

Public Rights of Way

7.50 North Yorkshire County Council, as the Local Highway Authority, is responsible for maintaining public rights of way, although the District Council has certain powers to create public rights of way and to close or divert rights of way. In assessing new development proposals, the District Council will require new rights of way to be created when existing rights of way are extinguished by new development.

7.51 The District Council will, according to the availability of resources, work with the Highway Authority and other bodies in protecting, promoting and improving public rights of way in the District.

T8 Development which would have a significant adverse effect on any route in the district's public rights of way network will not be permitted unless the following can be achieved:

- 1) Satisfactory and attractive alternative routes are provided; and**
- 2) Adequate sign posting is provided; and**
- 3) As far as is reasonable, the new route can make provision for walkers, horse riders, cyclists and people with sight or mobility problems; and**
- 4) In the case of new reasonable development, such development must replace extinguished rights of way with attractive highway infrastructure which is equally capable of accommodating appropriate users of the original right of way.**

The District Council will work with the highway authority and other interested parties to extend and improve the public rights of way network for amenity as well as highway reasons.