

**Toucan Crossing, A3125 Sticklepath Hill, Barnstaple  
(Town Centre – Roundswell/Bickington via Sticklepath Cycle Route)  
Devon on the Move, Devon Local Transport Plan - Scheme for Formal Approval**

Report of the Area Engineer ( North)

***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 EATS(N)383/4/0 is approved at an estimated cost of £42,200.**

**1. Summary**

The report seeks approval for a scheme to construct a Toucan signal controlled crossing on A3125 Sticklepath Hill, Barnstaple. This crossing is the first phase of the Town Centre to Roundswell/Bickington cycle route.

**2. Background/Introduction**

A key element of the County Council's transport policies is the development of cycle links to encourage alternative modes of travel for work/education and to encourage leisure trips. This is in line with Local Transport Plan objectives and supports sustainable travel.

A network of cycle routes is being developed around Barnstaple connecting key locations. Cycle links from this residential area to Sticklepath Hill and to Bickington/Roundswell Industrial estate are important additions to the cycle network encouraging alternatives to the private car by connecting commuter origins and destinations with safe routes.

An on-road route has been determined and this is shown in outline Appendix I (Drawing No EATS(N)383-01-00).

**3. Proposal**

The cycle route is being developed in phases. The first part of the scheme is to provide a Toucan crossing on A3125 Sticklepath Hill.

The proposal is shown in detail in Appendix II (Drawing No). EATS(N)383/4/0).

The Toucan crossing allows cyclists and pedestrians to safely cross Sticklepath Hill. This will allow a link between Old Sticklepath Hill and Cleave Road. The footpath/cycleway link between this crossing and Cleave Road will be developed as a second phase to this overall scheme.

#### **4. Financial Considerations**

The estimated cost of this scheme is £42,200 to be funded from the Barnstaple and Bideford Area Local Transport Plan Programme 2009/10.

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

The scheme will encourage walking and cycling as an alternative to other less sustainable modes.

#### **7. Carbon Impact Considerations**

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

#### **8. Equality Considerations**

The Toucan crossing will be fully accessible to all.

#### **9. Legal Considerations**

The lawful implications of the proposal have been considered and taken into account in the preparation of this report.

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Local Government Act 1972

List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Ref
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