

Footpath Checklist

Footpath name or location _____ (see 'About Hitchin' map)

Estimated length _____ (see list)

Scores 1 = poor, 3 = acceptable, 5 = excellent, NA = not applicable

Criterion and examples	Score	Comment
Is the path made easy to use and is it worth using?		
Signage (legible, accurate and useful statement of destination, distance, any hazards, not vandalized?)		
Connectivity (is the path useful in connecting locations, providing a shortcut or alternative to a road journey? Does it avoid dangerous roads?)		
Attractiveness (are there points of interest, pleasant surroundings, wildlife opportunities, freedom from noise – e.g. of factories)		
Health, safety and security		
Surface (evenness, potholes, evidence of recent maintenance, dry and not muddy, where paving slabs, are they secure and even?)		
Boundaries (are they in good repair, clear of graffiti or other vandalism, overgrown where hedges, is the path free of over-hanging branches?)		
Wheelchair access (wide enough, suitable surface and gradient, steps?) This may be NA for rural paths.		

Barriers to prevent children running onto busy roads at ends?	Y/N	
Barriers to prevent access by motor vehicles? (are they broken or have they been removed / damaged?)	Y/N	
Cycling – do cyclists routinely ride, do they pose a danger?		
Lighting (distance between, does it work? NA for rural paths)		
Visibility (is there passive surveillance, are there bends or corners which would raise perceived crime threat?)		
Litter and vandalism		
Is there evidence of vandalism, litter and / or fly-tipping (both on path and in visible surroundings) Is litter 'offensive' – e.g. syringes / condoms?		
Litter bins – are there any and have they been emptied?	Y/N	
Dog fouling – recent?	Y/N	
Dog excrement bins – are there any?	Y/N	
Conclusions		
Recommended action		