

Rights of Way Update – February 2020

Summary of where we are

Charlton Court application for “Definitive Map Modification Order” (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) was submitted by SPC **20.02.2019**, with 6 Public Way Evidence forms.

This would link the Footpath 2713 (access opposite Sports Centre, Horsham Road) to Footpath 2704/1 (Mouse Lane, Steyning)

It continues to be processed by WSCC and more Evidence forms are being collected in support of it being designated a Footpath.

Rifle Range application: this was also submitted by SPC on **20.02.2019** and was not formally accepted (Ami Dye, Legal Assistant – Environment WSCC) as it was felt from the routes presented suggested that people were “wandering at large” over an area of the land, rather than being a defined linear route for the purposes of passing and repassing. It was further suggested the application be split into 3 parts and the evidence clearly set out. See attached map.

Additional Information

In July 2018 Richard Goring (Wiston Estate) informed SPC that he was happy to keep the footpaths above open by permission but did not wish them to become Public Rights of Way. To this end he had deposited a statement and map in addition to completing a statutory declaration in May 2013 to the Rights of Way Officer.

In April 2019 the Amenities committee of SPC agreed membership of the **Open Spaces Society** to access advice on our applications.

Options to move forward

1. Ask **Open Spaces** for advice on the Rifle Range application as it is
2. Reduce the number of pathways on the Rifle Range to demonstrate a more linear path linking to other Public Footpaths which enable passing and repassing
3. Clarify if it is possible to continue adding to the Evidence forms for both Applications (only 6 evidence forms for Charlton Court; 15 for the Rifle Range).

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