

**Devon on the Move  
Devon Local Transport Plan (DLTP)  
A39 Pilton Junction, Barnstaple  
Proposed Highway Improvement Scheme**

Report of the Local Service Officer (Barnstaple)

***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 plan EATS(N)305-4-2 (to be displayed at Committee) is approved at an estimated cost of £120,000.**

**1. Summary**

The report seeks approval for a scheme to make alterations to the A39 in the vicinity of the junction at Pilton Bridge and St Georges Road, Barnstaple.

**2. Background**

A39 Pilton Causeway/North Road is at a crossroads with Fairview and St Georges Road. Not only is it a very busy traffic junction but is crossed everyday by a very large number of pedestrians and cyclists including those making the school journey from the residential areas of Gorwell, Derby, Raleigh and St Mary's area to the two primary schools and the Community College on Abbey Road and Chaddiford Lane.

**3. Proposals**

Budget provision has been made in the DLTP for a scheme at the junction, designed to improve traffic movement and to improve pedestrian and cyclists journeys.

The scheme shown on plan EATS(N)305-4-2 provides amendments to the traffic signal layout to increase the efficiency of traffic movement and allows for further change in the future if needed. Pedestrian and cyclist facilities will be improved by the provision of a better layout of the junction and links into Pilton Park and to a proposed new pedestrian/cycle bridge across the River Yeo. Visibility for pedestrians will be improved by a remodelling of the landscaped area at the Fairview junction. The transport strategy for the local area is indicated on Plan EATS(N)305-4-2 which illustrates the importance of this scheme in the context of the strategy.

Traffic movements will be assisted by extending the lane capacity on North Road and implementing revised lane management on Pilton Causeway. Junction changes will also help reduce bus delays and improve the bus service to the hospital.

The estimated cost of the scheme is £120,000.

#### **4. Reasons for Reaching Recommendation**

The scheme has been included in the current year's programme as a project which delivers a number of DLTP objectives and supports the Transport Strategy for Barnstaple and development plans for the area.

#### **5. Alternative Considered**

The scheme design has been developed following detailed consultation including North Devon District Council, local businesses and County and District Members. Various options were considered. A number of options for traffic layouts and movements were considered in terms of costs, benefits and affect on local traffic movement before reaching the recommended design. It is believed the proposed scheme best meets the objectives and is within the available budget.

#### **6. Sustainability Considerations**

The revised layout will improve the safety and attractiveness for pedestrians, particularly on the school journey and will contribute to 3 School Travel Plans in the locality.

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List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Ref
Barnstaple Transport Strategy & Development Brief consultations	07/12/04	ED/04/277/HQ

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