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MID DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

Monday, 6th March, 2017

A meeting of the Mid Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am in the **Mayoralty Room, Town Hall, Tiverton** to consider the following matters.

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A G E N D A

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Minutes (Pages 1 - 2)
Minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2016, attached.
- 3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention
Items which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

- 4 Annual Local Waiting Restriction Programme (Pages 3 - 8)
Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/17/15), attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): Crediton Rural; Cullompton Rural; Tiverton East; Tiverton West; Willand & Uffculme

- 5 Marsh Lane, Crediton - Road Widening (Pages 9 - 14)
Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment (PTE/17/17), attached.
- Electoral Divisions(s): Crediton Rural*
- 6 Crediton Link Road Impact on Traffic and Air Quality (Minute*3/29 June 2016)
Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste to report.
- Electoral Divisions(s): Crediton Rural*
- 7 Delegated Powers (Pages 15 - 16)
Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/17/16), attached.
- Electoral Divisions(s): Crediton Rural; Tiverton West*

STANDING ITEMS

- 8 Petitions/Parking Policy Reviews
[An item to be taken under s18 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 relating to any reviews of parking policy sought in line with the Council's Petition Scheme]
<http://www.devon.gov.uk/petition-scheme.pdf>

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION


- 9 Dates for Future HATOC Meetings
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PART II - ITEMS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ON THE GROUNDS THAT EXEMPT INFORMATION MAY BE DISCLOSED

Nil

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County Councillors Councillors R Radford (Chairman), N Way (Vice-Chair), J Berry, P Colthorpe, D Hannon and M Squires Mid Devon District Council Councillors R Chesterton, D Coren and L Cruwys
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MID DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

11 October 2016

Present:

Devon County Council:

Councillors R Radford (Chairman), N Way and P Colthorpe

Mid Devon District Council:

Councillors R Chesterton and D Coren

Apologies:

Councillors J Berry, D Hannon and M Squires

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Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2016 be signed as a correct record.

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Items Requiring Urgent Attention

There was no matter raised as a matter of urgency.

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Devon Highways Update

The Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste reported on the Cabinet's decision to award the County Council's Highways Term Maintenance Contract to Skanska Construction UK Limited, as a single lot bid for the County Council (for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2024, with extension options to 2027).

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Community Road Warden Scheme

The Committee received the report of the Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste (HCW/16/70) on changes to the Community Road Warden Scheme in light of feedback received since its introduction two years ago. The Scheme guidance was being simplified and updated, and its scope widened to include the option to undertake minor carriageway surfacing repairs, and a process to apply for financial grants towards materials, labour and equipment introduced. Applications received for funding would be considered on a case by case basis.

The intention was to relaunch the Scheme through a number of local Parish and Town Council events to be held during November.

Members' discussion points with the Head of Service included:

- the relatively low number of Road Warden Agreements (20 to date, from some 450 Town and Parish Councils);
- encouragement of Chapter 8 training, in readiness for when works were required;
- arrangements for combined town and parish highway conferences on the updated Scheme, where the County Council's Project Officer would also be available to further brief Parish Councils as necessary; and
- the flexibility of support available for Towns and Parishes.

Agenda Item 2

* 11 **Crediton Link Road Impact on Traffic and Air Quality (Minute *3/29 June 2016)**

The Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste reported as requested at the previous meeting on traffic flow data for the locations at Higher Road and Jockey Hill in Crediton, following the construction of the Crediton Link Road, showing 2-way changes in 12 hour traffic flows between 2010 and 2015.

It was acknowledged that the Link Road had achieved its objectives but that there were continuing concerns due to the volume and speed of traffic on Jockey Hill and the narrow width of Higher Road. The data provided showed an increase of 19% in traffic flow on Jockey Hill. The Head of Service agreed to examine the concerns of the Committee at both the Higher Road and Jockey Hill locations and report back to the next meeting.

* 12 **Proposed Prohibition of Vehicles, Washfield Lane (Farleigh Meadows), Tiverton (Minute *4/29 June 2016)**

The Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste reported as requested at the previous meeting that the future maintenance responsibility for the area of land to the west of the proposed junction realignment at Washfield Lane (Farleigh Meadows), Tiverton, as shown on drawing 16002/001 to report PTE/16/18 would, except for a small area of Highways verge, remain with the Developer.

