

**STATEMENT OF PRIORITIES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DEFINITIVE MAP AND
STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDERS 2010**

Applications will normally be investigated in order of receipt. If one of the exceptions listed below applies, consideration will be given to prioritisation:

1	Where the physical existence of the claimed path is under threat due to development or excavation, mineral extraction or similar and will not be reinstated.
2	Where development is impeded by uncertainty as to status. (This only applies where planning permission for the relevant development has been granted and officers are satisfied that there is a genuine intention to implement the development immediately.)
3	Where a significant proportion of witnesses are unlikely to be able to attend an inquiry if consideration of the application is delayed.
4	Where the investigation of a claim would involve substantially the same area of land and/or evidence as a route currently under investigation, or about to be investigated, applications <i>may</i> be considered simultaneously.
5	Where the sale of a property is impeded by uncertainty as to status. (This only applies where officers are satisfied that there is a genuine intention to sell the property immediately.)
6	Where the claimed route provides a high benefit to a significant number of users e.g. proximity to amenities where evidence suggests the route is well used and no alternative nearby route exists.