

**From:** Freedom of Information Requests

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**To:**

**Subject:** FOI Response -

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 11 September 2025 for information about public rights of way. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

**1. Public Rights of Way Management.**

a. The total length (in miles or kilometres) of public rights of way for which your authority is responsible.

Response: 609 km

b. The length of each classification of rights of way (for example: footpath, bridleway, byway etc)

Response: Footpaths 491 km, Bridleways 103 km, Restricted Byway 3 km, Byway Open to All Traffic 12 km

b. The method or process your authority uses to calculate this total length.

Response: Measured from GIS Definitive Map layer

**2. Public Rights of Way Impacted by Development-Highway Works.**

For public rights of way impacted by development where the development has required works on or under the public rights of way, please provide:

a. The total number of cases this applies to, that you were either consulted on/aware of.

Response: 2

b. The number of these cases that have a Section 278 agreement under the Highways Act 1980 in place.

Response: 0

c. The number of cases where no Section 278 agreement was in place.

d. Where possible, the reference numbers or policy identifiers associated with each case.

Response: Development off Rose Hill Doncaster and development of Stevens Road Balby Doncaster

**3. Policies and Standards.**

a. Whether your authority has an adopted Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP).

Response: Yes

b. Whether your authority has design standards or guidance specifically for the construction, maintenance, or improvement of public rights of way.

Response: Yes, within ROWIP and separate structures policy

c. If your right of way management is part of a highways authority team, a right side way specific team or other.

Response: Public Rights of Way and Highway Records sits as team within Highways Network Management

If possible, please provide any relevant documents, links, or indicate where information can be accessed for section 3. Response: <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/culture-leisure-tourism/rights-of-way-improvement-plans>

I hope that this information is useful to you.

The City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £50 to respond to this request for information.

**Reviewing any decisions made:**

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email [FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk)

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours faithfully,

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