

**Devon Local Transport Plan - Scheme for Formal Approval
Marlborough Road Bus Layby**

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 number (HPE98270A\013 A) be approved at an estimated cost of £65,000.

1. Summary

The report seeks scheme approval for the provision of a bus layby on the C582 Marlborough Road, Ilfracombe.

2. Background

Planning approval was granted in 2005 for the development of a new leisure club, conference centre and holiday apartments on the existing John Fowler Holiday Park site at Marlborough Road in Ilfracombe. Through this development a Section 106 agreement and highways works was secured to fund highway improvements in Marlborough Road. The contribution was made available for specified highway works including the provision of bus waiting facilities and shelters on Marlborough Road at the entrance to the site. This is a five year contribution and any remaining funds will need to be returned after October 2010.

The John Fowler Holiday Park is a major leisure and tourism site within the town and generates high numbers of pedestrian movements between the park and the town centre. Public transport routes 30, 32 and 301 currently operate between the park and the town.

There are existing well utilised bus stops outside the park entrance but no dedicated facilities for waiting passengers or buses. Improving facilities at this location will increase the quality of public transport services to the town centre and harbour areas, improving links to town centre facilities and the soon to commence Severn Link ferry service between Swansea and Ilfracombe.

3. Proposal

The proposal as shown on drawing number (HPE98270A\013 A) will provide a dedicated bus layby adjacent to the entrance of the John Fowler Holiday Park.

The layby will be constructed in a banked verge to the east of the park entrance on land owned by the park. To accommodate the layby and footpath areas, the bank will be retained by a dwarf wall.

The layby incorporates footpaths to access the park entrance and a defined road crossing point to the access the outbound bus stop. The scheme will also incorporate a bus shelter to the rear of the layby area.

4. Financial Considerations

The total cost of the scheme is estimated at £65,000. It is proposed that the scheme be jointly funded by Developer Contribution and through the Local Transport Plan.

- £45,000 of the total scheme cost will be provided as a highway works contribution from the Section 106 Agreement with John Fowlers.
- £20,000 will be provided through the Devon Local Transport Plan. The scheme meets the objectives for funding as a Local Access Improvement Scheme under the Devon Local Transport Plan, Towns Villages and Rural Communities budget.

5. Alternatives Considered

A range of options were considered when developing bus facilities at this site. This scheme proposal is considered to provide best value for money while meeting the overall aims of improving safety for waiting buses and improving facilities for passengers.

6. Sustainability Considerations

By improving opportunities for using public transport to local services this scheme will have a positive impact on sustainable travel patterns within the community.

7. Equality Considerations

There are no equality implications to be considered.

8. Scheme Audits

The scheme has been subjected to Safety, Maintenance and Environmental audits.

9. Legal Considerations

Agreement from the land owner will be required to construct this scheme and negotiations with the land owner are underway. There are no other legal considerations at this time.

10. Reasons for Reaching the Recommendation

The scheme helps to develop quality public transport services within the community and meets the objectives of the Devon Local Transport Plan, by improving public transport facilities and promoting more sustainable methods of travel. The scheme capitalises on external funding secured through local development that will no longer be available after 2010.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

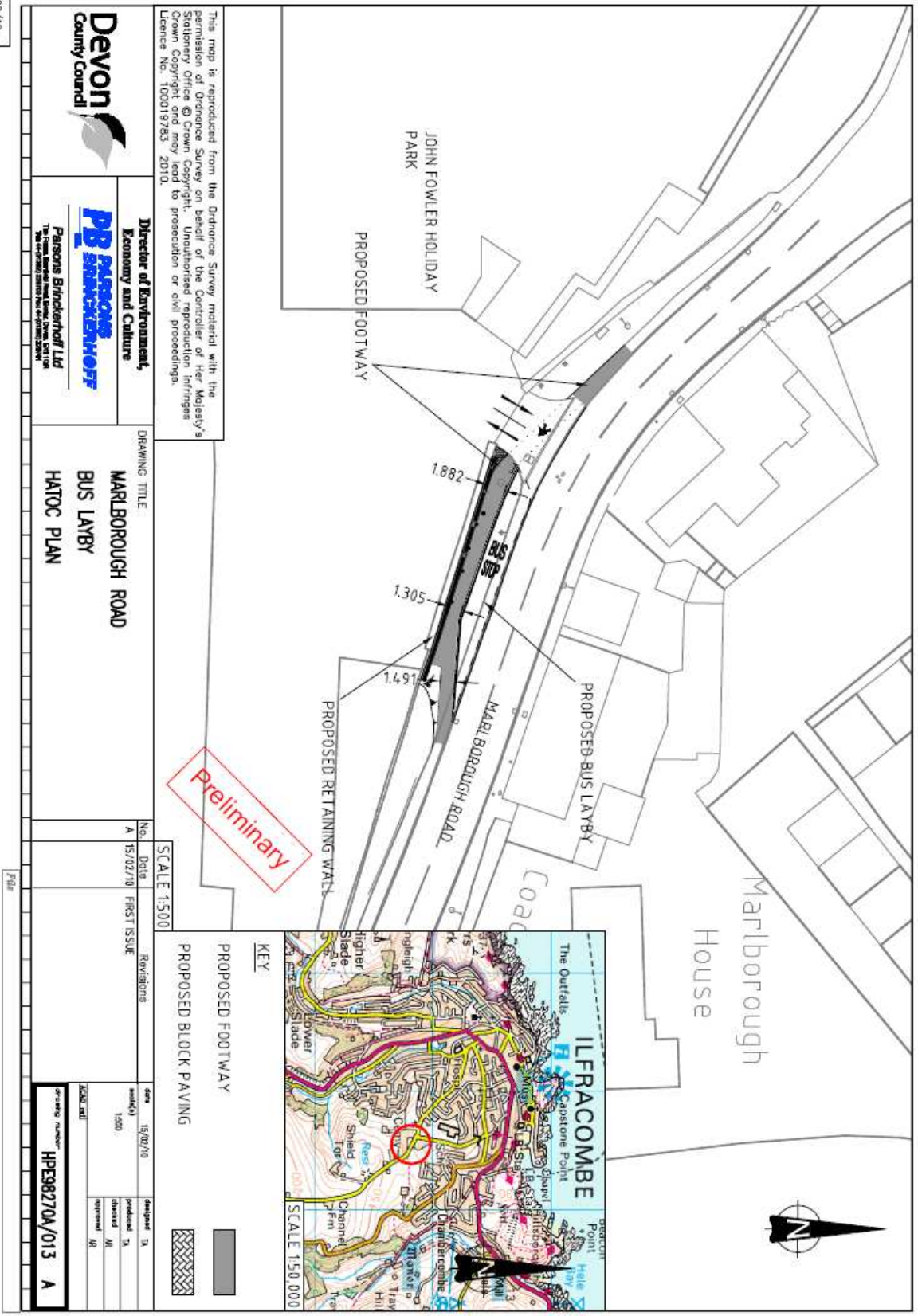
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Background Paper	Date	File Ref
North Devon District Council Planning Committee Minutes	29 July 2005	39579
Section 106 Agreement, John Fowlers	31 October 2005	39579

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