* 13 **Petitions/Parking Policy Reviews**

There was no current petition for a parking review from a member of the public relating to Mid Devon.

* 14 **Transport Capital Programme 2016/17 (Cabinet Minute *70/14 September 2016)**

The Committee received the report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment (PTE/16/43) approved by the Cabinet at its meeting on 14 September 2016 on the revised Transport Capital Programme for 2016/17 to reflect changes in scheme costs, funding sources and timing.

The Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste advised that detailed proposals relating to the North Devon Link Road would be submitted to the next Cabinet on 12 October 2016.

* 15 **Future Meetings**

Members requested that future meetings of the Committee should, if possible, be held at the Mid Devon District Council Offices at Phoenix House, Tiverton.

***DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.37 am

HIW/17/15

Mid Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee
6 March 2017

Annual Local Waiting Restriction Programme

Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste

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

Recommendation: It is recommended that:

- (a) work on the annual waiting restrictions programme and the prioritisation process applied in 16/17 is noted;***
- (b) the recommendation contained in Section 4. of this report are agreed and the proposals implemented;***
- (c) pending Cabinet support, and decisions on funding and scope of works; a further programme is developed for 17/18.***

1. Background

The County Council regularly receives requests for waiting restrictions to be introduced or amended. These can be difficult to deliver due to resource and funding pressures which, in turn, can have a negative impact on the County Council's relationship with local communities.

Recognising this difficulty, a managed process has been developed to deliver an annual local programme for each HATOC area for the funding and delivery of waiting restriction schemes.

The agreed process was reported to Members at the March 2016 meeting along with the proposed programme for this Committee's area for approval.

Building on the success of this process, officers propose that a further programme is developed for 2017/18.

2. Proposal

Pending Cabinet support, decisions on funding and scope of works, officers propose that :-

- (a) the site that have received objections in the 2016/17 programme are reported to this committee and decided individually, in line with the recommendation in Section 4.**
- (b) consideration is given to extending the scope of the programme in 2017/18 to include other restrictions and minor aids to movement improvements such as dropped crossing points.**

In preparation for the 17/18 programme, and assuming Cabinet support, Members may wish to discuss sites for consideration with local officers in the Neighbourhood Highways Teams.

Agenda Item 4

3. Consultations

The 2016/17 Programme advertised proposals from Exeter City and all District Council Areas. A budget of £100,000 was allocated to the project with indicative budgets of £12,500 for each area. The number of requests received in some areas significantly exceeded others but have all been contained within the overall budget.

The table below shows the number of proposals advertised in each area, the number of sites progressed without significant objection, the number of sites to be reported to HATOC in each area and the number of objections received respectively.

Area	Available Funding	No. of Sites advertised	No. of Sites Progressed	No. of Sites to be reported to HATOC	No. of Objections received
Torridge	£12,500	8	6	2	1
Mid Devon	£12,500	10	9	1	5
East Devon	£12,500	58	21	37	49
West Devon	£12,500	14	8	6	39
South Hams	£12,500	54	32	22	71
Exeter	£12,500	81	58	23	43
Teignbridge	£12,500	34	20	14	28
North Devon	£12,500	22	14	8	8
Total	£100,000	282	168	114	247

4. Representations Received in the Mid Devon District

Objections have been received to the following proposal.

Exeter Road Cullompton

Existing Restriction – Waiting Limited to 1 Hours, no return within 1 Hour. Monday to Saturday.

Proposal to introduce a No Waiting “At any time” restriction deleting most of the limited Waiting Bay.

The change is proposed to allocate space at the northern end of the bay, adjacent to the Bus Stop, for Buses to pull in. Currently Buses have to stop in the carriageway opposite the Supermarket Car Park entrance and passengers have to walk around parked cars into the road to access the Bus.

Summary of Representations

Comment	Devon County Council Response
First Respondent: Cullompton Town Council	
Objection to the no waiting at any time on Exeter Road, Cullompton. Believes a designated bus bay should be provided from the beginning of the short stay parking bay (Exeter Road Garage side) and the remaining area to stay as the existing limited waiting.	The bus bay is provided at the northern extent of the existing limited waiting bay, to link in with the pedestrian crossing facilities closer to the pedestrian desire lines.

