

Derby Lane Site Visit – 3 March 2016

Purpose

A site visit took place on 3 March 2016 to enable the Members of the Audit, Resources and Performance Committee to be better informed of the relevant issues and facts about the proposal.

Attendance

Members of the Audit, Resources and Performance Committee attended the site visit. The Highway Authority was not present.

Procedure

Members did not make a decision or recommendation on the proposal during the site visit.

The Site Visit

Members walked the full length of the route and travelled a possible alternative route for vehicles using the metalled road network.

The Authority Officers explained the proposal and summarised the background. This included the reasons for the proposal, the management history of the site, the process for the determination of the legal status, and discussion of management options.

Officers answered questions from Members which included:

- The change in character along the route and its setting
- The level and type of use of the route including for agricultural and cave access
- The location and placement of boulders by the landowner
- The location of designated areas and potential for impacts
- Other rights of way on or near to the route
- The effect of current levels of 2-wheeled use on the grassland sections
- The signage

Officers were asked to provide further information on the number of motorised vehicle users:

During 2015: 4-wheeled – Nil; 2-wheeled – average of 1 per day

2015/16: 4-wheeled – average of 0.01 per day; 2-wheeled – average of 1 per day

Officers were also asked to confirm whether the Derbyshire Dales National Nature Reserve abutted the route:

The NNR does not abut the route and extend as far up Cales Dale as the SSSI and Natural Zone.

Members did not ask Officers to undertake further work prior to the consideration of the item at the formal Committee meeting.