

Appendix 3: Questionnaire responses.

Subject	Section and Statement of Action	Summary	Recommendation
Categorisation	Section 2.4 Statements of Action 1a , 1b , 1c	<p>The rights of way categorisation system has been adopted for over 20 years to prioritise resources and staff time. The system is criticised as it leads to deterioration in the condition of footpaths in lower categories and, after 20 years, it is now clear that the original categories do not convey their use and value to communities.</p> <p>The response shows that 68% of the respondents agreed that the categorisation system should be retained.</p>	<p>Leave Statements of Action 1a, 1b and 1c as they are.</p> <p>Further work will be needed to assess the condition of the network (1.b) and to identify methods to update and recategorise and, to this end, the suggestions proposed by respondents are examined.</p>
Grants	Section 2.6 Statement of Action 2b	<p>The Service is increasingly reliant on grants from different sources to make improvements to rights of way infrastructure.</p> <p>Opinion was sought regarding the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading bridges and structures; • Making footpaths more accessible; • Multi-use paths; • Projects that facilitate access to nature. <p>The response showed that 72% agreed with the priorities.</p>	Leave Statement of Action 2b as it is.

Conflict Resolution and Enforcement	Section 2.8 Statement of Action 4b	It is endeavoured to resolve conflict and to negotiate with landowners and stakeholders. If there is no other option but to take formal enforcement action, efforts will be prioritised for category 1 and 2 paths. The response showed that 67% agreed that efforts should be prioritised for category 1 and 2 paths.	It is recommended to leave Statement of Action 4b as it is.
Use of Technology	Section 2.11 Statement of Action 6	It is necessary for the Countryside Service to use technology that allows officers to work effectively and to respond efficiently to complaints from the public. Existing systems, including the website, will be reviewed and updated. 80.6% of respondents agreed with the proposal to encourage the public to make more use of Gwynedd Council's website to get in touch about access matters.	It is recommended to leave Statement of Action 6 as it is.
Strengthen Links with Organisations and Individuals	Section 2.13 Statement of Action 9	The Countryside Service will identify opportunities to extend and strengthen links with organisations and individuals who are keen to volunteer and seek funding to support the work undertaken by them. 17.7% of respondents noted that they were members of organisations who were eager to collaborate with the Council's Countryside Service. 78% stated that the question was not applicable to them.	It is recommended to leave Statement of Action 9 as it is.
Multi-use paths	Section 4.6	The Council will favour improvements to the network that offer multi-use provision.*	It is recommended to leave Statement of Action 14 as it is.

	Statement of Action 14a	*Multi-use paths: Paths for walkers, cyclists and horse riders which also meet the needs of people with mobility difficulties. The 69.4% noted that they agreed that providing additional multi-use paths should be prioritised. 19.4% strongly disagreed, while 7.8% did not agree or disagree.	
Use of the Recreational Routes network by horse riders	Section 4.6 Statement of Action 14b	The Recreational Routes network is a very popular resource; walkers and cyclists are permitted to use the whole network and horse riders may use some parts. In order to ensure consistency across the network, it was proposed to permit horse riders to use the whole network unless sound safety reasons existed. 54.4% of respondents agreed that horse riding on the entire Recreational Routes network should be permitted. 18.7% disagreed while 23.1% did not agree or disagree.	It is recommended to leave Statement of Action 14b as it is but further work will be needed to assess risks.