Comment	Devon County Council Response
Second Respondent: Email from Member of the Public	
Objection to the proposed no waiting at any time on Exeter Road, Cullompton. The current limited waiting is well used by the residents of Cullompton.	The bus is unable to pull in parallel to the footway due to vehicles being parked up to the end of the current bus stop.
The bays are extremely convenient and free, which allows easy access to businesses without having to use the pay and display car park. Believes this action would impact on the businesses in the area, and their takings as some of their customers will not be able to easily access them.	To encourage the use of public transport, Devon County Council seeks to improve facilities for bus users. It is acknowledged that there are local businesses in the area and have compromised by retaining a section of the limited waited.
The only very temporarily difficulty is when the bus stops on one side or the other, but this is literally for a minute or two at the most. There is a zebra crossing further along the road, which allows pedestrians to cross safely and so there is no risk to road users.	The bus bay is provided at the northern extent of the existing limited waiting bay, to link in with the pedestrian crossing facilities closer to the pedestrian desire lines.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that a Site Meeting is arranged with County Councillor and Town Council representatives to agree a resolution to this proposal.

A plan of the proposal can be seen in Appendix A to this report.

5. Financial Considerations

The total costs of the scheme are contained within a countywide budget of £100,000 which has been allocated from the On Street Parking Account.

6. Environmental Impact Considerations

The scheme rationalises on street parking within the town and its stated objectives are designed to:

- Enable enforcement to be undertaken efficiently.
- Encourage longer term visitors to use off street car parks.
- Encourage those working in the town make more sustainable travel choices eg Car Share, Public Transport, Walking and Cycling.

The Environmental effects of the scheme are therefore positive.

7. Equality Considerations

There are not considered to be any equality issues associated with the proposals. The impact will therefore be neutral.

8. Legal Considerations

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

Agenda Item 4

When making a Traffic Regulation Order it is the County Council's responsibility to ensure that all relevant legislation is complied with. This includes Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that states that it is the duty of a local authority, so far as practicable, secures the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic and provision of parking facilities. It is considered that the proposals comply with Section 122 of the Act as they practically secure the safe and expeditious movement of traffic in and around Cullompton and to its associated parking facilities.

9. Risk Management Considerations

There are thought to be no major safety issues arising from the proposal.

10. Public Health Impact

There is not considered to be any public health impact.

11. Reasons for Recommendations

The proposals rationalise existing parking arrangements within the town by:

- Enabling enforcement to be undertaken efficiently.
- Encouraging longer term visitors to use off street car parks.
- Encouraging those working in the town make more sustainable travel choices eg Car Share, Public Transport, Walking and Cycling.

The proposals contribute to the safe and expeditious movement of traffic in and around Cullompton and therefore comply with S 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

