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NORTH DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

Thursday, 27th June, 2019

A meeting of the North Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am at Meeting Rooms at Taw View, Barnstaple to consider the following matters.

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A G E N D A

PART 1 OPEN COMMITTEE

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Election of Chair and Vice Chair
(N.B. In accordance with the County Council's Constitution, the Chair and Vice-Chair must be County Councillors)
- 3 Minutes
Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2019 (previously circulated).
- 4 Items Requiring Urgent Attention
Item which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

- 5 Highway Asset Management/Doing What Matters
Presentation by the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste

- 6 Annual Waiting Restriction Programme
Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste to report
- 7 North Devon Link Road Improvements
Presentation by the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment
- 8 Cedars Junction Trial
Presentation by Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment
- Electoral Divisions(s): Barnstaple South; Chulmleigh & Landkey; Fremington Rural*
- 9 Cyclepath, Anchorwood to Tarka Trail, Barnstaple (Pages 1 - 4)
Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment (PTE/19/25), attached
- Electoral Divisions(s): Barnstaple South*
- 10 Barnstaple Town Centre Pedestrianisation of Cross Street, High Street and Butchers Row (Pages 5 - 8)
Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/19/53), attached
- Electoral Divisions(s): Barnstaple North*
- 11 20 MPH Speed Restriction through Lee and Lincombe EX34 8LL
In accordance with Standing Order 23(2) Councillor Crabb has asked that the Committee consider this matter.

Electoral Divisions(s): Ilfracombe

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 12 Dates of Meetings
31 October 2019 and 30 March 2020

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PART II - ITEMS WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Nil

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County Councillors

Councillors J Yabsley, F Biederman, C Chugg, P Crabb, A Davis, R Edgell and J Mathews

North Devon District Council/DALC

Councillors L Cann, D Knight, D Spear and D Chalmers

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Cyclepath, Anchorwood to Tarka Trail, Barnstaple

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 10312-01 included in Appendix I be approved for construction at an estimated cost of £111,000.

1. Introduction

The proposed scheme will complete a walking and cycling link between the Longbridge and the NCN27 Tarka Trail, connecting development at Anchorwood bank with the surrounding town cycle network.

2. Background

The former Leaderflush Shapland factory site was located at Anchorwood Bank to the south west of Barnstaple's historic Longbridge. Planning permission for this site was approved in 2015 to deliver a mixed-use development of new retail and residential properties.

The redevelopment of this site incorporated the construction of a new riverside walking and cycling path that extends from the Longbridge to terminate at the north western boundary of the development area where it joins a pathway constructed under the A361. Through an associated S106 agreement, funding was provided to the County Council to continue construction of this cyclepath along the route of a public right of way to join with the Tarka Trail (National Cycle Network).

Completion of the full route will improve connectivity between the development and the towns existing cycle network and provide connections to education, to town facilities and to the multi-use trail leisure network.

A scheme to complete this cyclepath was prepared by the County Council in 2015/16. But construction had to be postponed pending the resolution of a land parcel formerly under the ownership of the original developer\applicant. But subsequently transferred to the developers of the residential properties. A deed of dedication for this land parcel was completed in April 2019 and the County Council is now in a position to proceed with construction subject to HATOC approval.

3. Proposal

The scheme shown on Plan 10312-01, will provide a 3.5 metre wide, shared use path over an approximate length of 0.3 kilometres. As indicated in green on the inset location plan, the proposed section of new cyclepath will commence at its western end where it will join the Tarka Trail and terminate at its eastern end where it will join with a

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current path route under the A361 and the new riverside cyclepath constructed by the Anchorwood Bank development.

The scheme incorporates earthworks to enable an increase in width of the existing walking route and an improved surface for cyclists.

The riverside path around Anchorwood has been constructed to urban footpath standards as a 3.5 metre wide shared path. The Tarka Trail has been constructed to a surfaced dressed all weather trail standard. The proposed scheme will continue a surface dressed all weather trail surface treatment on the proposed scheme between the Tarka Trail and Anchorwood.

The proposed cyclepath follows the route of an existing public right of way footpath and an earlier and narrower promoted cycling route. The old cycling route to Sticklepath Terrace was established and promoted as part of the Tarka Trail prior to the construction of the A361 Barnstaple Western Bypass and the redevelopment of the Leaderflush Shapland site.

4. Options

Different cost options were considered to upgrade the current route in terms of its standard of construction. The proposed scheme is being recommended to meet current design recommendations for the width of a shared path route and to provide best value for money in terms of usage and the surface construction required to access an established multi-use trail.

