

21 December 2015

For the attention of Mr Ben Baugh

Dear Sir

## Suggestion for Scrutiny by GO&SC

May I please suggest that the registration of our unadopted roads on the Street Works Register be subject of scrutiny, initially by requesting that a Briefing Note be raised that addresses this issue.

Section 53 of the 1991 NRSWA requires that a Street Works Register be raised, and section 4(5) of the 2007 Regulations stipulates that the highway authority is responsible for self-registering all highways, including those for which it is not the street authority, that it is aware of, which could be expected to include those in regular public use, leading to public places and/or public paths mentioned on the written statements as being road to which path connects.

This register is now viewable online at <a href="https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/beta/highways-maps">https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/beta/highways-maps</a> and it may be observed that these are not yet registered.

Since my previous suggestions regarding this have resulted in well written briefing notes being raised but not addressing this aspect, may I put forward Rockfield Road, Hereford as my example, it being a road that connects to public footways leading to other local roads, provided with public street lights, that our highway authority must be aware of ,but which is not shown on the Street Works Register?





The Briefing Notes raised would suggest that parishes ought make application to register roads such as these as paths on Definitive Map, to protect rights of use from extinguishment in 2026, which surely would lead to a chaotic costly situation, when they could simply be self-registered as an unadopted road which is a highway for which highway authority is not the street authority.

Further information is available at <a href="http://www.hrmg.talktalk.net/content/Unadopted%20roads.html">http://www.hrmg.talktalk.net/content/Not%20accepted%20roads.html</a> and <a href="http://www.hrmg.talktalk.net/content/Not%20accepted%20roads.html">http://www.hrmg.talktalk.net/content/Not%20accepted%20roads.html</a> and it may be advisable to raise an Evidence Base such as that available at

<u>http://www.hrmg.talktalk.net/content/Herefordshire.html</u> spelling out what highway records have been raised, and hence what remain to be raised, as a basis from which to undertake this responsibility.

Yours sincerely

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## Other examples:





These lead to public footpaths

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