David Whitton
Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste

Electoral Divisions: All in Mid Devon

Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

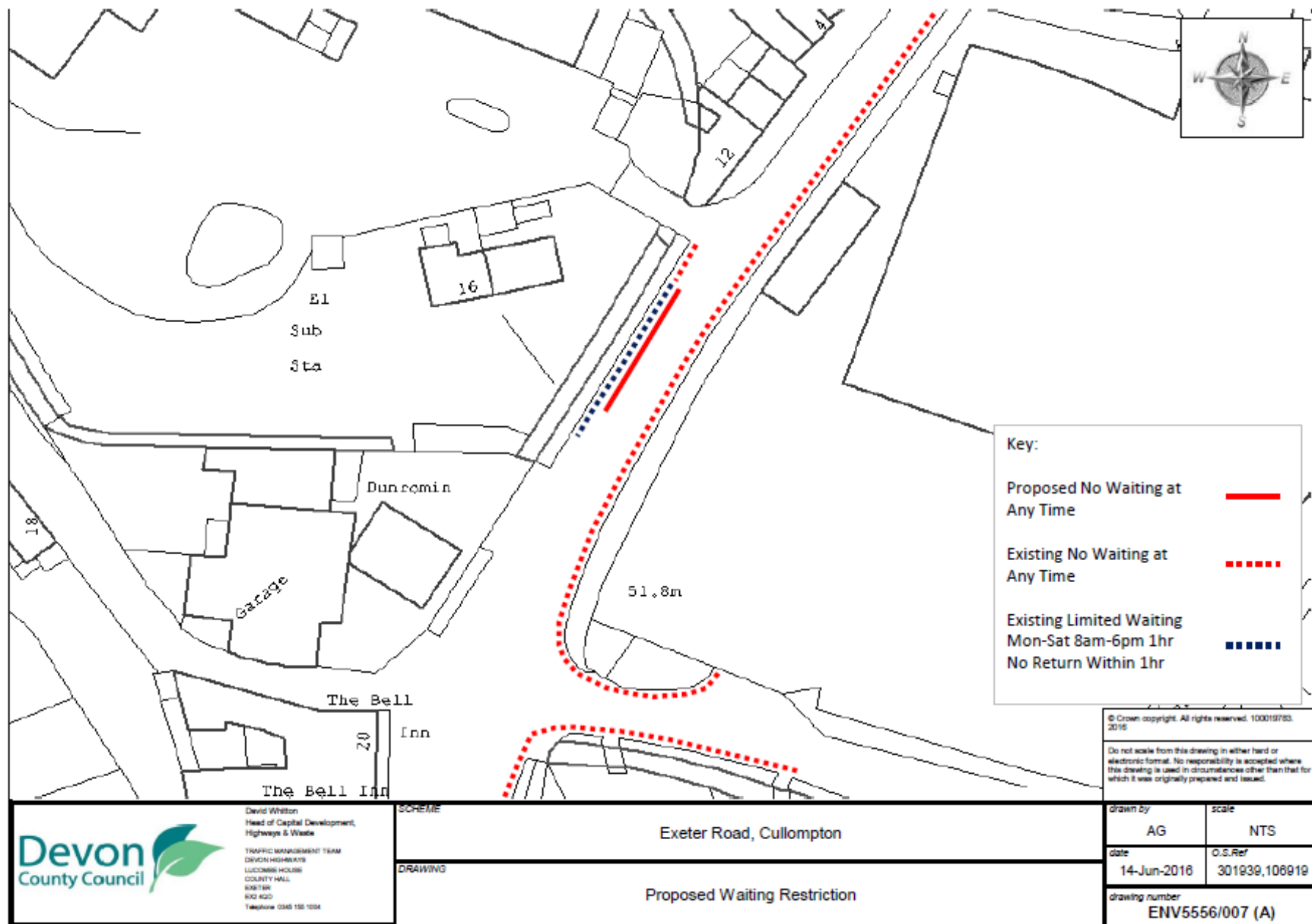
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Background Paper	Date	File Ref.
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Mid Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee
6 March 2017

Marsh Lane, Crediton – Road Widening

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:

- (a) the scheme shown on plan A11013/003 revD and included in Appendix I, is approved for construction at an estimated cost of £65,485;**
- (b) that Devon County Council continue to work with the local community to identify pedestrian crossing improvements.**

1. Introduction

The Crediton Link Road scheme was opened in 2014 to provide a new route through the Lords Meadow Industrial Estate between the A377 and the A3072. To improve safety and access for large vehicles, this report seeks approval to construct a road widening scheme that will remove a pinch point on the A3072 Marsh Lane/Commercial Road route through the estate.

2. Background

The £8.5m scheme to construct the Crediton Link Road was approved by Cabinet on 29 May 2013. The link road was opened in October 2014 and now provides a direct connection into the Lords Meadow Industrial Estate from the A377. The Crediton Link Road scheme has provided an alternative route for HGV's to avoid Exeter Road, which is both narrow and has suffered from air quality issues as part of the Air Quality Management Area declared in Crediton.

During development of the Link Road Scheme, the impact of routing additional heavy traffic onto the existing industrial estate roads was considered. The link road scheme incorporated improvements to the junction from Commercial Road onto the A3072 Exhibition Road and a change in priority from Marsh Lane into Commercial Road, making this the main road route through the estate.

In January 2012 Cabinet Member approval was secured to progress a more extensive road widening scheme along Marsh Lane between its junctions with Commonmarsh Lane and Commercial Road. The more extensive scheme was not introduced as part of the link road scheme in 2014 and following further review and consultation it is no longer proposed to pursue the full widening scheme on Marsh Lane. Post scheme monitoring has shown a positive impact on both HGV routing and on the town's air quality. However, a pinch point still exists on the new route south of the shared private entrance into Kirton Kayaks and Crediton Confectionary Ltd. The width of road at this location means that it is not possible for two large vehicles to safely pass. To address this issue the report is requesting approval to remove this localised pinch point.

