

Toucan Crossing at Michael's Field, Bishopsteignton

Joint Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment and of the Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste

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

Recommendation: It is recommended that approval be given for the scheme shown on attached plan no. B12025_17, at an estimated cost of £53,000 and that authority be given to advertise the intention to provide a Toucan Crossing facility at this location.

1. Summary

The report seeks approval to provide a pedestrian and cycle crossing facility (Toucan) on the A381 at Bishopsteignton, linking the village of Bishopsteignton and the playing fields and sport facilities recently constructed by Teignbridge District Council at Michael's Field.

2. Background/Introduction

As part of the development of the Teign Estuary Trail it is intended that a link from the Estuary Trail to the village of Bishopsteignton should be constructed along a route which will reach the A381 adjacent to the new playing fields, potentially utilising a route already set aside within the site. The site is also adjacent to a bus layby provided with a shelter and bus stop.

3. Proposal

The attached plan no. B12025_17 (Appendix I) shows the proposed scheme, which involves the provision of a toucan crossing facility for pedestrians and cyclists across the A381 between the village of Bishopsteignton and the recently constructed playing fields at Michael's Field. The proposed route of a link to the Teign Estuary Trail is shown which has been set aside within the playing field.

The new facility will be located at the crest of a hill giving good visibility in both directions both for those crossing the road and for drivers. A pedestrian refuge installed several years ago closer to the Cockhaven Road junction suffered from poor visibility on its south eastern approach and will be removed as part of the scheme.

4. Financial Considerations

The cost of the scheme is estimated at £53,000. This scheme forms part of the Teign Estuary cycle route and therefore funding of £38,000 will be allocated from the Around Devon Cycle Route Investing in Devon Budget along with a contribution of £15,000 from Teignbridge District Council.

5. Sustainability Considerations

The provision of improved walking and cycling routes, helping to reduce dependence on private car use, is a key element in the County Council's sustainable transport policy as a contribution to improving Devon's environmental and economic well being.

6. Carbon Impact Considerations

The scheme should have a positive impact in encouraging walking and cycling and reducing levels of car use.

7. Equality Considerations

No new policies are being recommended in this report and therefore an Equality Impact and Needs Assessment is not considered necessary.

8. Legal Considerations

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

9. Risk Management Considerations

This proposal has been assessed and all necessary safeguards or actions have been taken to safeguard the Council's position.

10. Public Health Impact

The proposal is designed to help make Devon a place to be Safe and Naturally Active in a sustainable and low carbon environment. Walking and cycling schemes help to promote an active lifestyle. Using bus services also encourages greater levels of walking activity.

11. Options/Alternatives

The option of providing a pedestrian refuge has been investigated but was abandoned as its position would have compromised access to an adjacent agricultural field gate.

12. Reason for Recommendation/Conclusion

The proposed scheme will reduce community severance to a local leisure facility and bus stop and encourage more local journeys to be made by sustainable means.

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Electoral Division: Teign Estuary

Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

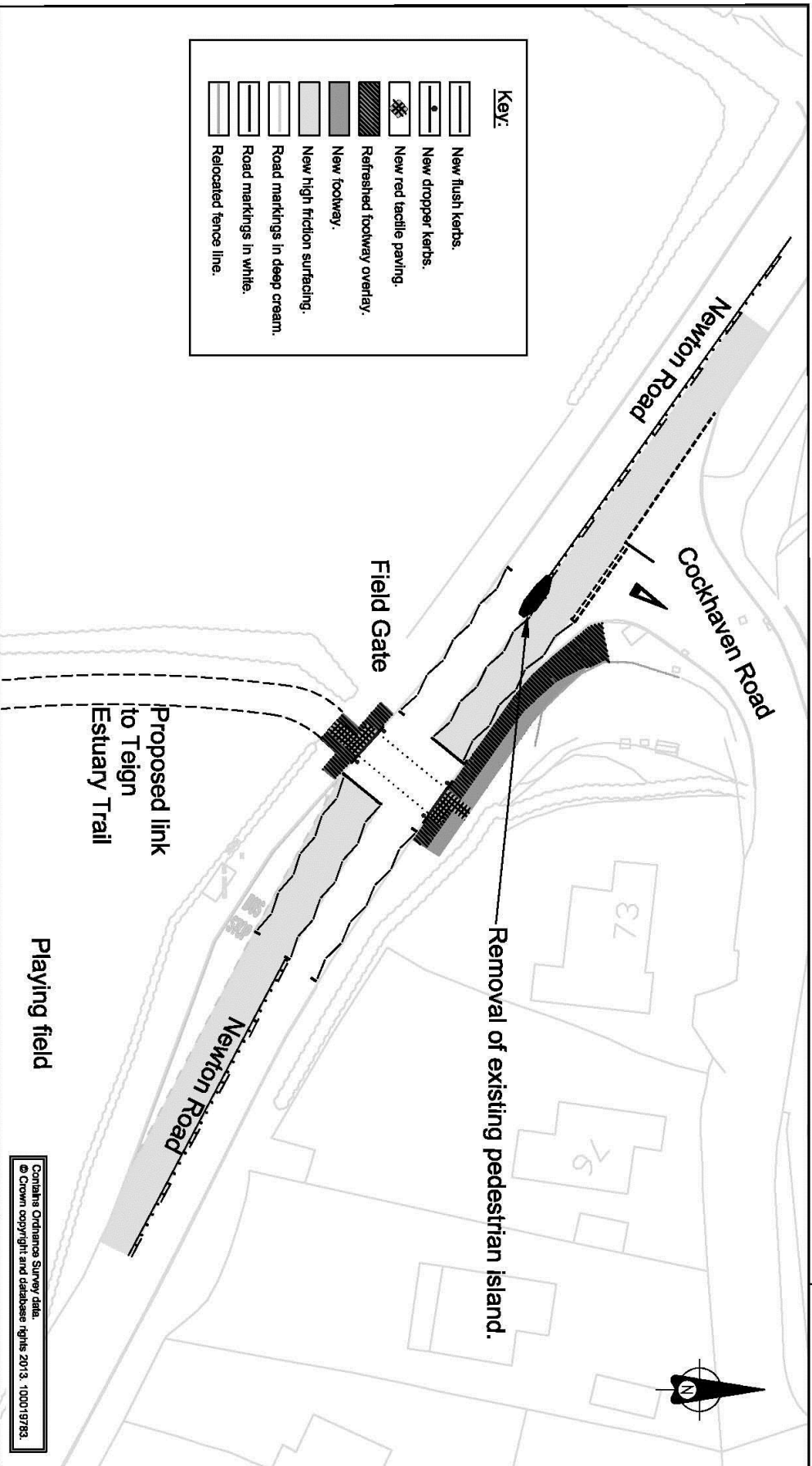
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Background Paper	Date	File Reference
Nil		

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Key:

- New flush kerbs.
- New dropper kerbs.
- New red tactile paving.
- Refreshed footway overlay.
- New footway.
- New high friction surfacing.
- Road markings in deep cream.
- Road markings in white.
- Relocated fence line.

	Engineering Design Group	<small>jobtitle/proposal</small> MICHAELS FIELD TOUCAN CROSSING, NEWTON ROAD, BISHOPSTEIGNTON	Teignbridge Highways and Traffic Orders Committee	
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