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To: The Chair and Members
of the East Devon
Highways and Traffic
Orders Committee

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EAST DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

Friday, 19th April, 2024

A meeting of the East Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am at Daw Room, Committee Suite, County Hall, Exeter to consider the following matters.

Donna Manson
Chief Executive

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PART 1 - OPEN COMMITTEE

- 1 Chair's Announcements
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Declarations of Interest

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4 Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2023, attached.

5 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

6 Pedestrian Crossing, Deaf Academy, Exmouth (Pages 5 - 10)

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/24/26), attached.

*Electoral Divisions(s): Exmouth &
Budleigh Salterton Coastal*

7 Stopping up of public highway: Land adjacent to Swordfish Avenue, Clyst Honiton (Pages 11 - 16)

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/24/27), attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): Broadclyst

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](#).]

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

9 Bus Users and Stakeholders (BUS) Forum (Pages 17 - 22)

Update from Committee representative. The notes from the previous meeting are attached.

10 Dates of Future Meetings

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EAST DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

17 July 2023

Present:-

Councillors S Hughes (Chair), J Bailey, C Channon, I Chubb (Vice-Chair), H Gent, I Hall, S Randall Johnson, R Scott, J Trail BEM, P Twiss, Dumper, Councillor Chris Burhop and Johns

East Devon District Council

Councillors C Burhop, T Dumper, V Johns

Apologies:-

Councillor M Hartnell

53 **Election of Chair**

RESOLVED that Councillor Hughes be elected Chair for the ensuing year.

54 **Election of Vice-Chair**

RESOLVED that Councillor Chubb be elected Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

* **55** **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2023 be signed as a correct record.

With reference to minute 46 - B3181 Moonhill Copse Pedestrian Crossing, Officers undertook to provide further information to Members.

* **56** **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

(Item taken under Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972)

The Chair had decided that the Committee should consider the following item as a matter of urgency to allow updates and follow-up as appropriate.

Local Members reported that correspondence to residents about the implementation of the roll out of the Exmouth Residential Parking scheme due to commence August 2023 had not been sent as planned. The Officers advised that letters were planned to be sent in next few days, and local Members would receive a copy

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EAST DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

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* 57 Local Waiting Restriction Programme

(Councillors Bailey and Johns declared personal interests in relation to ENV6030-88 Road from Kings School Cross to Salston Corner and ENV6030-61 Patteson Close, Alington by virtue of respectively a relative attending the King's School and living in the vicinity)

The Committee considered the Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/23/52) on submissions in response to the statutory consultation on the restrictions proposed in the East Devon area, as part of the local waiting restriction programme, which had been advertised from 10 May until the 2 June 2023.

A summary of the proposals advertised were detailed in Appendix 1 (with associated plans) and details of the objections received to the proposals, and the Officers' responses were shown in Appendix 2 of the Report.

Following advertisement proposals which had not attracted objections would be implemented; and those which had received objections were detailed in Appendix 2, with recommendations for each location.

The respective local Members commented on the proposals.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Scott, **SECONDED** by Councillor Randall-Johnson and

RESOLVED

(a) that the local waiting restriction programme be noted; and

(b) that the recommendations contained in Appendix 2 of the Report be agreed subject to the following:

- (i) ENV6030-29 Maer Vale, Exmouth
pending a site visit, authority be delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Chair and Local Members to determine the proposal;
- (ii) ENV6030-123 Trefusis Place, Exmouth
that, pending a site visit, authority be delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Chair and Local Members to determine the proposal;
- (iii) ENV6030-61 Patteson Close, Alington

that, pending a site visit, authority be delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Chair and Local Members to determine the proposal.

- (iv) ENV6030-163 Harepath Road, Seaton
that due to the absence of the local Member at the meeting, authority be delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Chair and Local Members to determine the proposal.

* **58** **Petitions/Parking Policy Reviews**

There was no petition presented at this meeting.

