

Directorate: Environment & Neighbourhoods	Service area: Parks & Countryside
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1. Title: Diversion of Public Footpaths Harewood Nos. 9 and 28, Kearby with Netherby No. 10b and East Keswick No. 10

Is this a:

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Strategy / Policy

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Service / Function

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Other

If other, please specify

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening

The diversion of footpaths alongside the river Wharfe at Harewood where the footpath has fallen into or is very close to the river

3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

Questions	Yes	No
Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different equality characteristics?	x	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal?	x	
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		x
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?		x
Does the proposal involve or will it have an impact on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment Advancing equality of opportunity Fostering good relations 		x

4. Considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you have carried out an impact assessment.

• How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration?

The diversion of a footpath affects all users of the path. However, if there is a significant increase in length, change of gradient, surface change or erection of structure this can have more of an impact on those who are less mobile, families with prams and pushchairs or those without access to a car.

Consultation was carried out with user groups, ward councillors and prescribed organisations.

- **Key findings**

(think about any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups, potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another) The footpath is primarily a recreational route. It is a very long footpath that forms part of a long distance recreational route. Part of the footpath have fallen into the river and other sections are close to being lost making the paths unsafe for public use. The proposed diversion will provide a safe route for all path users. There were no objections to the diversion of the footpath as it will provided a useable route on a legal line. There is little overall change to the length of the footpaths.

- **Actions**

The diversion will enable to the footpaths to be used by all walkers and maintained for the future. Currently parts of the path are un-useable as they are in the river and other parts are unsafe to use. If no action is taken it may become impossible to use more of the footpath and the landowners who currently allow deviations to the legal line could start challenging use prevent access to a long section of footpath which is part of a promoted recreational route.

5. If you are *not* already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you *will need to carry out an impact assessment*.

Date to scope and plan your impact assessment:	
Date to complete your impact assessment	
Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	

6. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening

Name	Job title	Date
Bob Buckenham	Public Rights of Way Manager	10/03/2015

7. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If you are not carrying out an independent impact assessment the

screening document will need to be published.

If this screening relates to a **Key Delegated Decision, Executive Board, full Council** or a **Significant Operational Decision** a copy should be emailed to Corporate Governance and will be published along with the relevant report.

A copy of **all other** screening's should be sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk. For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file (but not published).

Date screening completed	10/03/2015
If relates to a Key Decision - date sent to Corporate Governance	
Any other decision – date sent to Equality Team (equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk)	25/03/2015