

Status of the Moorlands/Beech Park & School Lane/Potters Close Footpaths

Tom Green Public Rights of Way Officer (Definitive Map Review) : These paths are both recorded as 'linking footways' and are all therefore part of the public highway network. This is a common category on more modern housing estates. They are not recorded on the Definitive Map of public rights of way as they have a slightly different legal status and only came about long after the Definitive Map was created. Linking footways are surfaced paths and are physically maintained by the County Council so essentially they are a step up from a simple footpath. PRow such as footpaths and bridleways merely give the public the right to pass and re-pass along the route, the surface rarely being maintained to any standard by the County Council – we merely keep them open, available and safe.

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