

PROW and Access Service operational priorities

This table excludes definition and village greens and common land work.

Priority Level	Problem	Inspection Response Time
1	Public safety issues with a high potential to result in accident and injury or loss of life, or damage to property: for example, open excavations, dangerous trees, defective and dangerous structures.	Within 1 day
2	Matters with legal deadlines. Emergency network protection; for example, construction work that would lead to the irredeemable loss of a path and require considerable resource to rectify at a later date.	Within 5 days
3	Proactive asset management, including programmes of work to install, repair and replace defective path surfaces and path furniture such as stiles gates fingerposts and bridges. Delivery of <u>Countryside and Coastal Access Improvement Plan</u> projects. Work programmes are to reflect network and local community priorities.	In line with priorities
4	Time constrained offences and new obstructions to the network. For example non-reinstatement following cultivation and through crops other than grass, fence obstructions, fly tipping and other nuisances. Campaigns and programmes are to be established on the basis of intelligence and local community priorities.	In line with priorities
5	Natural obstructions for example vegetation growth.	In line with priorities
6	Waymarking on promoted paths (National Trail, Coastal Access and Explore Kent products and services only)	In line with priorities
7	Waymarking on non-promoted paths by Countryside Access Wardens.	In line with priorities
8	Long term obstructions.	In line with priorities
9	Access land including coastal access that is not recorded as a PROW.	In line with priorities

Our network management priorities have been developed to reflect the extensive public engagement undertaken when reviewing the Countryside and Coastal Access Improvement Plan.

Network Priority Status A

North Downs Way National Trail.

Paths used to access local amenities/facilities (e.g. station/bus stop/school/church/tourist attraction/country park).
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Paths used daily for leisure walking.

Multi-user paths with a clear public benefit.

Paths identified by the Improvement Plan as having significant potential for improvement.

Paths promoted by Explore Kent products and services.

Network Priority Status B

All paths not classified as Priority Status A.
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Access Land and coastal access margin

Permissive Paths

Priority Status A paths will be managed before Priority Status B Paths in cases where the same operational priority has been identified.

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Permissive paths will not be managed by the County Council unless they have been established under a formal signed agreement. Where the County Council has entered into such an agreement, the path will be given Priority Status B.