

## **Hazelwood Drive to Exe Estuary Trail, Dawlish Warren – 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 approval be given for the scheme shown on attached plan no. B2300263/0104, at a total estimated cost of £117,077.

### **1. Summary**

This report seeks approval for a proposed scheme to complete a 'missing link' in the cycle network in Dawlish Warren.

### **2. Background/Introduction**

The existing off-road cycle route from Cockwood to Dawlish Warren (part of the Exe Estuary Trail) at present terminates just outside the northern boundary of the settlement. From here, cyclists have to continue on road, and this is not an ideal arrangement for younger children and family groups.

This will further enhance the Exe Estuary route following the recent opening of the key section between Turf Lock and Powderham.

### **3. Proposals**

The proposed scheme, as shown on attached plan no. B2300263/0104 involves the creation of a shared use cycle route on the western side of the road by widening and converting the existing footway, extending from the present termination of the off-road from Cockwood, southwards as far as Hazelwood Drive. At this location it will link up with the recently completed cycle route to Exeter Road, running just to the south of the Shutterton Brook. Options are also being developed for further improvements to the cycle route into Dawlish town centre from this point, funded by the Coastal Communities Fund award for Dawlish. These will be brought forward as a separate scheme.

The scheme also includes a priority system for traffic on Dawlish Warren Road, which by giving priority to northbound vehicles, will help to control the speed of traffic entering Dawlish Warren, thereby complementing the existing traffic calming features and 20mph speed limit in the settlement.

### **4. Financial Considerations**

The total estimated cost of the scheme is £117,077, for which construction funding costs will be available from the Coastal Communities Fund award for Dawlish. Design costs have been funded by the Local Transport Plan.

## **5. Sustainability Considerations**

The promotion of cycling, helping to reduce dependence on private car use, is a key element in the County Council's transport policy.

## **6. Carbon Impact Considerations**

The proposals should have a positive impact by encouraging cycling and 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 is likely to have a positive public health impact by encouraging increased levels of cycling with associated health benefits.

## **11. Options/Alternatives Investigated**

The possible option of an on-road cycle lane was considered, but the recommended scheme is considered to be the best solution for the recreational cyclists likely to be using the facility.

## **12. Reason for Recommendation/Conclusion**

The proposed measures will improve safety for cyclists using this route and will help to encourage more local journeys to be made by sustainable means.

The scheme will also support the local economy by encouraging more visitor trips to Dawlish Warren and Dawlish.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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