

Public Rights of Way Network Alteration Decision Making Risk Assessment

This form is designed to be used during the processing of an application (external or internal) for a Public Path Order, Public Path Creation Agreement or other similar process. The assessment will be carried out by PROW Staff, with external advice or assistance as necessary, prior to the determination of the application and should take into account any proposed mitigation measures.

Note: The form may also be used in considering the impacts of a Definitive Map Modification Order although it should not influence the determination in these cases but rather should highlight issues that the Council would need to address should an order be confirmed.

For further guidance see: http://intranet/need_to_know/auditriskmgt/riskman/Pages/decisionmaking.aspx

1. Description of alteration proposed

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH BA25/21, BROOK LODGE, WELLOW) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2009; proposed diversion of public footpath BA25/21.

2. Significant risks envisaged if the order is not submitted to Secretary of State or confirmed.

Risk Description (Cause & implication(s))	Probability	Impact
Landowner victim of crime facilitated by footpath	Highly unlikely	Moderate

3. Significant risks envisaged if the order is submitted to Secretary of State and subsequently confirmed.

Risk Description (Cause & implication(s))	Probability	Impact	Action
Cost of staging a public inquiry	Highly likely	Moderate	Tolerate
Injury to pedestrians using Bull's Hill	Fairly unlikely	Severe	Construct adjacent footway
Fewer people using footpath	Likely	Moderate	Construct footway adjacent to Bull's Hill.

4. Further Comments

Diverting the footpath would require users of the rights of way network to use Bull's Hill which is a full vehicular highway with no adjacent footway. Vehicles travelling along Bull's Hill have been observed driving particularly quickly for the road conditions and this is likely to significant increase the risk of serious physical injury to pedestrians wishing to access the proposed start of the footpath. The blind corner, created by the viaduct, and lack of footway are areas of particular concern.

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