

# MID AND WEST BERKSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

**AGENDA ITEM 12:**

**THAMES PATH, PURLEY-ON-THAMES**

**To:**

**Mid and West Berkshire Local Access  
Forum**

**Date:**

**15 January 2014**

**Officers Contributing:**

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## **A PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update the Forum on progress with the realignment of the Thames Path at Purley-on-Thames.

## **B PROPOSED ACTION**

The Forum is advised to **NOTE** the report, and offer advice, if appropriate, to the West Berkshire Council.

## **C SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 1 The following summary was submitted by the West Berkshire Council in November 2013 to the Ramblers' AGM concerning progress with the realignment of the Thames Path at Purley-on-Thames:

"A-B West Berkshire Council-owned land.

B-C Purley Marina, agreement unlikely, probable creation order with compensation needed, plus security works following valuation.

C-D Network Rail 'Major Storer's Underpass'. No agreement so far with Network Rail but negotiations have started. Network Rail has said that it plans to brick up the arch, so any information on the historic value of the arch would be welcome.

D-E Existing public footpath, works are required on the ground to make it available for the public.

E-F Footpath created in 2009 by creation order with compensation. The public inquiry inspector said that the path would not come into effect until the rest of the route A - I had been created. Major works are required to make the path available for the public.

F-G Footpath created by agreement, works are required to make the path available for the public.

H-I Agreement is likely in the near future. Works required include tree work, some surface improvement, a gate at point I, signage and a breach in the wall at point I (for which planning consent is presently being sought).”

- 2 The summary needs to be read in connection with the appended map.
- 3 Long serving Members will recall that the Forum discussed aspects of this project in January and May 2009.
- 4 The Council invites comments on the draft summary.

#### **D BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Agenda and Minutes: Forum - 21 January 2009, 20 May 2009.

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