

## **Canaan Way, Ottery St Mary – Cycle Link and Toucan Crossing**

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. C11035/2 be approved at an estimated cost of £70,000.

### **1. Summary**

This report seeks approval to a proposed scheme to provide shared use cycle paths and a toucan crossing in Canaan Way, Ottery St Mary.

### **2. Background/Introduction**

As part of the development of the new 'Connect 2' foot and cycle bridge scheme in Ottery St Mary, the need has been identified to improve the cycling links from the scheme, via the Land of Canaan open space, to the town centre. Financial provision was made within the Investing in Devon allocation, to develop these improved links, once pedestrian and cycling movements had been established following the completion of the Connect 2 scheme.

### **3. Proposals**

Attached plan no. C11035/2 shows the proposed scheme, which involves the widening of sections of footway either side of Canaan Way to 2.5m, enabling them to be converted to shared use, and the provision of a toucan crossing near the entrance to the Medical Centre, replacing the existing zebra crossing.

### **4. Financial Considerations**

The estimated cost of the scheme is £70,000 and funding has been identified in the 2012/13 Investing in Devon 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**

Other options investigated included the provision on-road cycle lanes and the retention of the existing zebra crossing, but the proposed scheme was considered to provide the maximum benefits for both pedestrians and cyclists.

## **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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