

APPENDIX R4

CONDITION OF RIGHTS OF WAY IN ENGLAND

The following figures were compiled as part of the Best Value process and were submitted to the Audit Commission by highway authorities for the financial years 06/07, 05/06, 04/05, 03/04, 02/03 and 01/02. **The performance indicator (BV178) is a measure of the percentage of the total length of rights of way that were 'easy to use'.** Please note: In earlier years inner London boroughs were exempt, and not all highway authorities submitted information. Many RA Areas have questioned the accuracy of the figures and a dagger symbol (†) is used where inaccuracies are felt to exist. An asterisk next to a figure indicates that the Audit Commission also queried the statistics. A hash indicates that the council failed to provide any data.

Note on Ranking Column - ● indicates that the authority did not use the standard survey methodology. Authorities are directed to use this methodology by Government. After 2003/04 Authorities were no longer required to confirm whether or not they had used the standard survey methodology to compile their figures. Averages for 2002/03 are those given by the Audit Commission for authorities using the standard methodology only.

Authority	06/07	Rank	05/06	Rank	04/05	Rank	03/04	Rank	02/03	Rank	01/02	Rank
County Councils												
Bedfordshire	72.5%	15	68.0%	18	72.0%	10	62.4%	16	68%	9	71%	10
Buckinghamshire	73.9%	12	74.9%	11	78.7%	7	68.1%	9	72%	8	74%	9
Cambridgeshire	60.2%	28	53.8%	32	60.0%	23	58.0%	25	58%	15	79%	4
Cheshire	76.9%	6	73.5%	12	84.9%	5	71.0%	6	74%	5	75%	7
Cornwall	39.0%	34	54.0% †	30	41.0%	34	31.0%	34	41%	31	51%	22
Cumbria	52.2%	32	54.0%	31	53.8%	28	60.1%	20	44%	30 ●	#	n/a
Derbyshire	71.8%	18	67.7%	19	57.3%	26	51.5%	28	58%	15	47%	25
Devon	93.5%	2	92.8%	2	91.1%	2	78.2%	4 ●	54%	24 □	78%	6
Dorset	70.0%	20	65.0%	24	62.1%	18	46.7%	31	48%	29	43%	28
Durham	71.3%	19	72.2%	13	61.0%	21	58.6%	23	53%	25	#	n/a
East Sussex	52.8%	31	66.5%	22	70.2%	11	67.9%	11	64%	11	64%	12
Essex	53.8%	30	51.5%	33	53.0%	29	47.0%	30	55%	22	55% *	21
Gloucestershire	79.2%	4	75.3%	9	51.7%	31	61.7%	18	68%	9	#	n/a
Hampshire	75.3%	8	84.9%	3	85.2%	3	82.0%	3	76%	3	83%	2
Hertfordshire	69.6%	21	75.4%	8	61.7%	19	71.8%	5	40%	32	49% *	23
Kent	67.4%	23	66.6%	21	66.6%	16	68.0%	10	60%	13	60%	19
Lancashire	72.0%	16	79.0%	4	82.0%	6	70.7%	7	76%	3	63%	16
Leicestershire	78.0%	5	77.0%	5	77.0% †	8	66.0%	12	73%	7	79%	4
Lincolnshire	73.0%	13	75.0%	10	59.8%	24	64.5%	15	58%	15	59%	20
Norfolk	75.6%	7	71.6%	15	72.7% †	9	66.0%	13 ●	56%	21	45%	27
North Yorkshire	74.8%	10	76.0%	6	61.0%	21	51.0%	29	50%	27	#	n/a
Northamptonshire	62.0%	26	67.0%	20	70.0%	13	52.0%	27	51%	26	64% *	12
Northumberland	72.0%	16	68.2%	17	70.0%	13	58.3%	24	58%	15	64%	12
Nottinghamshire	62.0%	26	60.1%	29	52.6%	30	59.4%	21	57%	19	62%	17
Oxfordshire	74.0%	11	63.0%	26	64.5%	17	64.7%	14	64%	11	69%	11
Shropshire	73.0%	13	62.6%	28	48.0%	33	41.0%	32	36%	33	46%	26
Somerset	55.6%	29	63.3% †	25	50.2%	32	39.2%	33	35%	34	#	n/a
Staffordshire	75.0%	9	71.8%	14	67.8%	15	62.0%	17	49%	28	62%	17
Suffolk	63.0%	25	65.7%	23	58.8%	25	60.5%	19	57%	19	48% *	24
Surrey	86.2%	3	76.0%	6	85.2%	3	85.5%	2	87%	2	89%	1
Warwickshire	43.8%	33	50.9%	34	61.5%	20	59.0%	22	55%	22	83%	2
West Sussex	98.0%	1	98.0%	1	98.0%	1	98.0%	1 ●	98%	1 ●	#	n/a
Wiltshire	68.4%	22	69.2%	16	70.2%	11	70.5%	8	74%	5	75%	7
Worcestershire	67.3%	24	63.0%	27	56.5%	27	54.0%	26	59%	14	64%	12
Average %	69.2		69.2		66.4		62		59		66	

