

Footpath Secretary's Report.

There has been a continual stream of diversions. Most of them very minor. We have had some additions to the definitive map through Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMO's).

Your Group Footpath Secretaries will be receiving a steady amount of Planning Applications to look through to see if there are any Public Rights Of Way (PROW's) affected. Developers have got much better at making provisions for PROW's and now keep the amount of estate roads doubling up as footpaths down to a minimum. However, the continual erosion of the countryside and farmland to more and more houses is concerning.

I have attended several site meetings and site inspections. Network Rail has expressed a desire to close two footpaths in the Coalville area. The reason they have given for the need to close the paths is that because of the amount of new housing in the area the crossings are being used more. !!!!. Surely that should have justified keeping the crossings open and even improving them as there is obviously a greater need for the paths? As yet they have made no formal applications to extinguish these paths.

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