Ramblers Warwickshire Area — Footpath & Planning Report — August 2026

REF	Date	From	Location	Description	Action Taken
1150	12/05/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - SCOPE/00118	Southam, land south of Welsh Road East	Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Request for the erection of approximately 850 dwellings (use class C3), a community/healthcare facility (use class E/F1/F2/sui generis) and creation of associated vehicular accesses, pedestrian/cycle accesses, landscaping, drainage features, open space, green infrastructure and other associated infrastructure. Site is 45ha of Grade 3b agricultural land. Public Footpath SM31 and Bridleway SM32 cross site.	As this site falls within the Southam SOU.1 housing allocation allocation in the South Warwickshire Local Plan, Regulation 19 stage, Area have confined our comments to protecting the two PROWS running across the site, and will reserve opposition for the Outline Planning Application. It is always worth responding to scoping applications. The Council's response to the applicant draws attention to both WCC ROW Team's and our Ramblers comments on footpaths, including that *"There is no public right to cycle on a public footpath so any proposed cycle routes must be offered on a separate alignment to public footpath SM31."*
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 the footpaths running adjacent to both sites are not mentioned in the application, Area have some reservations about this application.
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 2022 when we were consulted by NBBC on outline application 039005 for residential development of up to 230 dwellings on designated Housing Site HSG7 in the Borough Plan, released from Green Belt in 2019. In common with WCC ROW Team we 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.
1153	02/06/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - 26/01039/FUL	Welford-on-Avon, 3 Blundells Croft CV37 8EP	Erection of 3 single storey dwelling houses (use class C3) together with associated access, turning facilities, parking and landscaping. Public Footpath SD26c runs adjacent to the site northern boundary.	Unfortunately Area can find no reason to object to the application on footpath grounds, but have objected on countryside protection grounds as this appalling application is visually totally unsuited to its proposed siting within the Conservation Area at the heart of one of Warwickshire's prettiest Villages. The pretentious load of unmitigated drivel in the Design and Access Statement attempting to justify this thoroughly hideous contemporary design as representing a modern take on Welford Welford's vernacular treats the Village with patronising condescension!
1154	09/06/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - 26/01264/FUL	Dorsington, The Lodge, Dorsington Lane CV37 8AU	Change of use of two holiday homes to an office. Public Footpath SD31 runs adjacent to the site north-western boundary.	Providing that Public Footpath SD31 is not obstructed and remains open to public use at all times, Area have no objections to this application.

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1155	11/06/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - 26/01305/FUL	Hockley Heath, Warings Green Farm, B94 6BW	Full planning application for the demolition of redundant contemporary agricultural buildings and the erection of 8 dwellings together with parking, landscaping and associated works. Public Footpath SD285 runs adjacent to site northern boundary.	Providing that Public Footpath SD285 is not obstructed and remains open to public use at all times, Area have no objections to this application—or to planning applications 26/01303/FUL and 26/01304/LB (also at Warings Green Farm) on which we were consulted at the same time.
1156	11/06/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - Public Path Orders	Claverdon, Claverdon Hall	Revised Consultation into the proposed diversion of Public Footpath SD176 because of a discrepancy between the line of the footpath as shown in the 2023 Order Plan and the grid references within the 2023 Order Schedule. An alteration is proposed to fix the discrepancy between the 2023 Order Plan and its Schedule while also diverting the eastern end of the the footpath to removed it from a private garden.	This is the second attempt to get this diversion right, although I doubt if the *"discrepancy between the line of the footpath as shown in the 2023 Order Plan and the grid references within the 2023 Order Schedule"* would ever have been noticed if the new owner had not wanted the footpath diverted out of his private garden, the discrepancy can't be more than a few metres! Area have no objection to the proposal. ORDER MADE 12/08/2026.
1157	16/06/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - 26/01227/FUL	Long Itchington, Marton Road Farm CV47 9PY	Removal of existing pitched roof and construction of new first floor accommodation with dormer windows windows. Ground floor side extension to replace existing extension, with roof lantern and balcony over. Public Footpath SM8 runs through site close to house. Area was not consulted on this application.	While the southern end of public footpath SM8 is off Marton Road next to the application site, the northern end of SM8 lies 1¾ miles further away across 15 fields. In the interests of prospective path users Area have requested that in the event of any Temporary Closure Order being required during construction, as well as being displayed at the Marton Road end of the path, any Closure Order is also prominently displayed at the far end of the path on Long Itchington Road just outside of Birdingbury. Area have also suggested that SDC should consult WCC Rights of Way Team on this application.
1158	12/06/2026	Rugby Borough Council - R26/0459	Ansty Aerodrome, Combe Fields Road, Coventry CV7 9JR	Erection of one commercial unit for flexible use within Use Classes B2 (General Industrial) and B8 (Storage and Distribution) of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) and associated development, drainage, highways, earth-works, car parking, HGV parking, service yard and landscaping. Public Bridleway R75x (Centenary Way) runs adjacent to the site southern boundary. Site is Green Belt.	Subject to the landscape buffer planting along the southern boundary proposed on the Site Layout Plan being provided, Area would raise no objection to the application on footpath grounds. After a fraught year objecting to Green Belt planning applications which insisted that undeveloped land can now be considered as grey belt, this is the first instance we have come across where we could actually agree with the applicant. Yes, his heavily developed ex-airfield can now be considered as grey belt, and in this particular case it would be pointless to object, despite the Site's Green Belt status!
1159	19/06/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - 26/01122/OUT	Bishops Itchington, land off Station Road	Outline planning application all matters reserved except for access, for the development of up to 200 to 200 residential units (Use Class C3), open space, hard and soft landscaping, highway, ancillary and associated works. Two public footpaths, SM84a and SM84, run through the housing part of the site, confined in minimal green corridors.	Area objection on both footpath and countryside protection grounds. 50% of the site is set aside for a landscaped open space. Bizarrely, this open space contains the best agricultural land on the site, 4.3 ha of Grade 2, DEFRA Best Most Versatile (BMV) land!

