

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Decision to agree licence with Network rail in order to allow Herefordshire council to complete works to widen footpath at great western way
Date of decision:	17/12/2025
Decision maker:	Commercial and Investment Manager
Authority for delegated decision:	Corporate Services' scheme of delegation dated April 2025 (line 35) gives the Commercial and Investment Manager the authority to take the decision
Ward:	Barton
Consultation:	Discussed with cabinet members and agreed position to allow licence.
Decision made:	To agree the terms of a licence with Network Rail in order to allow the Council to make alterations to Network Rail's property by removing the company's palisade fence from its existing position and re-erecting it in a position agreed with the Company's Asset Protection Engineer. This will allow the Council to widen construct and maintain a footway and cycleway on the Company's property known as Great Western Way. The Licence will permit improvements to the existing footpath and the necessary rights to enable the public to use the existing footway and such part of those works as is designed for that purpose. Works under the Licence are to be completed in 6 months.
Reasons for decision:	The decision has been taken to agree to this licence to enable the existing path to be widened to make it safer and more accessible for all users
Equality Considerations	We have looked at making it safer and more accessible for all user groups.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	Associated risk of it only being a licence and not a lease has been looked at and members were happy to proceed.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	No
Details of any declarations of interest made:	No

Signed..... Date: 17th December 2025Print Name: David Micah
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