5. Consultations/Representations/Technical Data

The proposal to provide a new cyclepath was incorporated in the planning submission for the Anchorwood redevelopment. This application has been subject to public consultation through the planning process.

6. Financial Considerations

The cost of the scheme in 2019/20, is estimated at £111,000. The funding is from developer contributions and is included in the 2019/20 Transport Capital programme. Additional funding is available to enhance this budget from developer contributions received from Anchorwood.

7. Environmental Impact Considerations

By promoting sustainable travel options the scheme will have a positive impact on carbon reduction and climate change.

8. Equality Considerations

An Equality Impact and Needs Assessment (EINA) was undertaken for the Local Transport Plan. No negative impacts were identified. 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

There are no specific legal considerations

10. Risk Management Considerations

This proposal has been assessed and all necessary safeguards or action have been taken/included to safeguard the Council's position. No risks have been identified.

11. Public Health Impact

The proposal will have a positive impact on promoting active travel and improving public health.

12. Reasons for Recommendations

It is recommended that the scheme be approved for construction. The scheme will provide a key piece of missing infrastructure in the local cycle network and help to provide increased opportunities for more sustainable and active travel choices.

Dave Black
Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment

Electoral Division: Barnstaple South

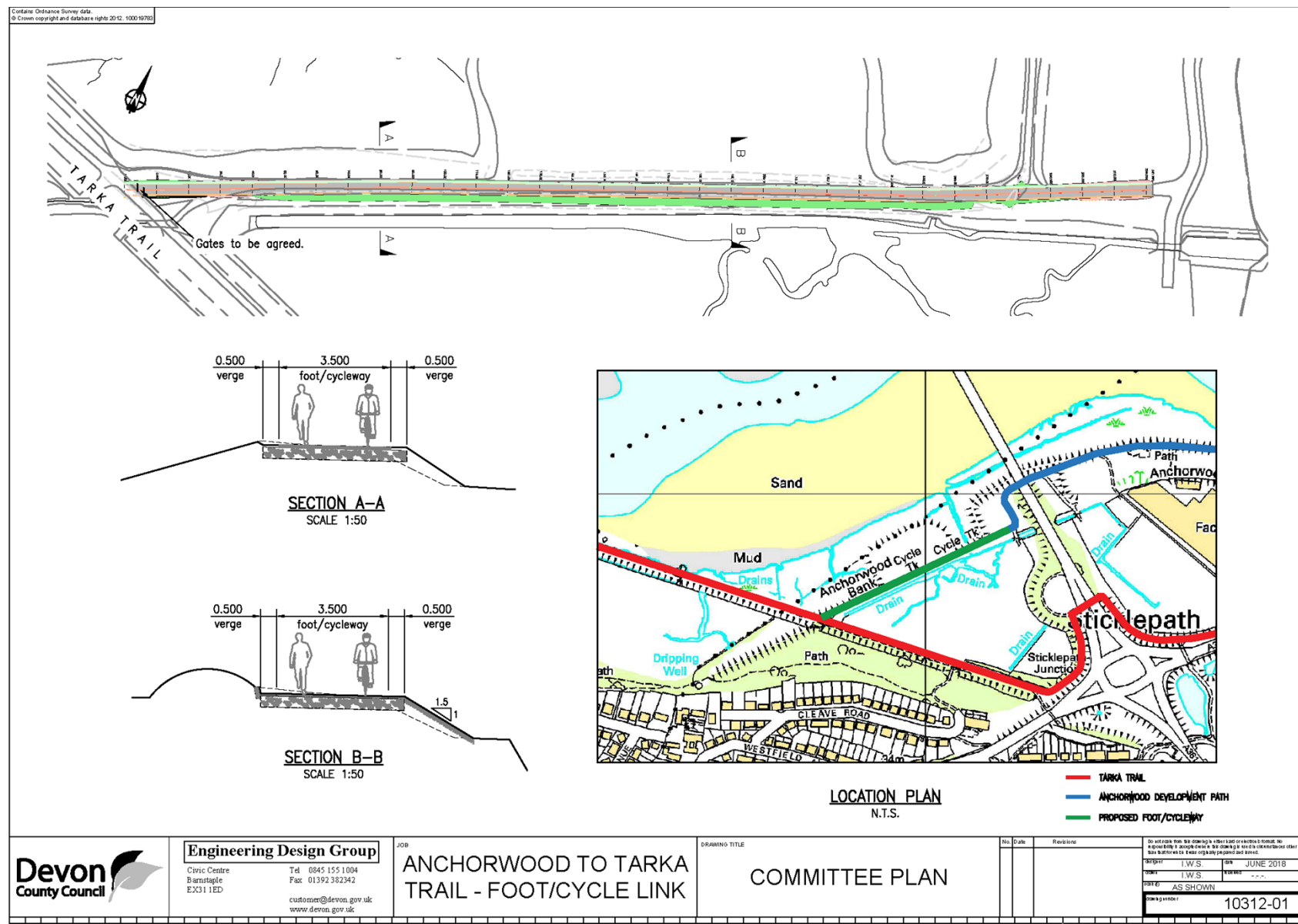
Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper
None

