Questioner:	Mr Peter McKay, Leominster
Scrutiny Meeting:	Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee 22 July 2024

Question:

A question to Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee February 2024 meeting, now transferred to yourselves, seeking assurance that the two specific Highway and Path Record issues be incorporated in its work programme, records that a response to the substance of my question will be given at the next public meeting, now this meeting, and I seek this assurance. Working through various issues in Leominster I ask if you have any guidance for Parishes should they find that situation on the ground differs from that shown on your Highways and PROW Map, making best use of parish powers and most cost effective map correction process, e.g., local plan, list of streets, showing private maintained highways, highways subject of cease to maintain orders, open spaces, etc.?

Response:

This committee will be scrutinising how the council manages public rights of way in Herefordshire. As part of that work, the committee will ask questions about how the definitive map is maintained and amended. A further focus for the committee's questioning will be around how Herefordshire Council works with Parish Path Partnerships, to ensure the maintenance of public rights of way.

The council has an established process for modifying the definitive map for public rights of way, which can be found on the council website at https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/public-rights-way/definitive-map-statement-dms/3. This includes guidance for submitting anomalies. Parish council have no powers to amend the definitive map and should submit suggested modifications using the same process as that used by members of the public.