

Ramblers Warwickshire Area—Footpath & Planning Report—May 2026

REF	Date	From	Location	Description	Action Taken
1140	16/03/2026	Warwickshire County Council - DMMO Application MZ919	Stockton Footpaths SM183 & SM183	Consultation on a DMMO application (not one of ours) to modify the Definitive Map and Statement in the parish of Stockton by upgrading Footpaths SM182/SM183 to Bridleways. The application is dated 31 January 2024. The consultation also attaches a Direction from the Secretary of State for DEFRA pursuant to Paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 14 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 that WCC determine the application by the 3 Jan 2026!	Area have notified WCC that we have no objection to upgrading Footpaths SM182/SM183 to Bridleways.
1141	16/03/2026	Warwickshire County Council	Stockton, Footpath SM183	Notification from WCC that they have determined that Public Footpath SM183 to be (correctly) shown as terminating at its southerly junction with D2321 Elm Row, Stockton. As a consequence, as soon as practicable, WCC will make an Order to amend the Definitive Map and Statement (DMS) to correct a drafting error	Area have no objection to the correction of this drafting error on the DMS.
1142	17/03/2026	Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council - PL/2026/00149/PPOL	Bentley Heath, Smiths Lane to Browns Lane, Solihull	Outline planning permission, with all matters reserved (except for access into the site) for 285 houses (Use Class C3) including affordable housing, public open space including land for sports pitches and ancillary facilities, with all other matters (relating to appearance, landscaping, scale and layout) reserved. Public Footpath SL60 runs across the site and is part of the Solihull Green Man Trail. Site is Green Belt. Applicant considers it Grey Belt!	Area Objection on both footpath and Countryside Protection grounds. The only protection apparently still left for Green Belts is to prevent the merging of towns, and fortunately SMBC (much to the obvious chagrin of this developer) has most providently provided a defence against what the CPRE President Mary-Ann Ochota last year described as "Grey Belt Abuse" by declaring Bentley Heath part of a new town (Knowle, Dorridge, and Bentley Heath—KDBH) and thus providing timely protection for the perilously narrow strategic gap of Green Belt still remaining between Solihull Town and Bentley Heath which this application seeks to breach.
1143	02/04/2026	Proposers website arrowvalleysolar.co.uk	Arrow Valley, SW Warws & NE Worcs	Proposed Mega Solar Project in Arrow Valley covering 1071ha (4 sq miles) of Grade 2 & 3 (undiferated) farmland for a "temporary" period of 60 years. 9 miles of PROW (16 footpaths & 2 bridleways) affected in Warwickshire, and 4 miles of PROW affected in Worcestershire. Site Map & Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Report for future Development Consent Order has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate by the proposer Island Green Power (IGP).	The proposal is considered to be a nationally significant infrastructure project and will be decided by Development Consent Order (in effect decided by the Planning Inspectorate - PINS), thus bypassing local planning jurisdiction! PINS published a Scoping Opinion for Arrow Valley Solar on 7 May 2026. This project is now at the pre-application stage. The application is expected to be submitted April 2027. When PINS receive the application, they have 28 days to decide whether to accept it for examination. If PINS accept the application, Area will then be able to register to have our say and view the all the application documents

