EEC/08/167/HQ North Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee 1 July 2008

Devon on the Move Devon Local Transport Plan (DLTP) Proposed Cycleway, Power Station Lane, Yelland, Fremington

Report of the Area Engineer (North)

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

Recommendations: It is recommended that:

- (a) the scheme shown on drawing number EATS(N) 419/1/0 be approved at an estimated cost of £115,000:
- (b) a planning application be made in respect of the scheme as a County Matter.

1. Summary

The report seeks approval for a new cycleway footway scheme in Power Station Lane, Yelland. The scheme will provide a link to the National Cycle Network Tarka Trail from the B3233 West Yelland.

2. Background

The Barnstaple and Bideford area has an extensive cycle and walking network which links residential areas, schools, employment and shopping. This network has been extended and improved in stages over several years.

This scheme fulfils the long standing proposal for a walking and cycling route along the private road which provided access to the former power station site. It will provide a link to the National Cycle Network Tarka Trail from the B3233 West Yelland.

There is future potential to extend the network further to provide a link from the densely populated residential area east of the junction of Power Station Lane and West Yelland.

Land on the western side of power station lane was made available by a deed of dedication in July 2003 as part of a planning Section 106 agreement.

3. Proposal

The proposal is for a purpose built cycleway/footway link on the western verge of Power Station Lane.

The scheme was included in the Devon Local Transport Plan programme, approved by the Executive in February 2008 and reported to North Devon HATOC in March 2008.

4. Financial Considerations

The current year DLTP allowed a budget of £25,000 for this project. The full cost of the project is estimated at £115,000. It intended that the scheme is started this financial year for completion in 2009/2010. However if funds do become available within this year's LTP budget it would be possible to construct the scheme this year.

Planning permission will need to be completed during the current financial year 2008/2009.

5. Alternatives Considered

A range of options were considered in developing the proposal. This scheme is considered to best meet the strategic aims of the developing cycling and walking network in this part of Yelland to balance safety, cost and environmental impact.

6. Sustainability Considerations

By improving opportunities for walking and cycling this scheme will have a positive impact on sustainable travel patterns within the community.

7. Reasons for Reaching the Recommendation

By providing an extension to the cycle and walking network which builds on the areas current network there will be long term benefits for all highway users.

It contributes to the overall transport strategy for the local area and will contribute to a number of Local Transport Plan objectives, including Travel Plans, the cycling and walking strategy, congestion strategy and will link to economic and tourism objectives.

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List of Background Papers

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1. North Devon Highways and Traffic Orders 25 March 2008 EEC/08/83/HQ Committee

2. Executive 26 February 2008 EEC/08/35/HQ

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