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1160	23/06/2026	Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	Little Beanit Farm, Waste Lane, Balsall Common CV7 7GH	Informal Consultation from SMBC into a Proposed Diversion of Footpath M184 at Little Beanit Farm, under HA 1980 s 119, in the interests of the land-owner. Public Footpath M184 lies alongside HS2 works and the proposed diversion passes across land within the redline boundary of an approved Battery Storage System (BESS).	Insufficient information supplied. SMBC informed that while Area is not necessarily opposed to the proposed diversion, until SMBC can supply a large scale up to date detailed plan of the proposed diversion, showing all of the HS2 and BESS Site implications, Area would be unable to support an Order for this proposed diversion.
1161	02/07/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - 26/01458/FUL	Hockley Heath, The Barn, Tithe Barn Lane	Proposed demolition of an existing agricultural barn and the proposed erection of a single self-build dwelling with detached garage and landscaping. Development in lieu of 25/02256/PIP (DB 1094). Public footpath SD283 runs for 750m along the site access drive.	Providing that Public Footpath SD283 is not obstructed and remains open for public use at all times, both during development and after, Area have no objection to this application on footpath grounds.
1162	14/07/2026	Rugby Borough Council - R26/0546	Wolvey, land east of Coventry Road	Outline planning application all matters reserved except for access for up to 130 dwellings including new vehicular and pedestrian/cycle access from Coventry Road, green infrastructure, landscaping & demolition of existing buildings. Public Footpath R23 runs south through site. Site is Green Belt.	While regretting the loss of 3.66ha of Green Belt to Grey Belt housing development, Area has confined our comments to footpath issues. If the developer wishes to accommodate cycling in their “Active Travel Route” separate provision must be made for cyclists alongside Public Footpath R23, and nothing done that would encourage cycling on Public Footpath south of the site.
1163	15/07/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - 26/01660/OUT	Ladbroke, Windmill Lane	Outline planning application all matters reserved except for access for five dwellings and associated infrastructure. Public footpath SM90 cuts across the southern corner of the site. It is not shown on the Illustrative Master Plan, but is acknowledged in section 2.2 of the Planning Statement.	It does not appear from the Illustrative Master Plan that the proposed development would impinge on the footpath, and providing Public Footpath SM90 is not obstructed in any way and remains open for public use at all times, including during the construction period, Area would have no objection to this application on footpath grounds.
1164	15/07/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - 26/01642/FUL	Pillerton Priors, Kineton Road	Erection of 9 dwellings. Public Footpath SS8c runs immediately inside of the site blue line SE boundary and is acknowledged on the Proposed Site Plan as a *“Retained Public Right of Way”.*	The application form answers *“Yes”* to the question *"Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within the site”.* This should indicate that the developer intends to dedicate the new path to the public, but we can find no evidence anywhere else in the documentation indicating that this is their intention! While Area would welcome the dedication we doubt if this is actually the applicants intention? But, whatever its status, we have no objection the proposed connection to Public Footpath SS8c.
1165	14/07/2026	Warwickshire County Council Rights of Way Team	Oldbury Reservoir to Meriden	Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders on Public Footpaths M342, M345, M346 and M459. The first of a rolling project of closures as a new water pipeline from Oldbury Reservoir to Meriden is installed. If possible Severn Trent will provide alternative routes. Closure notices will be put up on site at the point of closure and on footpaths leading to the closures to prewarn path users.	Unsurprisingly, there was no forward consultation from Severn Trent on this project which will result in widespread disruption of the path network between Oldbury Reservoir and Meriden. The Severn Trent project is a new 16km, 1200mm diameter polyethylene pipeline running from Oldbury Reservoir to Meriden. Excavation and mains installation are actively underway, and the pipeline is scheduled to be complete and fully operational by Spring 2028.

