nd July 2024. Objection from landowner. Case submitted to PINS for determination.
DMMO	Purley Meadows, Purley-on-Thames	Purley-on-Thames	Tilehurst & Purley	WBC made order to record public footpaths. Objections received. WBC has now submitted to PINS for determination.
DMMO	Hungerford, Eddington Mill path	Hungerford	Hungerford & Kintbury	WBC made order to record public footpath. Objections received. WBC has now submitted to PINS for determination.
DMMO	Heath Hanger Lane, Kintbury	Kintbury	Hungerford & Kintbury	WBC refused application to record Restricted Byway status: applicant appealed to PINS. WBC has submitted comments on appeal
DMMO	Chieveley 46 public footpath	Chieveley	Chieveley & Cold Ash	WBC refused application to record Public Bridleway status: applicant appealed to PINS. WBC has submitted comments on appeal
OLDER CASES REQUIRING ATTENTION				
DMMO	Tilehust - Calcot Centre to Farm Drive claimed public footpath	Tilehurst	Tilehurst Birch Copse	This matter has been hold for some time. The claimed public footpath route fell into disuse some years ago. WBC has liaised with landowners and local users to see if an order might be agreed for a different route, with the same end points, for the benefit of all. Correspondence ongoing.

*DMMO = Definitive Map Modification Order case (i.e to prove/disprove existence of a public right of way), *PPO = Public Path Order case (e.g. diversion, creation or extinguishment)
Grey Rows = WBC Decision Made. Amber Rows = WBC awaiting third party input before decision

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