PTE/15/15 East Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee 5 March 2015

Broadclyst – Safer Route to School

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 drawings B2300274-0101 Rev A and B2300274-0102 at an estimated cost of £118,000 be approved for construction;
- (b) authority is granted to advertise and, subject to no objections being received, to install traffic calming features on the public highway as described in the report;
- (c) the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy, Growth and Cabinet Liaison for Exeter, be given delegated authority to make minor amendments to the scheme design, following consultation.

1. Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek formal approval for a series of traffic calming improvements at Dog Village, Broadclyst as a further phase of works that will follow the B3181 toucan crossing and connecting shared use footway/cycleway.

2. Background/Introduction

In June 2014 (PTE/14/47), a report was taken for the approval of a scheme to construct a signalised crossing of the B3181 at Broadclyst and shared use footway/cycleway link through the orchard to Station Road. The scheme will provide improved access to the village for cyclists and pedestrians (including school children boarding or alighting from buses in the northbound direction on the B3181) and will also better connect the community of Broadclyst to leisure cycle routes to Killerton. These works are planned to commence on 23 February and are due for completion by the end of March 2015. This report seeks approval for the adjoining scheme to deliver a safer route to school from the orchard to the Clyst Vale Community College.

3. **Proposals**

The draft scheme proposals are shown on attached plans B2300274-0101 and B2300274--0102 and include the narrowing of the carriageway with kerbs and a road hump on the section of Station Road between Tower View and the orchard scheme; the steepening of the existing road hump just north of Old Coach Road with the raised platform surfaced in red; the construction of a new footway linking from the entrance to Clyst Vale Community College via the improved raised platform into Old Coach Road; a new road hump on outside Woodbury View properties and refreshed markings on existing road humps on Station Road on the eastern side of Clyst Vale Community College. In order to minimise disruption to the College, Phase 1 of the works (plan B2300274-0101 Rev A) are planned to commence between 30 March and 10 April 2015 during the Easter holidays. Phase 2 of the

works (plan B2300274-0102) are planned to commence between 27 July and 20 August at the start of the Summer holidays.

4. Consultations

Consultation has been undertaken with various parties including the local Member, the Community College, the National Trust, local residents, the Parish Council and the Broadclyst Traffic Group. Responses to the proposals have been positive.

5. Financial Considerations

Financial provision to progress the scheme at a provisionally estimated cost of £118,000 has been made and will be funded using Section 106 contributions from Cranbrook and SkyPark.

6. Sustainability Considerations

The proposals will have a positive impact by encouraging more people to walk and cycle. It will help reduce speeds of vehicles through the area and improve pedestrian facilities for people in the village on a key route to school. It will be complimentary to the Toucan Crossing/Orchard footway/cycleway scheme which was approved by HATOC in June 2014.

7. Carbon Impact Considerations

The proposals are expected to have a slight positive carbon impact.

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 walking and cycling, with associated personal health benefits.

12. Options/Alternatives Investigated

Consideration was given to replacing the existing road humps on Station Road on the eastern side of Clyst Vale Community College with steeper ramps but this was not considered a good value investment. There would be substantial disruption to traffic to undertake these works, including a road closure and lengthy diversion and it was considered that the budget would be better spent on other improvements in the village. As a compromise, to increase the conspicuity of the humps, the scheme incorporates refreshed triangular road markings.

13. Reason for Recommendation/Conclusion

The proposed scheme will provide an improved route to school and will help to reduce levels of car use and speeds in Dog Village It will also help encourage increased cycling between Broadclyst and local leisure destinations, including Killerton.

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