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1144	09/04/2026	Coventry City Council (CCC)	Torrington Avenue to Cycleway No 6.9 Coventry	Coventry City Council is investigating whether there should be a public footpath recorded from Charter Avenue heading south down an access road to public footpath 287, then from public footpath 287 crossing under the London railway to cycleway No 6.9.	This is not one of our CAP (Coventry Ancient Path) Claims. A further complication is that CCC claim that Ramblers objected to a Stopping Up Order for this path in 1988, for which Area have no record!
1145	24/04/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - 26/00892/PIP	Claverdon, Land North of Station Road	Planning Permission in Principle for the erection of a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 4 self build/custom dwellings/plots. Public Footpath SD176 runs through the site but is not acknowledged in the application. The application site lies on the corner of 4 Definitive map Sheets!	Area was not consulted on this application and have pointed out to SDC that as public rights of way are a substantive planning matter the existence of Public Footpath SD176 becomes an issue which must be taken into account in any further or subsequent consideration of this application.
1146	25/04/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - 26/00774/FUL	Liveridge Grange, Haven Pastures, Liveridge Hill, Henley-in-Arden B95 5QS	Change of use of former golf course land to outdoor recreation land, ancillary to the main dwelling and erection of wooden structure (part retrospective). Public Footpath SD228 runs inside of site SW boundary remote from hut.	A twee hut! but not visible from the public footpath according to the Planning Statement. Providing that SD228 is not obstructed and remains open for public use at all times Area have no objections.
1147	25/04/2026	Warwick District Council - W/26/0405	Budbrooke, Land West of Old Budbrooke Road	Outline planning application with all matters reserved (except for access from Old Budbrooke Road) for the development of up to 250 dwellings, a retail facility, associated car parking, open space, landscaping, drainage and associated infrastructure. Site is Green Belt. Public Footpath W80a runs inside site NW boundary on edge of open green space. Shakespeare's Avon Way follows the Woodway (D5271) adjacent to site western boundary.	Area have no objection on footpath grounds. On countryside protection the site is Green Belt and (although offered) is not yet an allocated site in the South Warwickshire Local Plan. The site alone (21ha) will add another third to the size of adjoining Hampton Magna. Area consider that if the Hatton B1 site is chosen for development then this site should not be developed as it is too close to the Hatton site. Yet another case of deliberately jumping the gun to beat the possibility of the site not being allocated in the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP)! JUNE 2026: UNFORTUNATELY BOTH SITES NOW INCLUDED IN THE SWLP!
1148	29/04/2026	WCC ROW Team	Footpath R346 in Leamington Hastings CP, & Bridleway R346 Stretton-on-Dunsmore CP	Definitive Map Modification Order-Footpath R346 (Leamington Hastings) Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. WCC have determined evidence that <i>"a highway shown in DMS ought to be shown as a highway of a different description"</i> - Sec 53(c)(ii) namely: Footpath R346 (Leamington Hastings) to be renamed as R230x, with its status & route unchanged.	Footpath 207/R346/1 in Leamington Hastings CP to be renumbered as Footpath R230x in Leamington Hastings CP to avoid confusion with Bridleway 277/R346/1 in Stretton-on-Dunsmore CP. WCC Legal Department will make an Order to amend the Definitive Map and Statement (DMS) to correct this drafting error in the 1981 DMS, which will then be advertised in line with statutory requirements.
1151	22/05/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - 26/01132/FUL	Studley, land adjacent to The Slough & Bromsgrove Road, A448	Infilling of land depression within existing farmers fields on two sites at The Slough and Bromsgrove Road. Public Footpath AL131 runs runs in the next field adjacent to The Slough Site north-western Boundary, and Public Footpath AL119t runs in the next field adjacent to the Bromsgrove Road Site southern boundary.	Public Footpaths AL131, AL131c and AL119t run adjacent to site boundaries and should not be affected. However, given that these footpaths running adjacent to both sites are not mentioned in the application, Area have some reservations about this application.

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1152	22/05/2026	Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council	Bulkington, Bedworth CV12 9QT. Land off Lancing Road Findon Close	Informal consultation into the diversion of Public Footpath B46 to enable permitted development to be carried out. Diversion as proposed will resolve a long-standing anomaly arising from obstruction. Presently the legally recorded line of B46 is obstructed by buildings consented many years ago for the development of houses in Firleigh Drive.	Area previously agreed to diversion of Public Footpath B46 in July 2022 when we were consulted by NBBC on outline application 039005 for residential development of up to 230 dwellings on designated Strategic Housing Site HSG7 in the Borough Plan, released from Green Belt in 2019. In common with WCC ROW Team Area wish to see the anomaly at the eastern end of Public Footpath B46 removed from the Definitive Map and Statement (DMS) and would therefore support the Draft Order.