REF	Date	From	Location	Description	Action Taken
1166	17/07/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - 26/01398/OUT	Long Itchington, land west of Southam Road	Outline planning application for the erection of up to 100 residential dwellings (Use Class C3), including public open space, access points and associated infrastructure (all matters reserved except access). Public Footpath SM3 (Millennium Way) runs across the site and would be part subsumed into the site cycling facilities.	Area oppose this application on both footpath and countryside protection grounds. This is not a site that has been offered for the current South Warwickshire Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation and does not comply with the Stratford on Avon District Core Strategy Policy AS.10 restricting housing development in open countryside. Area will object to any Diversion Order that does not terminate at the current definitive exit of Public Footpath SM3 at the canal bridge.
1167	21/07/2026	Rugby Borough Council - R26/0559	Coventry Stadium, Rugby Road, Brandon CV8 3GJ	Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved except access) for residential development of up to 104 dwellings, partial demolition of the existing stadium, development of a replacement speedway track, associated facilities and infrastructure. The site is surrounded by two Bridleways, R78 & R78b, and two Public Footpaths, R303 & R143.	This is one Green Belt site that we won't have any problem in accepting qualifies as grey belt! Although surrounded by PROWS adjacent to the site boundary on three sides, the proposed development should not interfere with any of these PROWS. Area therefore has no objection to this application on footpath grounds.
1168	22/07/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - 26/01764/PIP	Kineton, Pittern Hill Riding School	Consultation for Permission in Principle for the erection of up to six houses. Public Footpath SD355 runs one field away some 25 to 50m to the SE of the site. Public Footpath SD92d runs one field away some 50m SW of the site.	No objection, the proposed development would not interfere with either footpath.
1169	23/07/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - 26/01485/FUL	Studley, Spernal Lane B80 7EU	Retrospective change of use to open storage (Class B8 Use), installation of hardstanding and other development, for Allelys Heavy Haulage Ltd. Access to site is via the access roadway serving Severn Trent Water Sewerage Treatment Works, down which runs Public Footpath AL143.	Providing Public Footpath AL143 is not obstructed in any way and remains open for public use at all times, Area have no objection to this application on footpath grounds.
1170	24/07/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - 26/01211/FUL	Priors Hardwick, Weavers Cottage, Church End CV47 7SN	Change of use of land to residential and the erection of single storey side extension to provide swimming pool and accessible ground floor accommodation; replacement two storey rear extension; open car port; proposed landscaping and associated works. Public Footpath SM115a runs across the site but is not acknowledged in the application.	As in pervious application 24/02039/FUL Public Footpath SM115a runs across the site. On that occasion assurances were received from the applicant that the SM115a would not be obstructed. Area have not objected but have suggested that the applicant needs to discuss the issue of Public Footpath SM115a across his garden with WCC ROW Team.
1171	13/08/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - 26/01823/FUL	Sutton-under-Brailes, Greenhill Farmhouse, Banbury, OX15 5BE	Erection of single storey stable building. Public Footpath SS71b runs across the field containing the stable. The stable is fenced off from the field. Public Footpath SS71b through the field was part diverted by legal order in Sept 2019.	Although Public Footpath SS71b runs across the field containing the proposed stable, the stable is shown on the Proposed Stable Floor Plan as fenced off from the field by a new 1.2m high post and rail timber fence. Area have no objection to this application.

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1172	24/08/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - SCOPE/00046	Henley-in-Arden	Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Request for Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved except for access, for a proposed development for approximately 2,000 dwellings, a primary school, a country park, new vehicular and pedestrian/cycle accesses, etc, etc & etc.	The application site is approximately 148.8 ha, broadly split into three parcels of land — Parcel A (central parcel) 14.03 ha, Parcel B (western parcel) 77.88 ha, and Parcel C (eastern parcel 'Country Park') 56.89 ha. Public Footpath SD232 runs through Parcel A. Public Footpaths SD232 (Arden Way), SD237 (Arden Way), & SD250 run through Parcel B. Public Footpaths SD207, SD244 (Millennium Way), SD224a, & SD321 run across Parcel C. As this site falls within the Henley-in-Arden (HEN) housing allocation in the South Warwickshire Local Plan, Regulation 19 stage, Area have confined our comments to protecting the Public Footpaths running across the site, and will reserve opposition for the Outline Planning Application stage.
1173	24/08/2026	Stratford on Avon District Council - 26/01370/FUL	Studley, The Old Granary, 2 Hardwick Lane B80 7AE	Partial demolition, rebuilding and repair of cottage. Diversion of public footpath AL140 around side of site is sought.	The application will require SDC to make legal diversion orders for Public Footpaths AL140 and AL140c under section 257 of the TCP Act1990 'to permit development'. Under WCC Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) Policy RW5c, unenclosed footpaths diverted by legal order are required to have a width of 2m, and enclosed footpaths 3m.

