
Wetton Site Visit – 14 September 2017

Purpose

A site visit took place on 14 September 2017 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 possible alternative routes for vehicles using minor metalled roads.

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 location and extent of nationally and internationally designated areas
- The expansiveness of the area of open country and public rights of way joining or near to the route
- The tranquility of the area and the naturalness of the landscape
- The change in character along the route
- The effect of past and current levels of use
- The effectiveness of voluntary restraint
- The network of other unsurfaced routes in the area
- The lack of signage

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

Apr 2014 to May 2014: 4-wheeled - average of 0.15 per day; 2-wheeled - average of 0.13 per day

Aug 2015 to Nov 2015: 4-wheeled - average of 0.3 per day; 2-wheeled - average of 0.8 per day

*Jan 2016 to Mar 2016: 4-wheeled - average of 0.05 per day; 2-wheeled - average of 0.7 per day

*Mar 2016 to Apr 2016: 4-wheeled - average of 0.02 per day; 2-wheeled - average of 0.35 per day

Oct 2016 to Mar 2017: 4-wheeled - average of 0.05 per day; 2-wheeled - average of 1.17 per day

Mar 2017 to Jul 2017: 4-wheeled - average of 0.5 per day; 2-wheeled - average of 0.7 per day

Jul 2017 to Set 2017: 4-wheeled - average of 0.1 per day; 2-wheeled - average of 0.77 per day

* During period of voluntary restraint

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