Further Developments or Resolution of Earlier Case

REF	Date	From	Location	Description	Action Taken
1023	24/09/2024	Rugby Borough Council - R24/0816	Monks Kirby, 3 Fieldside House, Gate Farm Drive CV23 0RY	Erection of tractor and machinery store together with associated works (Re-submission in part of Application R23/0929). Requires diversion of public footpath R55 around site.	While Area would raise no objection to public footpath R55 being diverted onto the proposed route around the site as shown on the PROW Plan submitted with the application, it would be necessary for RBC to Make a Diversion Order under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 section 257, to permit development. 04/03/2026: Informal Pre-Order Consultation letter to which Area objected as the diversion now being proposed differs substantially from the diversion proposed at the time that planning application R24/0816 was granted (the only thing the two diversions have in common being the start point of the diversion), the newly proposed diversion should have been resubmitted as a variation to planning application R24/0816
1077	12/06/2025	Stratford on Avon District Council - 25/01145/OUT	Wellesbourne, Kineton Road	Outline Planning application all matters reserved except access, for up to 300 dwellings & associated green space & biodiversity enhancements; resubmission of 24/03281/OUT. Public Footpath SD116a runs across the site. Area has a DMMO claim outstanding with WCC since June 2005 for a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) running immediately inside of the site red line N-W boundary.	In Nov 2024 the British Horse Society asked Ramblers if we would consider seeking a schedule 14 direction from the Sec of State requiring WCC to determine our Byway Claim within 3 months. Area was happy to oblige. This latest application 25/01145/OUT is all too obviously a tactical resubmission of planning application 24/03281/OUT which attracted over 500 local objections! Area have repeated our former objection and included additional detailed information on our outstanding Byway Claim requested by the Planning Officer then dealing with 24/03281/OUT. SCHEDULE 14 DIRECTION GRANTED 09/07/2025. AREA CLAIM THEN DETERMINED BY WCC AS A RESTRICTED BYWAY 29/01/2026. Application now at Appeal for Non Determination by SDC. Area Claim has now proceeded to the stage where it will go forward to an Order Made by WCC, irrespective of the outcome of the inquiry!

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1079	25/06/2025	Robin Carr, consultant employed by SDC.	Stratford Marina, Seven Meadows Road.	Consultation on a proposed variation to the SDC, SB34 & SB35 (Part) Public Path Diversion Order 2022. Since the 2022 Order was Made, and Confirmed, the layout of the proposed new route has changed. As the 2022 Order has been confirmed, it is not possible to abandon it without an order from the High Court. However, Section 333 of the TCPA 1990 does allow for the confirmed 2022 Order to be amended by way of a Public Path Variation Order.	Area was aware that the diversions of public footpaths SB34 & SB35 on the ground did not comply with the Confirmed Diversion Order. Area also takes issue with the surfacing of these footpaths and contends that they are unfinished and entirely inappropriate for the status of this path as the start of Shakespeare's Way. Area is in no mind to accept any Variation Order unless it also specifies the finishing of these paths to a similar standard such has been used for the paths within the site. 20/08/25, promising response from SDC consultant re finishing of paths! Sealed Variation Diversion Order for SB34 & SB35 Made 22/04/26, including acceptable surface finish for the paths!
1105	05/11/2025	Stratford on Avon District Council - SCOPE/00044	Land East of Shipston-on-Stour and North of B4035 and off Fell Mill Lane	Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Request relating to an Outline planning application for the erection of up to 1,150 dwellings, up to 80 bedroom care facility, riverside park, open space provision, primary school, food retail unit (up to 2499sqm), local centre, bridge over River Stour and associated infrastructure. All matters reserved except access.	Site not identified in current Stratford Core Strategy as a strategic site for this level of development. Two long distance Regional Recreational Paths run across the site, Centenary Way SS166c & Shakespeare's Way SS121 and will be adversely affected. Area response detailing our requirements to protect countryside & path interests. Area will reserve objection for the outline planning application. 17/12/2025: Comprehensive 136 page Scoping Response from Planning Officer to Applicant. JUNE 2026: SITE NOT INCLUDED IN THE SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN!!!
1108	14/11/2025	Stratford on Avon District Council - Birchill Access Consultancy	Shottery, Stratford upon Avon.	Consultation into the proposed diversion of part of Public Footpath SD16 Shottery, Stratford upon Avon. A housing development is already significantly complete around this footpath so the diversion application will be processed under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 and is sought mainly to provide increased privacy for residents and to remove some lengths of the legal line from the boundaries of properties.	It's a bit rich Stratford DC consulting on this now, this should have been done at the reserved matters stage not after construction. However, <i>fait accompli</i> , there would be no point in Area objecting to a Section 119 Order at this stage. It should be noted however that under Section 27 of the Countryside Act 1968 there is a legal requirement for the Highway Authority (WCC) to signpost a public footpath where it leaves a metalled road. In the case of SD16 this will need to be done at the point where Hooper Avenue meets West Green Drive. ORDER MADE 02/02/2026. CONFIRMED 08/04/2026.