59 **Bus Users and Stakeholders (BUS) Forum**

The Minutes of the meeting would be circulated to members when available.

* **60** **Action Taken Under Delegated Powers**

The Committee noted the Report of the Director for Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/23/53) on details of actions taken in respect of traffic regulation orders under delegated powers since the last meeting.

61 **HATOC References to Cabinet**

The Committee noted the outcomes of references to Cabinet on 12 July 2023 (Minutes *365 and 366 refers) in respect to the following site visits:

- Speed limit Honiton Road/Tithebarn Way, Exeter (Minute 47 refers, 30 March 2023)
- Speed limit Colyford and Colyton on B3161 (Minute 49 refers, 30 March 2023)

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The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.17 am

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EAST DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

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CET/24/26
East Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee
19 April 2024

Pedestrian Crossing, Deaf Academy, Exmouth

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport

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

1) Recommendation

That the Committee be asked to:

- (a) approve construction of a proposed pedestrian crossing at Douglas Avenue, Exmouth. As shown on drawing 70107375 in Appendix 1. At an estimated cost of £101,000; and
- (b) that the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport be given delegated powers, in consultation with the Chair of HATOC and the Local Member, to make minor amendments to the scheme details.

2) Introduction

To support the travel needs and safety of students accessing the Deaf Academy school in Exmouth. The report seek approval to construct a signal controlled “Puffin” pedestrian crossing facility near to the main entrance on Douglas Avenue.

3) Background

The Deaf Academy is a non-maintained special school providing education and support for young deaf people in Devon and from across the country.

In 2020 the Academy relocated from its former site in Exeter to a new campus in Exmouth. The campus in Exmouth was developed on the site of the old Rolle College.

The Academy site is an education hub for around 50 students aged 5 to 19, 30 of which can stay within residential provision on the main campus. The Academy provides a specialist curriculum, support and care to Deaf young people, the majority of whom have accompanying additional needs including mobility, visual and special educational needs.

The Academy has satellite sites within close walking distance to the main campus. Including Rolle House a registered Children’s Home specialising in caring for children and young people aged between 5 and 17 years who are Deaf or hard of hearing. Rolle house is approximately a 5 minute walk from the main campus facilities. And the Academy recently opened an adult learning and residential centre called Fearnside House. This site provides a residential centre catering for Deaf students aged between 19 and 25. Fearnside House is approximately a 12 minute walk from the main campus.

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Students are encouraged by the Academy to develop life skills that will support future independence. And supporting independent travel to access both the Academy and other town services can help contribute towards this.

In 2021 the Academy student council began a campaign to reduce traffic speeds around the main campus and to have zebra crossings put in place to ensure safe crossing points for all deaf children and young people regardless of their additional needs.

At the Devon County Council committee on the 22nd July 2021, a motion was carried to applaud the Deaf Academy Student Council's campaign to reduce the speed of traffic in Douglas Avenue. To call on Highway Officers to introduce a 20mph speed limit in Douglas Avenue. And to install a zebra crossing outside the school to ensure that children and young people can cross the road in safety.

In 2022 with support and funding from the local member. Electronic beacons (school wigwags) in conjunction with school warning signs and an advisory school 20mph speed limit were introduced on the roads around the Academy. And a scheme proposal for a zebra crossing was prepared for consultation and approval to construct in 2023.

Representations were received from stakeholders requesting that DCC consider a signalised crossing to support the sensory and developmental needs of Academy students travelling to the campus.

Following further liaison and confirmation from the Academy that a £30,000 financial contribution would be made towards the additional costs for a signalised crossing and its future maintenance. A revised scheme for a signal controlled "Puffin" pedestrian crossing has been drawn up for consideration by HATOC members.

4) Proposal

The committee Plan No. 70107375 in Appendix 1, illustrates a signal-controlled Puffin crossing facility. That is located on Douglas Avenue between the Deaf Academy visitor car park entrance and exit junctions.

