

APPENDIX D

FOOTPATH AND BRIDLEWAY AUDIT FOR PATHS THAT NEED ACTION



Footpath number on map:	Location	Report on state of footpath	Priorities
PE1	From Mill Rd through to Twywell	The well signposted start from Mill Rd is immediately followed by the absence of the footpath. Wheat is currently being grown and there is no evidence of the reinstatement of the footpath across the field (the hedgerow was grubbed out to make a large field. The footpath is well defined from the far side of the field and is in good order (in dry weather). The footpath is well defined crossing the field after Station Lane to the footbridge and continues through a horse field.	Landowner/NCC to ensure footpath is reinstated in a line with the distant hedgerow
PE2	From track leading off Church St to the Forde d	Bridle path Swing gate as you enter Shrubberies has bridle way sign damaged and not attached. Track through Shrubberies is muddy but passable. Some low hanging branches hanging over just before fork junction in wood. Swing gate as you leave the Shrubberies has only footpath sign on this side and only bridle on other. Track runs through planted field which has been left for walker/rider to re-establish path (not problem at moment as crop low and path starting to be established should be monitored) Gate at brook is damaged and no path signs. The gates weight and style of handle makes it hard to open on horses back. Bridge needs checking for safety	Replace sign, trim back branches at beginning of shrubbery, just past stile. Cut back side branches to restore width of path. Check bridge for safety PE2 joins with ND17 via ND8. ND17 impassable due to rape crop with no footpath reinstated.
PE3	Start at Allotment, through to Shrubbery	Firm track through allotment, Muddy around stile, then grassy track, floods at times. At start of path in shrubberies, path is narrow, low overhanging branches.	Trim back branches at beginning of shrubbery, just past stile. Cut back side branches to restore width of path.
PE5	Starts at Trailli Lane through kissing gate.	Stile gate in position in Trailli Lane, signpost pointing in wrong direction. Footpath is not visible. Overgrown grass inhibits its use. Tracks are visible across in general direction showing footpath still in use. Allen tree alongside side of field has led to establishment of a temporary path parallel to the fence .Kissing gate at other end in good condition. Path needs re-instating,	Re-locate sign. Reinstated footpath. Footpath ploughed up/cropped and footpath not re-instated across field.
PE8	Starts at A14 to Woodford Grange and drops down to lock	Good path to Woodford Grange then Path follows hedge line before dropping down to lock. This last section can be challenging depending upon crop grown. Impassable with rape crop.	Impassable through rape on field down to lock.

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PE11	Starts on Addington Road	Sign posted off of Addington road and runs down the side of house through kissing gate. Enter grazing field/ backyard. Footpath goes diagonally across to another kissing gate enter larger grazing field. Carry on the diagonal to stile exiting field.	Note pass through fields with horses. none
PE14	From Woodford / Gt Addington Road.	First few hundred metres to Three Hills Tumuli are on an extremely muddy and deeply rutted farm track. At the tumuli the path diverges from the track to cut diagonally across a field. This has been blocked with a relatively new barbed wire fence enclosing the field. We had to continue down the track for another 100 metres or so and then turn left into a grass field. Over small bridge into Gt Addington parish and path MA3.	Barbed wire needs removal and path re-instated.
PE16	From A14 to Denford	Path starts close to A14. Access to field not clear and necessary to go further along concrete rd to access field. Field perimeter track good, signs point the way to cross Thrapston-Stanwick lakes permitted route. Path across rape crop has not been re-instated but there is a clear route around filed perimeter (not signed) before crossing to field that leads to Denford lock.	Reinstatement of path required, Signage needs attention at start and during the route as it crosses in a SE/NNW direction
PE18	Shrubberies towards Woodford Grange	A limestone dressing has been used on the path which has become extremely muddy and slippery. The final 2-300 metres across a field to Woodford Grange have been planted with crops which will block the path in the spring if not sprayed.	Route across second path impassable, walkers tend to follow track behind farm. Crop means footpath cannot be followed.
PE19	End of Shrubberies	Path runs alongside hedge, good entrance stile from field end	
PE20	From old Cranford Rd to Rd close to roundabout at Tywell Woods and Dale	This is a short stretch of bridleway, well signposted at the roundabout end but not signposted at the start from Cranford Rd. It is difficult to identify the start point which runs through land adjacent to a property	Replace signpost at start of footpath on old Cranford RD. Footpath start moved away from cottage?