Agenda Item 5

3. Scheme Proposal

The scheme shown on plan A11013/003 revD and included in Appendix I, incorporates localised widening of the carriageway on Marsh Lane adjacent to the boundary of Kirton Kayaks. To accommodate this road widening, additional private land is required from Kirton Kayaks in order to relocate the footpath. The private land is being transferred by agreement to become part of the public highway in exchange for accommodation works to relocate and replace the boundary fencing and gates into the site and to make necessary changes within the site itself. The scheme also includes an informal crossing point with dropped kerbs between the footpaths on either side of the access serving Kirton Kayaks and Crediton Confectionary Ltd.

4. Consultations

Extensive consultation work was undertaken during the development of the link road scheme and also through formal planning application.

Ongoing consultations with the town council and local member have taken place during the construction period and after the opening of the link road scheme. One of the key local concerns is safety on Marsh Lane\Commercial Road where pedestrians cross from Hawkins Way towards the leisure centre. Concern has been expressed that any extensive widening of Marsh Lane could increase vehicle speeds and reduce road safety for pedestrians.

A range of pedestrian crossing options have been investigated to address these concerns. However the proximity of accesses has meant that it is not possible to incorporate a new formal crossing facility where required, without acquiring additional private land and delaying any localised widening on Marsh Lane where it is required.

The localised pinch point widening scheme that is now being proposed will have a minimal impact on the width and alignment of Marsh Lane. Crediton Town Council resolved in October 2016 to support the scheme to remove the pinch point outside Kirton Kayaks in order to take advantage of land whilst it is still available. Work will continue to identify a pedestrian crossing solution with the Town Council and local member.

5. Options/Alternatives

Options to widen Marsh Lane were considered at the detailed design and planning stages for the Crediton Link Road scheme. The reduced scheme is being proposed to address the most significant pinch point on the new A3072 route and to minimise any potential for increased traffic speeds through the estate.

6. Financial Considerations

The estimated scheme cost is £65,485. A developer contribution of approximately £114k has been secured through Section 106 agreement for 185 dwellings at Wellparks, Crediton. Forward funding of this contribution has been identified within the current Transport Capital Programme.

7. Environmental Impact Considerations

By promoting suitable alternative routes for large vehicles, the scheme proposals will have a positive impact on reducing vehicle emissions and improving the environment within the town centre.

8. Equality Considerations

An Equality Impact and Needs Assessment (EINA) was undertaken for the Crediton Link Road Scheme. No new policies are being recommended in this report and therefore an individual Equality Impact and Needs Assessment for the scheme is not considered necessary.

9. Legal Considerations

Land will be transferred subject to agreement with the registered owners of Kirton Kayaks.

10. Risk Management Considerations

No risks have been identified.

11. Public Health Impact

Improving access to the Lords Meadow Industrial Estate will contribute towards maintaining the public health benefits achieved by removing heavy polluting traffic from narrow streets in the town centre.

12. Reasons for Recommendations

It is recommended that the scheme is approved for construction to improve HGV access on the A3072 Crediton Link Road and support air quality improvements achieved in the town centre.

