

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker	Jonathan Woods – Countryside Access Group Manager
Title	Proposal to make a Definitive Map Modification Order to correct the alignment of Alton Footpath 64

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. A recent investigation into the alignment of Alton Footpath 64 has revealed that the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way is in error, and requires modification. A full report into the history of the path is appended to this decision record.
- 1.2. Officers have established that the alignment of the path currently recorded does not reflect the route that has been available on the ground for over a century. The decision has therefore been made to make a Definitive Map Modification Order to correct the alignment of the path.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. Under section 53 (2)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside 1981, the County Council has a duty to keep the map and statement under continuous review, and make modifications to the map following the discovery of evidence that indicates this is necessary.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. None.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:

- 5.1. None.

6. Supporting information:

- 6.1. Appendix 1 – Officer Report
- 6.2. Appendix 2 – Plan

Approved by:

Date:

_____ (signature)

6 November 2017

Jonathan Woods – Countryside Access Group Leader

**On behalf of the Director of Culture Communities and
Business Services**

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	No
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	No
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	No
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

Reference:
Office File - Alton FP64

Countryside Access Team
Castle Avenue
Winchester
SO23 8UL

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1 Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1 The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

3. Climate Change:

How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

This report does not require impact assessment but, nevertheless, requires a decision because the County Council, in its capacity as the 'surveying authority', has a legal duty to determine applications for Definitive Map Modification Orders made under s.53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.