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Teignbridge Highways and Traffic Orders Committee
11 July 2013

Lindridge Lane to Meadowcroft Drive, Kingsteignton - cycle route

Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment

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 no. B12038/1 is approved at an estimated cost of £64,000.

1. Summary

This report seeks approval to a proposed scheme to provide an improved cycle route from the Higher Sandygate area of Kingsteignton, to Teign School.

2. Background/Introduction

The Department for Transport grant funded Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) Access to Education capital programme is intended primarily to facilitate the provision of infrastructure which will help to encourage more children to walk or cycle to school. In Devon, the three year capital programme is focussed on three main geographical areas: Exeter/Exmouth, Totnes and Newton Abbot/Kingsteignton. One such project which has been identified for funding from this programme is a safe cycle route from the Higher Sandygate area of Kingsteignton to Teign School.

3. Proposals

The attached plan no. B12038/1 shows the proposed scheme, which involves three main elements:

- The conversion of an existing puffin crossing in Exeter Road to a toucan crossing;
- The widening of the footway on the western side of Exeter Road to enable it to be converted to shared pedestrian/cycle use;
- The widening of the existing footpath link from Exeter Road to Meadowcroft Drive, again to a width suitable for shared use.

From Meadowcroft Drive, the cycle route will continue on-road via Clifford Avenue to Teign School.

4. Financial Considerations

The total estimated cost of the scheme is £64,000, for which financial provision has been made in the 2013/14 Department for Transport grant funded LSTF Access to Education programme.

5. Sustainability Considerations

The proposals will have a positive impact by encouraging more children to cycle to school. The provision of improved cycle routes, helping to reduce dependence on private car use, is a key element of the County Council's sustainable transport policy.

6. Carbon Impact Considerations

The proposals will have a positive impact by helping to reduce 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 scheme will have a positive public health impact by encouraging increased walking and cycling, with associated health benefits.

11. Options/Alternatives Investigated

No alternative options for providing a safe cycle route were considered to be satisfactory.

12. Reason for Recommendation/Conclusion

The proposed scheme will improve the safety of children cycling to school and will help to reduce levels of car use.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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