Authority	06/07	Rank	05/06	Rank	04/05	Rank	03/04	Rank	02/03	Rank	01/02	Rank
Outer London Borough Councils												
Barking & Dagenham	100%	1	100 %	1	100%	1	98.3%	10	100%	1	100%	1
Barnet	100%	1	100%	1	100.0%	1	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1
Bexley	94.5%	11	87.9%	12	78.4%	17	91.6%	12	99%	7	99%	8
Brent	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1	91%	8	97%	9
Bromley	97.4%	9	87.2%	13	82.4%	15	76.9%	15	75%	14	73%	14
Croydon	93.5%	13	64.1%	18	78.2%	18	55.0%	19	83%	11	97%	9
Ealing	83.1%	17	84.2%	15	75.0%	19	81.0%	14	72%	15	88%	12
Enfield	96.6%	10	95.7%	9	95.0%	10	92.0%	11	85%	10	89%	11
Haringey	99.0%	8	99.0%	8	99.3%	9	69.9%	17	62%	18	62%	16
Harrow	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1 ●	91%	8 ●	75%	13
Havering	94.0%	12	92.0%	10	90.4%	13	89.4%	13 ●	81%	12 ●	63%	15
Hillingdon	91.0%	14	84.0%	16	80.0%	16	53.9	20 ●	38%	20 ●	32%	19
Hounslow	89.0%	16	88.6%	14	87.4%	14	73.1%	16	67%	16	#	n/a
Kingston-upon-Thames	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1
Merton	89.1%	15	58.5%	19	91.6%	12	100%	1	63%	17 ●	59%	17
Newham	75.0%	19	75.0%	17	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1
Redbridge	56.0%	20	56.0%	20	56.1%	20	55.7%	18	57%	19	56%	18
Richmond-upon-Thames	100%	1	100%	1	100.0%	1	100%	1	100%	1 ●	100%	1
Sutton	82.3%	18	89.1%	11	92.5%	11	100%	1	80%	13	100%	1
Waltham Forest	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1
Average %	92.0		88.1		90.3		86.8		66 (London & Mets)		84	

