

Sidmouth College to The Byes: Proposed Walking and Cycling Link

Report of the Head of Highways and Traffic Management

Please note that the following recommendation is subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the scheme shown on attached plan no. B2300065\C.01A\0003 be approved at an estimated cost of £50,000.

1. Summary

This report seeks approval to a proposed scheme to provide a walking and cycling link from Sidmouth College to The Byes.

2. Background/Introduction

Included within the Travel Plan for Sidmouth College is a proposal for a shared use path linking the College to The Byes. The path was part of a package of measures included in a grant application to Sustrans under the 'Links to Schools' programme last year, but was not successful in being awarded funding at that time. However funding was granted for a new cycle storage facility at the college, and this work has recently been completed.

The scheme will also form part of a wider network of cycle routes with the completion of the proposed link to Sidbury, for which Local Transport Plan funding has been allocated over the next three year period. It will enable students living in Sidbury to cycle (or walk) safely to the college, with the added benefit of saving up to £20,000 a year in bus pass fees.

3. Proposals

Attached plan no. B2300065\C.01A\0003 shows the proposed scheme, which involves the construction of a 3.0m wide shared use footpath/cycleway from The Byes linking to the recently completed cycle storage facility. Discussions are ongoing with representatives of the college regarding the exact alignment and final details of the scheme.

4. Financial Considerations

The estimated cost of the scheme is £50,000, and funding has been identified in the 2012/13 Local Transport Plan Market and Coastal Towns and Rural Devon Foundation programme.

5. Sustainability Considerations

The provision of improved walking and cycling routes, helping to reduce dependence on private car use, is a key element in the County Council's sustainable transport policy.

6. Carbon Impact Considerations

The proposals should have a positive impact by encouraging walking and cycling and reducing levels of car use.

7. Equality Considerations

No new policies are being recommended in this report and therefore an Equality Impact and Needs Assessment is not considered necessary.

8. Legal Considerations

The lawful implications/consequences of the proposals have been considered and taken into account in the preparation of this report.

9. Risk Management Considerations

This proposal has been assessed and all necessary safeguards or actions have been taken to safeguard the Council's position.

10. Public Health Impact

The scheme will have a positive public health impact by encouraging increased walking and cycling. Studies have indicated that regular cycling can reduce the risk of premature death by 40%. In a report by the British Medical Association, the health benefits of cycling were found to outweigh the risks of injury by a factor of twenty to one.

11. Options/Alternatives Investigated

Alternative alignments within the college grounds were investigated, but the recommended route is the one favoured by the college and provides the most direct route from The Byes to the new cycle storage facility.

