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MILES WITHOUT BARRIERS

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1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update the LAF on progress and next steps. To seek advice from the LAF on how they wish to promote and inform the public of the routes of miles without barriers.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 To enable more people with limited mobility to use the PROW it was felt that RCC should reduce the number of stiles and replace them with accessible gates. Whilst this is still required, there are other factors that can improve accessibility on the PROW network. This is by informing the public of routes which are most accessible. Fortunately, Rutland CC PROW Database holds all the PROW assets with their locations and PROW reference numbers.
- 2.2 It was decided to use the information on the database to identify the PROWs without stiles, steps and bridges. This has been carried out. The next task is to identify which of the PROWs without these barriers, have a barrier free route starting and ending at a public highway other than a PROW. Once this task has been carried out, it would be helpful if the barrier free routes could be checked by volunteers to ensure there are no obstacles. We can then display these Miles Without Barrier routes on the RCC website.
- 2.3 In future from the RCC PROW Database we can also prioritise routes that currently have one stile, to change to accessible gates.

3 ISSUES FOR THE LAF TO CONSIDER AND ADVISE RCC

- 3.1 How to make the public aware of the Miles without Barriers.
- 3.2 How to promote the web page of the Miles without Barriers.