Further Developments or Resolution of Earlier Cases

REF	Date	From	Location	Description	Action Taken
937	18/05/2023	Warwickshire County Council via Ramblers Central Office	Middleton, Fairways Barn, Green Lane	Informal consultation from WCC ROW Team into proposed diversion of public footpath T9 to take the footpath out of the applicant's garden, adjacent to the house.	The proposed diversion of Public Footpath T 9 is less convenient for walkers using T9 to cross Green Lane and continue on T9 adding 100m to the route. However, the diversion avoids a difficult slope down to the bridge at the start of the proposed diversion, and is more convenient for walkers wishing to join Footpath T17 from T9. On this basis, Area will make no objection to the proposed diversion, but have asked that any Order specifies the width of the diversion to be the 2m required for diverted footpaths under WCC ROWIP policy RW5c. ORDER MADE 04/09/2023. ORDER NOT CONFIRMED BUT REVOKED AND REMADE 16/09/2025! ORDER SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CONFIRMATION 26/08/2026.
949	18/08/2023	Warwickshire County Council	Wishaw	Informal consultation from WCC ROW Team into part diversion of public bridleway M463 as the current route is obstructed by a building!	The proposed part diversion of Public Bridleway M463, Wishaw, is welcomed by both Area and our Castle Bromwich Ramblers Group. ORDER MADE 16/04/2024 but for FOOTPATH! *"A rookie error, to be Redrafted and will be sent out again."* ORDER REMADE 04/06/2024 but as a FOOTPATH yet again!!! New Informal Consultation 30/07/2026 *"All existing Orders based on this route and application are superseded as part of this process and the legal process is being restarted."*

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1073	13/05/2025	Warwickshire County Council - SC2023/SD267	Tanworth in Arden, Park Farm	Informal consultation into an application to divert public footpath SD267 away from the applicants farmyard.	Stratford on Avon Ramblers Group have carried out a site inspection and provided a series of photographs showing the considerable work already carried out on the diversion route. While Area would not necessarily support these diversions, we have agreed with Stratford Group that if WCC were to make an Order Diverting this footpath Area would be unlikely to oppose the Order. ORDER MADE 14/07/2026.
1073	13/05/2025	Warwickshire County Council - SC2023/SD267a	Tanworth in Arden, Park Farm	Informal consultation into an application to divert public footpath SD267a away from the applicants farmyard.	This looks an acceptable diversion with some benefit to the path user. Stratford on Avon Ramblers Group have carried out a site inspection and provided a series of photographs showing the showing the work carried out on the diversion route. While Area would not necessarily support these diversions, we have agreed with Stratford Group that if WCC were to make an Order Diverting this footpath Area would be unlikely to oppose the Order. ORDER MADE 14/07/2026.
1079	25/06/2025	Robin Carr, PROW 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 (varied) by way of a Public Path Variation Order.	Area was aware that the diversions of public footpaths SB34 and SB35 on the ground do not comply with the Confirmed Diversion Order. Area also takes issue with the surfacing of these footpaths and would contend 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. 20/08/2025 promising response from SDC's Consultant re finishing of paths! SB34 SB35 Sealed Variation Diversion Order Plan Made 22/04/2026, including acceptable surface finish for the paths! ORDER CONFIRMED 24/06/2026—Site visit confirmed that cobbled paths have been rolled to dust as specified in the Order.
1086	06/08/2025	Solihull MBC - PL/2025/01404/ PPFL	Bickenhill, land between Elmdon Airport and Catherine de Barnes	Installation and operation of a 49.9 MW ground mounted solar farm and 5MW BESS facility together with all associated works, equipment, infrastructure and biodiversity enhancement areas. Three sites totalling 104ha, all in the Green Belt. Public footpath M113 crosses one site. Public footpaths M113a, M110,and M130 run adjacent to three sites respectively.	Insufficient information on footpath mitigation supplied. Area objection on both footpath and countryside (Green Belt to Grey Belt!) issues. REFUSED 30/07/2026 inappropriate development within the Green Belt.