

## **Denmark Road/Barnfield Road/Barnfield Hill Junction, Exeter – pedestrian and cycle safety scheme**

Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment

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

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that approval be given for the scheme shown on attached plan no. C13002/04, at an estimated cost of £70,000.

### **1. Summary**

This report seeks approval for a proposed scheme to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists at the Denmark Road/Barnfield Road/Barnfield Hill junction, Exeter.

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

Report HTM/13/1 to this Committee on 17 January 2013 summarised the results of a public exhibition and consultation with local residents on the (now completed) scheme to provide improved crossing facilities at the Heavitree Road/Denmark Road/Russell Street junction. Section 5 of that report listed a number of other issues in the Newtown area raised as part of the consultation process, one of which related to pedestrian and cycle safety at the Denmark Road/Barnfield Road/Barnfield Hill junction. In response to the concerns raised, the report commented that *“the design of the junction of Denmark Road with Barnfield Hill will be assessed with a view to reducing speed, improving pedestrian crossing facilities and providing a cycle link to Southernhay.”* It was resolved (Minute \*168 refers) that *“the items identified for action in section 5 of the report arising from the public consultation be pursued as a matter of priority within the 2013/14 programme”*.

The purpose of this report is to recommend, for approval, a scheme to address these issues.

### **3. Proposals**

Attached plan no. C13002/04 shows the proposed scheme, which includes the following main elements:

- A raised crossing ‘table’ at the junction to help reduce the speed of traffic;
- Footway extensions at the junctions to assist pedestrians crossing;
- Reduced kerb radii at the junctions to reduce the speed of turning vehicles.

The raised crossing table, and the traffic regulation order required to implement the scheme, have been advertised and no objections were received.

### **4. Financial Considerations**

The estimated cost of the scheme is £70,000, for which provision has been made in the 2013/14 Local Transport Plan Exeter Foundation Walking and Cycling budget.

## **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.

## **11. Options/Alternatives Investigated**

No alternative options for reducing the speed of traffic and improving pedestrian/cycle safety were considered to be satisfactory.

## **12. Reason for Recommendation/Conclusion**

The proposed scheme will help to improve safety at the junction 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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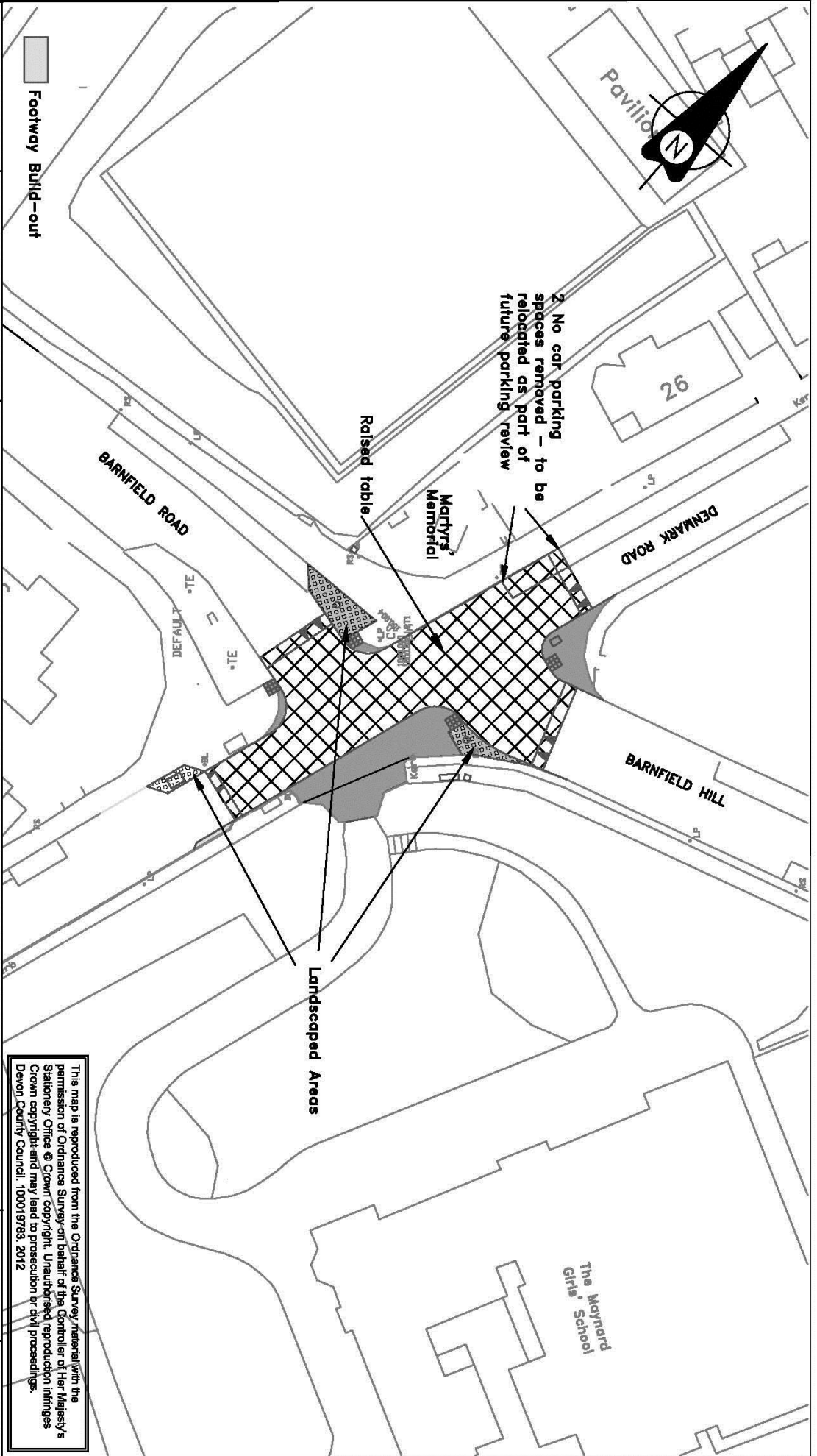
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