Authority	06/07	Rank	05/06	Rank	04/05	Rank	03/04	Rank	02/03	Rank	01/02	Rank
Metropolitan District Councils												
Barnsley	34.0%	34	68.7%	21	64.0%	24	66.9%	18	59%	19	57%*	18
Birmingham	56.9%	29	56.4%	26	6.8%	35	5.3%	34 ●	11%	32	7%*	32
Bolton	66.0%	23	65.0%	24	67.0%	18	66.0%	19	59%	19	57%	18
Bradford	56.0%	30	63.5%	25	56.0%	28	59.6%	24	57%	24	53%	22
Bury	86.0%	8	81.0%	10	81.9%	8	68.4%	16	73%	11	69%	12
Calderdale	40.5%	33	55.0%	27	59.0%	25	31.0%	29	32%	29	#	n/a
Coventry	5.0%	36	5.0%	36	5.0%	36	5.0%	35	5%	34	#	n/a
Doncaster	65.8%	24	73.8%	15	57.0%	26	56.2%	25	61%	18	54%	21
Dudley	60.0%	26	32.4%	34	66.5%*	21	#	n/a	#	n/a	23%	31
Gateshead	45.0%	32	68.0%	22	65.0%	22	65.4%	20	58%	21	45%	27
Kirklees	61.3%	25	51.0%	30	37.1%	32	17.9%	31	11%	32	61%*	15
Knowsley	95.2%	3	95.0%	2	95.8%	2	95.8%	1	96%	1	95%	2
Leeds	58.2%	28	74.7%	13	70.2%	15	68.0%	17	58%	21	55%	20
Liverpool	96.2%	1	74.8%	12	100%†	1	92.0%	4	65%	15	40%	28
Manchester	73.4%	17	66.9%	23	66.3%	19	60.4%	23	71%	12	69%	12
Newcastle-upon-Tyne	71.5%	19	71.2%	18	69.4%	16	68.5%	15	58%	21	79%	9
North Tyneside	82.8%	11	74.3%	14	73.0%	14	73.0%	10	78%	7	83%	7
Oldham	76.1%	16	54.0%	28	46.5%	29	44.0%	27	49%	26	47%	26
Rochdale	56.0%	30	50.0%	31	42.2%	30	15.0%	32	12%	31	5%	33
Rotherham	95.4%	2	93.4%	3	95.3%	3	93.4%	3	83%	6	96%	1
Salford	79.5%	14	71.0%	19	66.0%	20	47.6%	26	68%	13	50%	23
Sandwell	5.2%	35	6.0%	35	11.6%	34	6.7%	33	5%*	34	3%*	34
Sefton	81.7%	12	78.1%	11	77.0%	12	72.0%	13	66%	14	80%	8
Sheffield	83.0%	10	82.0%	8	80.1%	10	78.3%	8	76%	9	73%	10
Solihull	60.0%	26	48.0%	32	14.0%	31	35.0%	28	49%	26	49%	24
South Tyneside	79.8%	13	88.1%	7	76.1%	13	72.5%	12	91%	3 ●	95%	2
St Helens	90.5%	5	98.0%	1	95.3%	3	95.0%	2	95%	2	95%	2
Stockport	83.9%	9	81.4%	9	79.1%	11	76.0%	9	63%	17	60%	17
Sunderland	66.9%	22	72.1%	16	56.7%	27	62.8%	22	54%	25	48%	25
Tameside	93.1%	4	92.3%	4	88.8%	5	85.0%	7	77%	8	65%	14
Trafford	68.6%	20	51.9%	29	37.0%	33	25.1%*	30 ●	25%	30	39%	29
Wakefield	76.4%	15	71.3%	17	84.1%	7	63.5%	21	44%	28	29%	30
Walsall	67.8%	21	36.1%	33	64.6%	23	73.0%	10	64%	16	61%	15
Wigan	72.0%	18	71.0%	19	68.0%	17	71.0%	14	74%	10 ●	71%	11
Wirral	87.5%	7	92.1%	5	80.8%	9	86.9%	6	91%	3	95%	2
Wolverhampton	90.0%	6	89.3%	6	88.6%	6	88.2%	5	87%	5 ●	87%	6
Average %	68.5		66.7		64.4		60.7		66 (London & Mets)		63	

