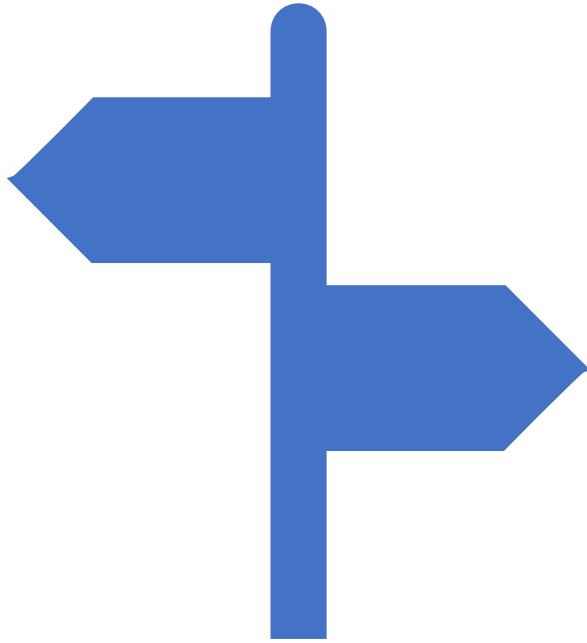




**Rights of Way Improvement Plan  
(ROWIP)**

# What is the ROWIP?

- Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP)
- The ROWIP is one of the prime means by which local highway authorities should identify, prioritise and plan for improvements to their local public rights of way (PROW) network and in doing so make better provision for the public to enjoy a range of outdoor recreational pursuits.
- It is a strategic plan, bidding document and a guide for prioritising resources, engaging and communicating with local communities and other partners





## Why do we need a ROWIP?



To ensure the Council fully discharges its statutory duty under the CROW Act 2000 to review and publish every 10 years.

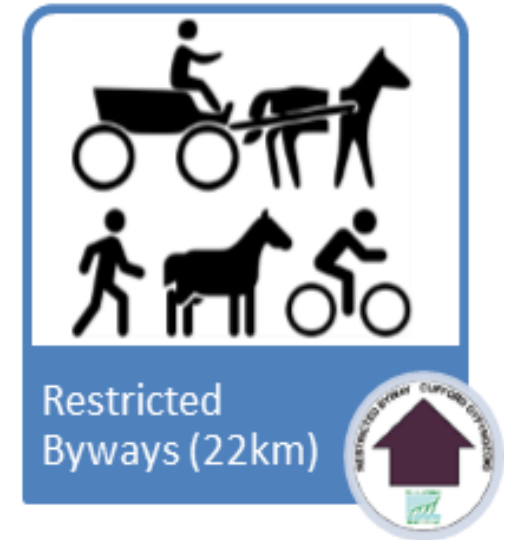
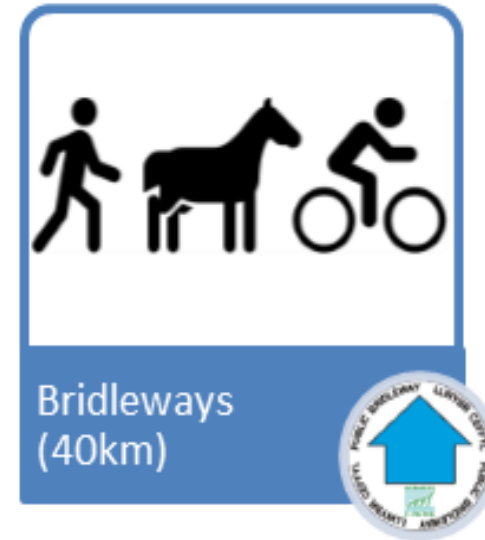



The ROWIP outlines how the Council proposes to meet its Well-being and Improvement Objectives to maintain, improve and publicise the rights of way network for the public

# Overview

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- Total length of PROW network: 570km.
- Delay in publication - first version published in November 2007.
- Local Authorities are required to review their previous ROWIPs and decide whether to amend them, every 10 years.





## Considerations and changes:

- Publication of the previous ROWIP was subject to government guidance available in 2002. This outlined how the ROWIP should be produced and the stages involved.
- Review and republication of a new ROWIP is subject to updated Welsh Government Guidance issued in 2016:
  - *Evaluation*
  - *Development*
  - *Publication*
- The key changes from the previous publication include the updating of various legislation and key policies as they have become available and updating targets and achievements as work is undertaken.