Dave Black
Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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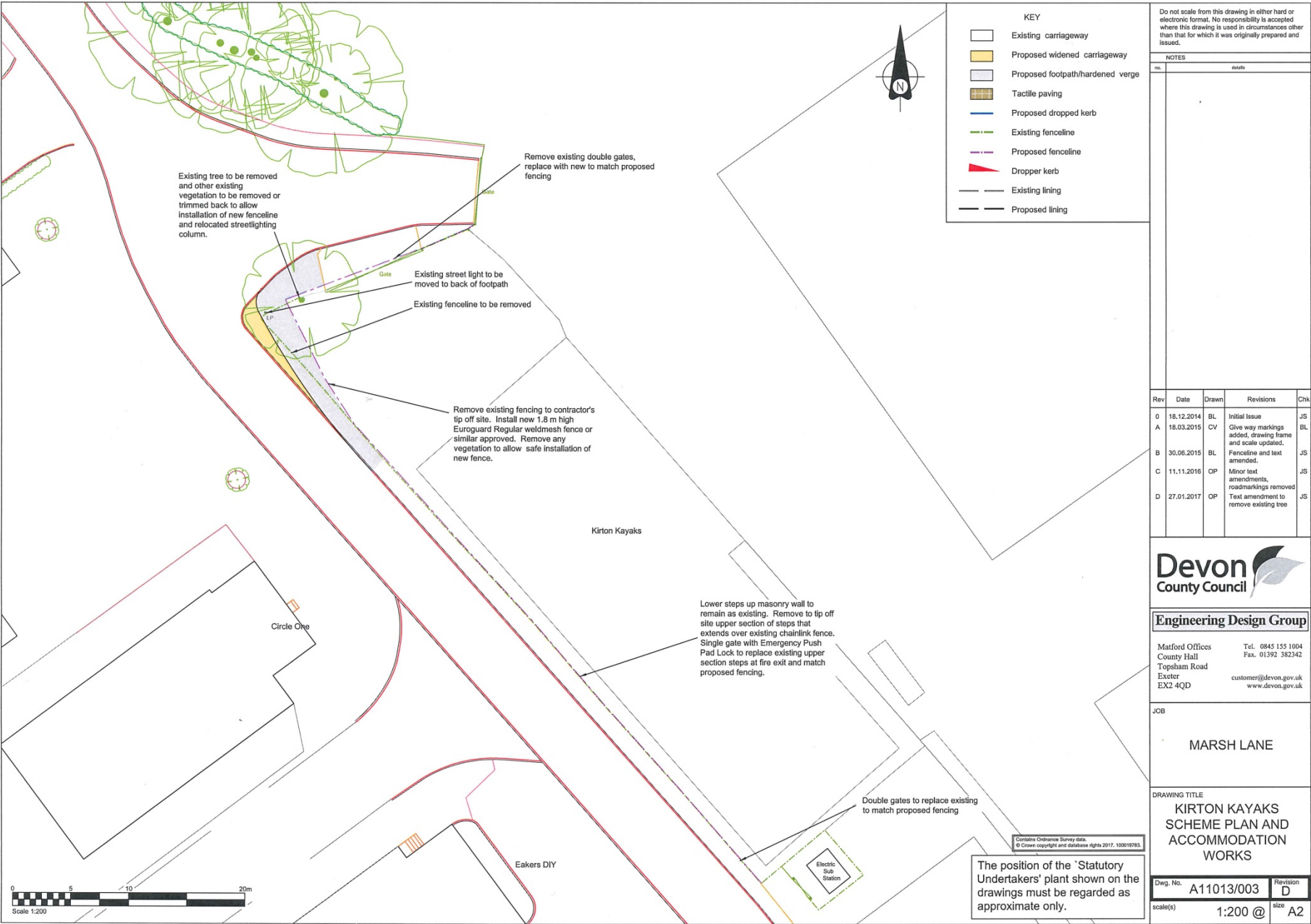
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Background Paper

None

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Appendix I
To PTE/17/17



Appendix II To PTE/17/17



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Actions Taken Under Delegated Powers

Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure 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 the report be noted.

1. Summary

In accordance with Minute *3 of the Meeting of this Committee on 29 July 2003 this report details the actions taken under Delegated Powers since the last meeting and, where appropriate, in consultation with the Chairman and Local Members.

2. Actions on Advertised Traffic Orders

Since the last meeting of this Committee, a number of Traffic Orders have been progressed and where objections have been received, these have been dealt with by a consultation with the Chairman and Local Members. Details of these matters are listed below.

Location	Proposal	Action
Crediton	Various parking changes as part of the Crediton Traffic Management Plan	Traffic regulation order advertised, objections resolved and order sealed after consultation with Local Member and HATOC Chair.
Blundells Road, Tiverton	Introduction of 20mph zone, traffic calming and pedestrian crossings	Traffic regulation order, road humps and pedestrian crossings advertised after consultation with Cabinet Member. Order sealed and works implemented as no objections received.

David Whitton
Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste

Electoral Divisions: Crediton Rural, Tiverton West

Local Government Act 1972

List of Background Papers

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Background Paper

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None

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