

**Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 2011-26: Implementation Plan for Devon
B3440 Commercial Road, Uffculme - Proposed Footway Link Scheme for Formal
Approval**

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 drawing number C08034/12 be approved at an estimated cost of £44,700.

1. Summary

This report details the proposals to provide a footway at B3440 Commercial Road, Uffculme.

2. Background/Introduction

There has been ongoing and increasing concern at hazard caused to pedestrians by a lack of footway in Commercial Road in the vicinity of the Post Office. There is an existing hardened verge on the south east side of the road but due to the surface gradients required to maintain drainage it is difficult to walk on and pedestrians are forced to walk in the carriageway.

The proposed scheme provides a link to the post office from Markers Way and the main village centre to the east. It also establishes a formal pedestrian crossing point for residents of Highland Terrace.

3. Proposal

The proposed scheme is shown on Drg No. C08034/12 attached. The scheme entails the construction of a new 1.2 metre wide footway within the carriageway on the south east side of the road, realignment of the junction of Highland Terrace and Commercial Road, realignment of the junction of Markers Way and Commercial Road and realignment of the footway on the north west side of the road for approximately 45 metres north of Highland Terrace on existing highway land.

4. Financial Considerations

The estimated cost of this scheme is £44,700. This sum has been identified in the 2011/2012 Integrated Block Programme for Market and Coastal Towns and Rural Devon: Local Schemes of the Devon Local Transport Plan.

5. Alternative Options

Various options were considered including providing a footway on the north side of the road, and providing a formal priority system for vehicles. However, given the nature of the locale, land ownerships and safety appraisals, the only viable option identified that would provide a footway is the proposed scheme.

6. Sustainability Considerations

The objectives and strategies of the Devon Local Transport Plan aim to improve travel choices including walking to reduce unnecessary use of the private car, as a contribution to improving Devon's environmental, social and economic well being.

The scheme supports this objective by encouraging walking.

7. Carbon Impact Considerations

As the scheme will encourage walking the scheme will have a positive carbon impact.

8. Equality Considerations

An Equality Impact and Needs Assessment (EINA) was undertaken for the Local Transport Plan 2011 to 2026, which included the 2011/12 programme as described in this report. No negative impacts were identified.

9. Legal Considerations

There are no specific legal considerations.

10. Risk Management Considerations

Financial risk has been identified and appropriate allowances within the scheme estimate have been made to protect the Council's position.

11. Reason for Recommendation/Conclusion

The lack of footway adjacent to the B3440 has caused considerable concern to the local community. Uffculme Parish Council have been campaigning for a solution to the problem for some years, and are supportive of the proposed scheme because construction of the new footway will provide safer access to a vital community service.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Ref.
1. Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 2011-2026: Implementation Plan for Devon and Proposed 2011/12 Programme	9 March 2011	EEC/11/35/HQ

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