# Consultation process

Statutory consultees

General Public

Internal officers

User groups / volunteers

External stakeholders



## Cabinet - highlights

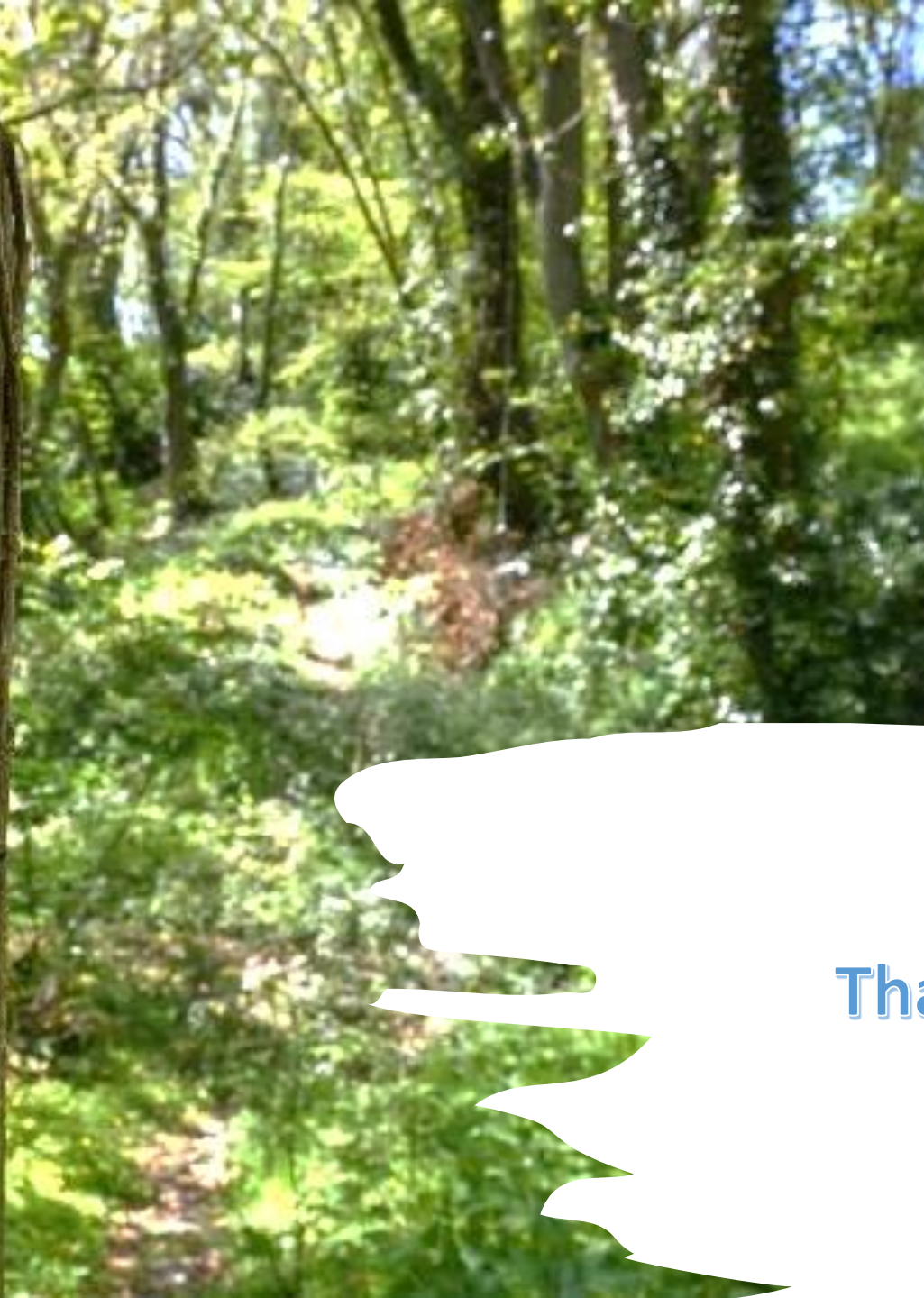
- The ROWIP is a live document and changes could be made as circumstances change throughout the period.
- The changes to footpath accessibility had been noted, including wheelchair accessibility, which has a positive impact



# Conclusion

- The ROWIP is now ready to publish for the next 10 years – taking us up to 2034/35.
- Vital strategic document, helping us to gain access to external funding opportunities
- Communication & collaboration moving forward to improve accessibility of the network.





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**Thank you for listening**