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Unitary Councils												
Bath & N E Somerset	65.0%	39	54.3%	42	59.0%	40	49.7%	42	62%	29	80%	16
Blackburn with Darwen	82.2%	25	78.9%	27	82.4%	19	66.0%	32	39%	42	43%	39
Blackpool	71.9%	36	94.7%	9	100%	1	100%	1 ●	100%	1 ●	60%	30
Bournemouth	96.5%	7	96.5%	5	96.5%	6	96.0%	7	97%	8 ●	97%	5
Bracknell Forest	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1	99%	7	97%	5
Brighton & Hove	91.9%	13	93.3%	11	94.2%	9	93.8%	9	88%	11	95%	9
Bristol	77.1%	32	85.6%	19	76.0%	27	72.9%	29	70%	22	67%	25
Darlington	85.2%	22	83.3%	22	80.0%	22	82.3%	18	83%	15	95%	9
Derby	87.3%	19	88.1%	15	81.5%	20	70.0%	30	58%	33	45%	37
East Riding of Yorkshire	92.6%	12	82.5%	24	81.1%	21	75.4%	25 ●	69%	25 ●	75%	18
Halton	94.2%	8	95.5%	7	95.0%	7	95.0%	8	85%	14	62%	28
Hartlepool	96.9%	6	89.1%	13	91.0%	11	84.9%	14	70%	22	99%	3
Herefordshire	48.0%	45	52.0%	43	45.0%	44	43.5%	43	41%	40	37%	40
Isle of Wight	97.0%	5	95.0%	8	90.0%	14	87.5%	11	83%	15	#	n/a
Kingston-upon-Hull	90.1%	15	90.0%	12	90.0%	14	80.0%	20 ●	100%	1 ●	#	n/a
Leicester	75.0%	33	61.0%	39	50.0%	41	64.0%*	33 ●	50%	36 ●	60%	30
Luton	98.5%	4	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1 ●	100%	1 ●	100%	1
Medway Council	66.8%	38	54.9%	41	38	45	42.0%	44	59%	31	72%	21
Middlesbrough	94.2%	9	85.0%	21	75.0%	28	73.0%	28	60%	30	52%	35
Milton Keynes	60.0%	42	58.5%	40	61.0%	39	51.5%	40	38%	43	51%	36
North East Lincolnshire	87.7%	18	76.7%	30	64.7%	36	54.4%	39	49%	37	64%	26
North Lincolnshire	72.8%	35	75.5%	31	66.6%	34	58.7%	38	52%	35	45%	37
North Somerset	61.9%	40	72.1%†	34	76.8%	25	74.1%	27	67%	26	69%	23
Nottingham	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1	93.0%	10	#	n/a	100%	1
Peterborough	83.0%	24	77.0%	29	91.0%	11	68.6%	31	86%	13	88%	11
Plymouth	78.6%	29	33.3%	46	85.0%	17	59.0%	37	59%	31	69%	23
Poole	52.8%	43	72.4%	33	86.6%	16	100%	1 ●	100%	1 ●	98%	4
Portsmouth	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1	#	n/a
Reading	94.1%	10	94.1%	10	94.4%	8	87.5%	11	87%	12	83%	14
Redcar & Cleveland	79.1%	28	80.5%	25	68.2%	33	62.6%	35	56%	34	59%	32
Rutland	85.1%	23	69.0%†	36	49.4%	42	50.9%	41	48%	38	72% *	21
Slough	90.8%	14	82.9%	23	76.6%	26	61.6%	36	38%	43	#	n/a
South Gloucestershire	52.7%	44	47.8%	44	46.0%	43	39.0%	45 ●	40%	41 ●	35%	41
Southampton	88.5%	16	96.5%	5	91.3%	10	85.4%	13	100%	1	64%	26
Southend-on-Sea	94.0%	11	88.0%	16	91.0%	11	98.0%	6	97%	8	97%	5
Stockton-on-Tees	87.1%	20	78.9%	27	80.0%	22	80.7%	19	74%	20	81%	15
Stoke-on-Trent	60.8%	41	37.5%	45	14.8%	46	33.2%	46	17%	45	21%	42
Swindon	86.0%	21	85.1%	20	77.0%	24	79.0%	21	79%	17	84% *	13
Telford & Wrekin	70.0%	37	64.0%	38	65.0%	35	76.0%	23	77%	19	75%	18
Thurrock	46.3%	46	80.0%	26	62.2%	37	77.0%	22	70%	22	76%	17
Torbay	88.4%	17	86.8%	17	83.9%	18	82.4%	17	73%	21	62%	28
Warrington	73.2%	34	71.5%	35	68.8%	32	74.5%	26	67%	26	53%	34
West Berkshire	78.0%	30	74.0%	32	71.0%	31	76.0%	24	64%	28	74%	20
Windsor & Maidenhead	80.4%	27	89.1%	13	74.5%	29	84.9%	15	78%	18	88%	11
Wokingham	81.0%	26	85.9%	18	74.0%	30	83.0%	16	95%	10	96%	8
York	77.3%	31	68.3%	37	61.1%	38	63.5%	34	45%	39	57%	33
Average %	80.9%		78.8		76.2		73.2		68		71	

All England												
Average %	76.3		74.6		66.8		69.2		65		69	