



14 September 2015

For the attention of Mr B Baugh
Governance Services

Dear Mr Baugh

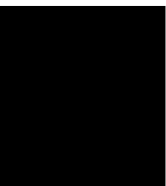
Proposal for scrutiny by the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Thank you for providing me with a copy of the Briefing Note requested by the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee when considering my proposal that the highway records be subject of scrutiny, and I would advise that I consider that this paper correctly reflects the situation as I find it to be. That being so I refine and confirm my proposal that upgrading the Local Street Gazetteer warrants careful scrutiny due to :-

1. No reference being made to the upgrade of the Local Street Gazetteer, with this work being subject of time constraint, reference <https://www.geoplace.co.uk/-/national-street-gazetteer-nsg-data-transfer-format-dtf-8-1-documents-released> , with scheduled completion date of 30 March 2016.
2. No reference being made to any highway record Evidence Base, with an upgrade of this nature needing to understand what has happened before, and to make reference to that, the briefing note failing to address several of the issues identified on Highway Record Monitoring Group webpage www.hrmg.talktalk.net.
3. I have been advised under FOI IAT 9715 the lack of a list of private streets, i.e., streets not maintained at public expense known to have public highway rights over them, is not a concern to Herefordshire Council in respect of fulfilling its requirements under the new Local Street Gazetteer standards, i.e., meeting the 30 March 2016 date, since all private streets will be recorded without any public highway rights. However one ought be aware of a recent high court case that found Oxfordshire County Council to be negligent regarding its highway records and incurring significant costs, reference <http://www.henleyherald.com/2015/08/28/occ-found-negligent-on-bell-street-and-bell-lane-development/> . With such an abundance of in-house evidence revealing that Council is fully aware that many of our unregistered roads are highways, due care ought be taken to guard against simply considering them not to be highways and registering them as such, without any supporting evidence, rather than recognising them being being under investigation for registration in the Local Street Gazetteer upgrade under the provisions of the 1991 New Roads and Street Works Act.
4. I support the work in-hand to make the four identified highway records viewable online, have been invited to submit comments to those proposals, and have submitted comments to the proposed Local Street Gazetteer Key, which I consider ought be as attached.

I envisage attending meeting on 30 September when I hope to learn that this proposal has been accepted, and to answer any questions as may arise.

Yours sincerely

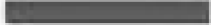













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Local Street Gazetteer

Motorway ----- (*Also on LOS and SWR*)

A road		PUBLIC FOOTPATH	
B road		PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY	
C road		RESTRICTED BYWAY	
Unclassified road		BYWAY OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC	
Footway			
Cycleway			
Highways England road			
Highways not maintainable at public expense			

Prospectively maintainable at public expense ----- (*Also on SWR*)

Street that is not a highway shown for addressing purposes -----

Known-unknown -----
(Status is not known and yet to be determined)

Also 'Unclassified roads', 'Highways not maintainable at public expense' and 'Known-unknowns' to differentiate between street surface codes 1 – Metalled, 2 – Unmetalled, and 3 – Mixed, perhaps by way of different length dashed lines.

Above derived from a combination of LSG codes, and not a single LSG code.