

Rights of Way Update – October 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)

We were informed by WSCC on October 6th 2020 that a report on this application is currently being finalised and will be heard at WSCC rights of way committee on 3rd November 2020 from 14.15-16.30. This will be a virtual meeting and users of the path are welcome to attend. Details to follow.

Rifle Range application: this was also submitted by SPC on **20.02.2019** and was not formally accepted. Ami Dye, Legal Assistant – Environment WSCC felt from the routes presented that people were “wandering at large” over an area of the land, rather than the application being a defined linear route for the purposes of passing and repassing.

If the Community Committee wishes to resubmit an application with a simplified route, attached below is a map for consideration.

Additional Information

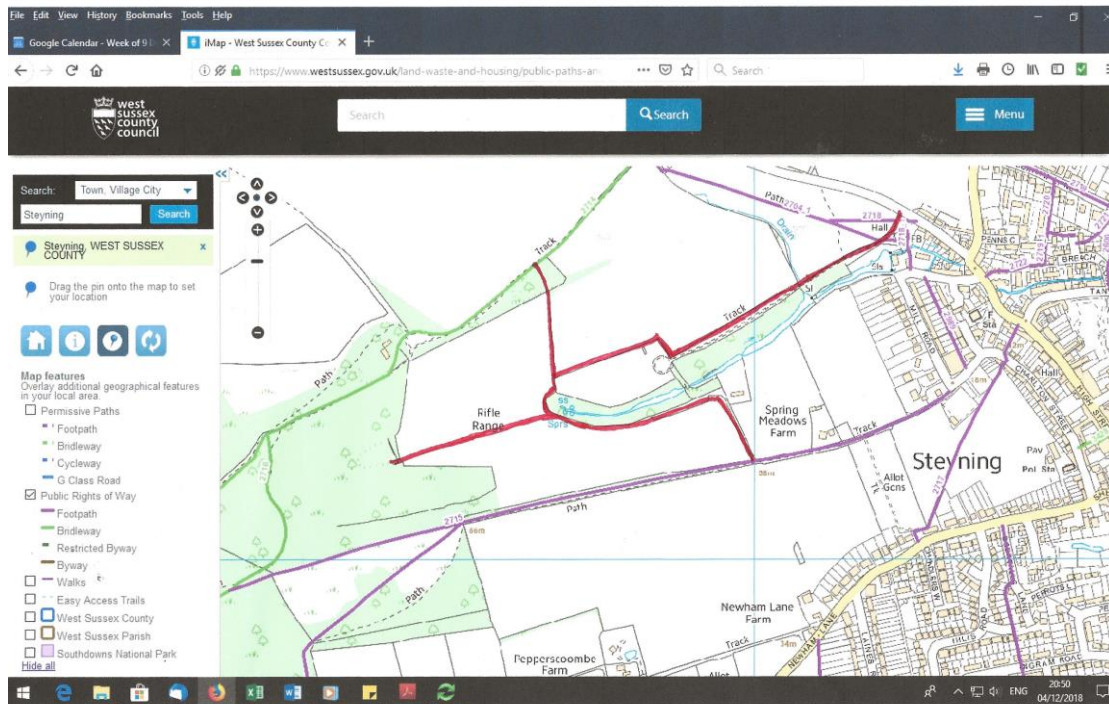
In July 2018 Richard Goring (Wiston Estate) informed SPC that he was happy to keep the footpaths above open by permission but did not wish them to become Public Rights of Way. To this end he had deposited a statement and map in addition to completing a statutory declaration in May 2013 to the Rights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

His current thoughts are along the lines of a long term licence (10 years was mentioned) for access, along the same lines as the Government's move towards 'public money' for 'public goods' which he thinks would work well.

This document includes the following paragraph –

- ***active promotion of access to countryside***, educational farm visits and biodiverse green space and ensuring the access is healthy, for example ensuring opportunities for beautiful and tranquil experiences, wildlife encounters and physical activity;

https://www.sustainweb.org/foodandfarmingpolicy/public_money_for_public_goods/



From Mouse Lane along Nightingale lane (unmade road with access to vehicles), around the pond area and upwards along the edge of the field to join the Lower Horseshoe path.

Cllr Chris Young
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