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Barnstaple Town Centre Pedestrianisation of Cross Street, High Street and Butchers Row

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: Subject to confirmed continued support by North Devon Council, a consultation is undertaken to gauge support for the principle of introducing pedestrianisation of the Cross Street/High Street/Butchers Row route 10am – 4pm daily.

1. Introduction

A walking tour of Barnstaple with a representative from the Royal National Institute for the Blind took place on 2 November 2017. As reported to this committee on 17 June 2018 this raised concerns regarding conflict within the High Street, as vehicles could still be present on a section of the carriageway between Cross Street and Butchers Row. The remainder of High Street is pedestrianised 10am – 4pm daily.

2. Background

There is traffic order in place at Cross Street that prohibits all vehicles Monday – Friday at any time, with exemptions for blue badge holders, taxis and for loading. Observations have identified that authorised vehicles enter Cross Street daily however, an equal number of vehicles are illegally using this route. Cross Street is pedestrianised on a Saturday in line with the High Street with no apparent adverse effects on business.

A fatal incident occurred on 15 September 2016 between a pedestrian and vehicle on the corner of High Street and Butchers Row with the driver being found guilty of death by careless driving, there are two further recorded incidents along this route. The incidents occurred May 2013 in Cross Street and January 2013 in Butchers Row, both recorded as slight.

There has been previous consultation regarding pedestrianisation of the Cross Street/Butchers Row route, between 10am – 4pm in line with the current High Street traffic order, which have received objections from North Devon Council regarding access/deliveries to the Panier Market and Butchers Row.

3. Actions

Contravention of the prohibition of vehicles traffic order is enforced by Devon and Cornwall Police. Concerns have been raised with the Police.

No further incidents have been recorded since 2016.

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North Devon Council has been contacted regarding the proposal, as previous objectors, to establish any change in view as the dynamics of the Pannier Market and Butchers Row have changed in recent years.

4. Summary

The (then) Leader of the North Devon Council responded with support for the proposal, confirming that support includes the Pannier Market Committee. However, the recent local elections have resulted in a change of political leadership, therefore, it is considered prudent to seek views of new multi-party leadership, and if appropriate ask them to seek the views of their Committees with responsibility for Taxi Licensing and Car Parking.

Barnstaple Town Centre Management have been contacted and are in full support of proposal and have offered assistance as part of any consultation.

Businesses in Cross Street do not have any other facility for deliveries and may be apprehensive to the proposal, however there are businesses in the High Street that have successfully adapted their trading pattern to accommodate loading/unloading outside of the 10am – 4pm pedestrianisation.

The Parish Church occasionally has the need for access for weddings and funerals and consideration will have to be given on how to manage this, although very infrequently.

With the continued support of the North Devon Council it is considered that it would be beneficial to carry out consultation on the principle of extending the pedestrianisation.

5. Financial Considerations

No Local Transport Plan budget is identified in the 2019/20 transport capital programme. If it is decided to progress a scheme following the consultation exercise, funding from the capital programme in future years will need to be identified.

6. Sustainability Considerations

To be assessed as part of the proposed consultation process.

7. Carbon Impact Considerations

To be assessed as part of the proposed consultation process.

8. Equality Considerations

The concerns regarding conflict between pedestrians and vehicles were raised through the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

If pedestrianisation is progressed properties and businesses in Cross Street and Butchers Row will lose existing loading, taxi and disabled parking facilities between the hours of 10am and 4pm. The County and North Devon Councils would need to work together to review management of parking in the surrounding area to make alternative provision, and an Impact Assessment will be necessary.

9. Legal Considerations

Any proposal if taken forward following consultation would be statutorily advertised in accordance with traffic regulation procedures.

10. Reasons for Recommendation

A consultation is recommended to gauge support for the principle of introducing pedestrianisation of the Cross Street/High Street/Butchers Row route 10am – 4pm daily, to alleviate conflict between pedestrians and vehicles in the short section of High Street between Cross Street and Butchers Row,

Meg Booth
Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste

Electoral Division: Barnstaple North

Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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