

PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC PATH ORDERS UNDER SECTIONS 118 AND 119 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

1. Applications for extinguishment orders, which do not form part of a package of public path changes where the combined effect is to improve the network will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
2. All Highways Act diversion orders will be processed according to the priority set out in the 7th edition of the Public Rights of Way Priority Statement approved by the County Council's Executive in October 2014.
3. Except in exceptional circumstances the proposed diversion will only be considered if the new route is an improvement to the existing network for the public. The needs of less able users will be taken into account: no new stiles will be agreed and gates should be easily negotiable; the surface standard, and gradients (including steps) should be no worse than on the existing route.
4. A non-returnable fee of £200, which will be deducted from the final invoice if an order is made, must accompany all applications. The final invoice will include charges for County Council staff time spent processing the order, plus the actual cost of statutory advertising. TT0 14.04 Tf71.43 (c)-3.006 3(t)-2.9(i)7.

