

Woodbury to Exe Estuary Trail – cycle route

Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment

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

Recommendation: It is recommended that:

- (a) the scheme shown on plan C12022/13 is approved at an estimated cost of £115,000;**
- (b) subject to approval to a departure from speed limit policy, a traffic regulation order to extend the 30mph speed limit in Globe Hill Woodbury be advertised, and made and sealed subject to satisfactory statutory consultation and no objections being received.**

1. Summary

This report seeks approval to a proposed scheme to provide an on-road cycle link from Woodbury to the Exe Estuary Trail at Ebford.

2. Background/Introduction

With the Exe Estuary Trail now nearing completion, consideration is being given to providing linking routes to other communities located around the estuary but not currently directly served by the Trail. One such community is Woodbury, where it is considered that there would be significant potential for promoting commuter cycling into Exeter, as well as giving residents improved access to the outstanding leisure and recreational opportunities that the Trail provides. Additionally, a safe and well signed link would help to encourage more people to visit Woodbury and benefit from the local tourism facilities available in the village.

3. Proposals

The attached plan no. C12022/13 shows the proposed scheme, which involves the following main elements:

- (a) the upgrading of the existing signalised crossing of the A376 at Ebford to facilitate use by cyclists;**
- (b) the reconstruction and/or resurfacing of locally failed sections of Lower Lane and Ebford Lane, together with drainage improvements to help prevent future deterioration;**
- (c) the provision of signs along the whole of the route, generally using timber finger posts which will blend in sympathetically with the rural environment;**
- (d) the extension of the 30mph speed limit in Globe Hill for a distance of approximately 50m northwards to help reduce the speed of traffic and improve the safety of cyclists crossing at the Globe Hill/ Rydon Lane/Oakhayes Road junction. It should be noted that the proposed extension to the speed limit will require approval to a departure from speed limit policy.**
- (e) the upgrading of the signing and road surface markings in Globe Hill to reinforce the extended 30mph speed limit and to warn drivers of the likelihood of cyclists crossing.**

4. Consultation

The proposals have received support through consultation with Woodbury Parish Council and the two local Members who represent the areas affected by the scheme.

5. Financial Considerations

The total estimated cost of the scheme is £115,000, for which financial provision has been made in the 2014/15 Devon Local Transport Plan.

6. Sustainability Considerations

The proposals will have a positive impact by encouraging more people to cycle. The provision of improved cycle routes, helping to reduce dependence on private car use, is a key element of the County Council's sustainable transport policy.

7. Carbon Impact Considerations

The proposals will have a positive impact by helping to reduce levels of car use.

8. Equality Considerations

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

9. Legal Considerations

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

10. Risk Management Considerations

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

11. Public Health Impact

The scheme will have a positive public health impact by encouraging increased cycling, with associated personal health benefits.

12. Options/Alternatives Investigated

A number of alternative on-road and off-road options have been investigated, but the recommended scheme is considered to represent the optimum solution in terms of value for money and providing a direct and convenient link from Woodbury to the Exe Estuary Trail.

13. Reason for Recommendation/Conclusion

The proposed scheme will help to reduce levels of car use and will help to stimulate the local economy by better linking communities along or near the Exe Estuary and encouraging increased cycle tourism. The enhanced signing and road markings in Globe Hill will also help to control the speed of traffic on this approach to the village.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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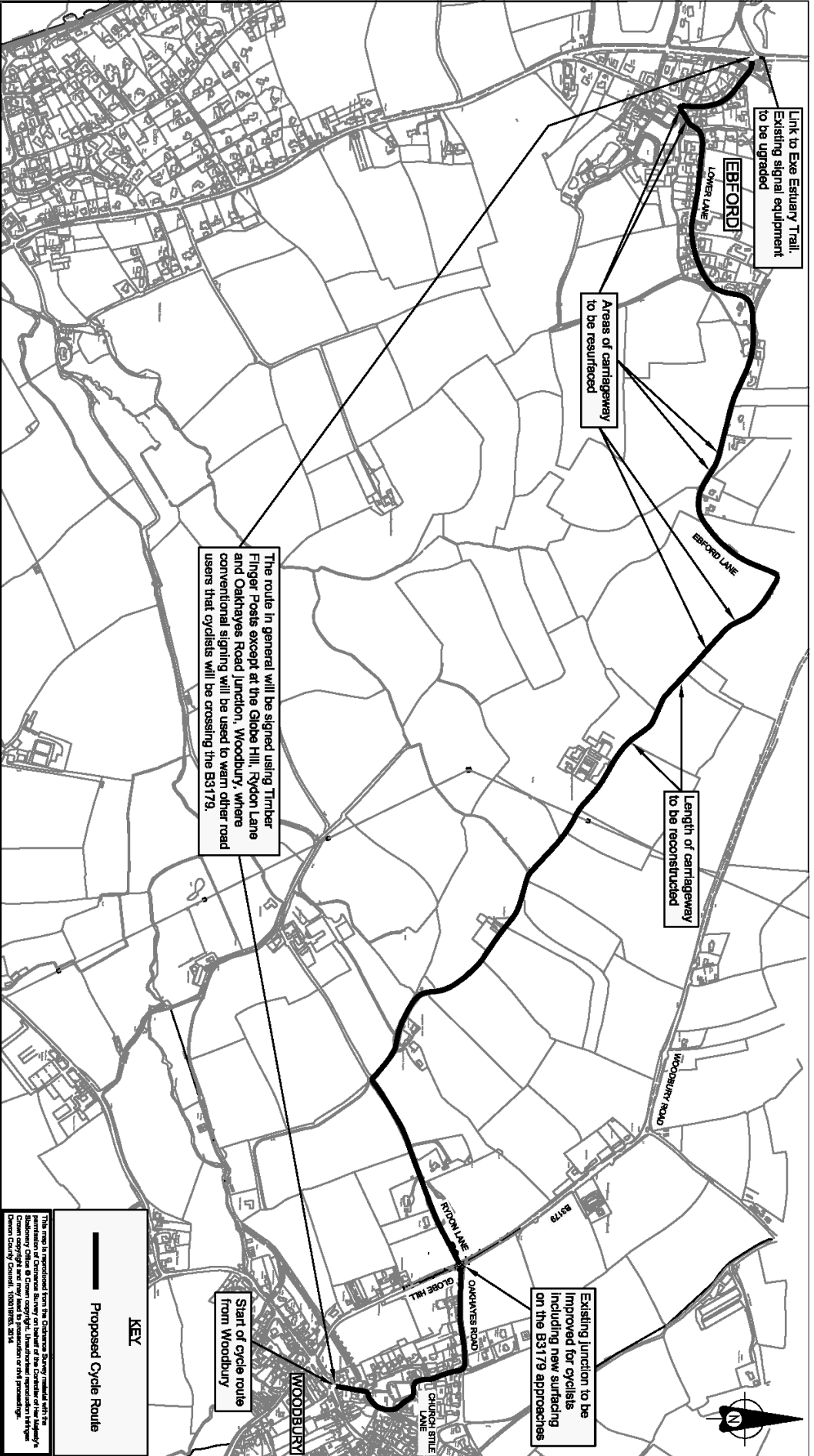
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**WOODBURY TO
EXE ESTUARY TRAIL
MULTI USE ROUTE**



The route in general will be signed using Timber Finger Posts except at the Globe Hill, Rydon Lane and Oakhaves Road Junction, Woodbury, where conventional signing will be used to warn other road users that cyclists will be crossing the B3179.

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— Proposed Cycle Route

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