

Public questions to Council – 17 July 2015

Question from Mr P McKay, Herefordshire

Question 1

Accuracy of administrative map

Our Administrative Map does not show all our roads, and of particular concern are those that provide connectivity with public paths, lead to public places, and/or are through routes. The Ordnance Survey Integrated Transport Network data does according to the Technical Specification provide a list of public use roads, but the survey as undertaken fails to distinguishing between public and private use roads, with OS in process of raising a disclaimer.

Will council a) record these roads with public highway rights under the new Local Street Gazetteer standards, having procedures in place for correction of any errors, as council simply must be aware of many of them, and b) advise Ordnance Survey that raising a disclaimer is unacceptable, requiring a survey as paid for in conformance with the Technical Specification ?

Answer from Councillor P Rone cabinet member transport & roads

Answer to question 1

- a) Herefordshire Council's administrative map identifies all streets that the council is aware are subject to highway rights. In April 2015 the council adopted a protocol for dealing with applications for amendments to highway records. The protocol (available on the council's website at the following link: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/amending-herefordshire-councils-highway-records>) sets out the procedure under which members of the public or other organisations can submit evidence to the council to enable consideration to be given to any suggested amendments. I am aware that the questioner has also raised this matter via a freedom of information request and to the chairman of general overview and scrutiny committee. A formal response has been sent direct and a copy will be provided to the chairman and members of the general overview and scrutiny committee.
 - b) This is a matter for the Ordnance Survey as the responsible body for their data. However, the council is aware that the Ordnance Survey is currently working on the alignment of data to ensure consistency with data held by local councils.
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