12. Reason for Recommendation/Conclusion

The proposed scheme will help to reduce car use and encourage more local journeys to be made by sustainable means.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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| Background Paper | Date | File Reference |
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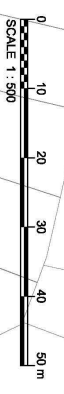
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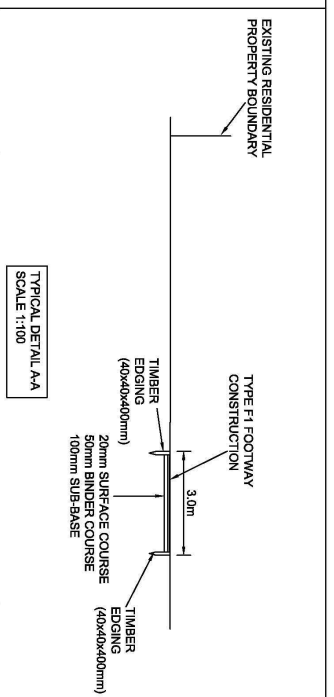
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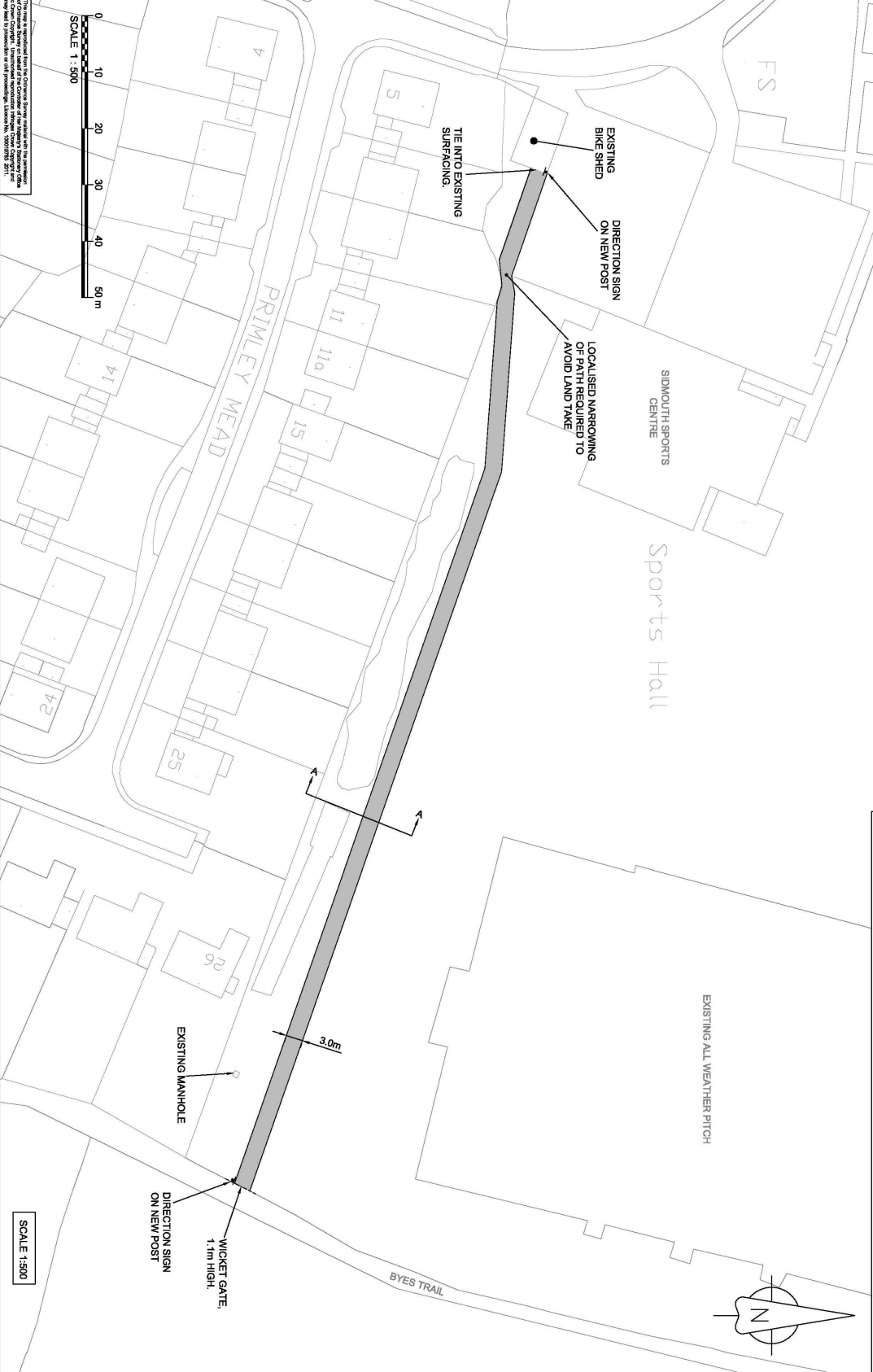


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- KEY**
- TYPE F1 FOOTWAY CONSTRUCTION (STANDARD DETAIL S9D) WITH TIMBER EDGING (STANDARD DETAIL S9D).

- NOTES**
1. EXISTING GROUND CONDITIONS UNKNOWN. DEPTH OF FOOTWAY CONSTRUCTION BASED ON GOOD GROUND CONDITIONS.
 2. DEPTH OF EXISTING SERVICES UNKNOWN.



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SCHEME PLAN OPTION 3

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| Drawing name | PRELIMINARY |
| Scale | AS SHOWN @ A2 SIZE |
| Drawing No. | B2300065 |
| Client | DO NOT SCALE |
| Contract number | B2300065/C.01A/0003 |
| Revision | P1 |

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