Within the constraints of the horizontal road alignment and visibility for motorists approaching from Rolle Road the crossing has been located as close as possible to the main site entrance.

The scheme incorporates high friction road surfacing and advanced warning signing on both approaches. And the puffin crossing will incorporate, visual, tactile and audible pedestrian indicators to cross the road.

5) Options/Alternatives

Due to the site constraints including accesses, road alignment and forward visibility to potential crossing points. Alternative options were considered at the feasibility design stages for locating controlled and uncontrolled crossings along both Douglas Avenue and Rolle Road. Options were considered for amending the current Academy site accesses. An alternative traffic calmed 20mph zone was considered. And a detailed option for an unsignalized "Zebra" controlled crossing was previously prepared.

All options were discussed with the local member and with representatives from the Academy.

6) Consultations

Consultations were undertaken by Council staff and by the local member for the area. Consultations were undertaken by correspondence and by site meetings.

7) Strategic Plan

The proposed scheme is well aligned with the priorities of the Council’s Strategic Plan 2021– 2025. The table below summarises how this scheme proposal would impact upon individual Strategic Plan actions.

Strategic Plan Priority	Strategic Plan Action	Impact
Respond to the Climate Emergency	Support a green recovery from COVID-19.	+1
	Prioritise sustainable travel and transport.	+2
	Encourage sustainable lifestyles.	+2
Be Ambitious for Children and Young People	Ensure children and young people have the best possible start in life, good health and emotional wellbeing.	+3
Investing in Devon’s economic recovery	Secure investment in transport infrastructure.	+1
	Maintain and, where necessary, improve our highway network and improve sustainable transport options.	+2
Tackle poverty and inequality	Promote services that increase resilience, self-reliance and independence.	+3
Improve health and wellbeing	Give people greater opportunities for walking and cycling to increase their physical activity.	+3
Helping communities to be safe, connected and resilient	Enable a range of transport options, including public transport.	+1

-3	large negative impact
-2	moderate negative impact
-1	small negative impact
0	no impact
+1	small positive impact
+2	moderate positive impact
+3	large positive impact

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8) Financial Considerations

The estimated scheme cost of the scheme is £101,000. It is proposed that the scheme will be funded through the Integrated Block element of the Transport Capital Programme.

An external contribution of £30,000 from the Deaf Academy Board has been agreed. The contribution is to be paid upon completion of the pedestrian crossing.

Subject to committee approval and contractor availability, it is intended that construction will take place in the summer holiday period 2024.

9) Legal Considerations

To introduce a new or amended pedestrian crossing a public notice will be required to be advertised in accordance with Section 23 of The Road Traffic Regulation Act.

Modifications to existing waiting restrictions will require changes to a Traffic Regulation Order. 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, to secure the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of traffic and provision of parking facilities.

10) Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change, Sustainability and Socio-economic)

The Devon Carbon Plan identifies that reducing the need to travel and shifting to more sustainable transport options, such as walking, are important ways to tackle transport emissions and reduce greenhouse gas emissions particularly for short distance journeys. By promoting sustainable alternatives to travel by car, the proposal will have a minor but positive effect on vehicle emissions and the environment.

11) Equality Considerations

An individual Equality Impact and Needs Assessment is not considered necessary. The proposed crossing facility helps to enable pedestrians with a wide range of abilities and confidence levels to access the Academy and will help to support other local pedestrian travel needs.

12) Risk Management Considerations

A signalised crossing facility will have ongoing maintenance costs for Devon County Council.

The scheme has been subject to a Stage 1 road safety. And any negative impacts associated with the scheme, have been considered and mitigated.

13) Summary/Conclusions/Reasons for Recommendations

It is recommended that the scheme be approved for construction to support safer school travel and to promote sustainable and healthy travel choices.

Meg Booth

Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport

Electoral Divisions: Exmouth & Budleigh Salterton Coastal.

Local Government Act 1972: List of background papers

Background Papers Nil

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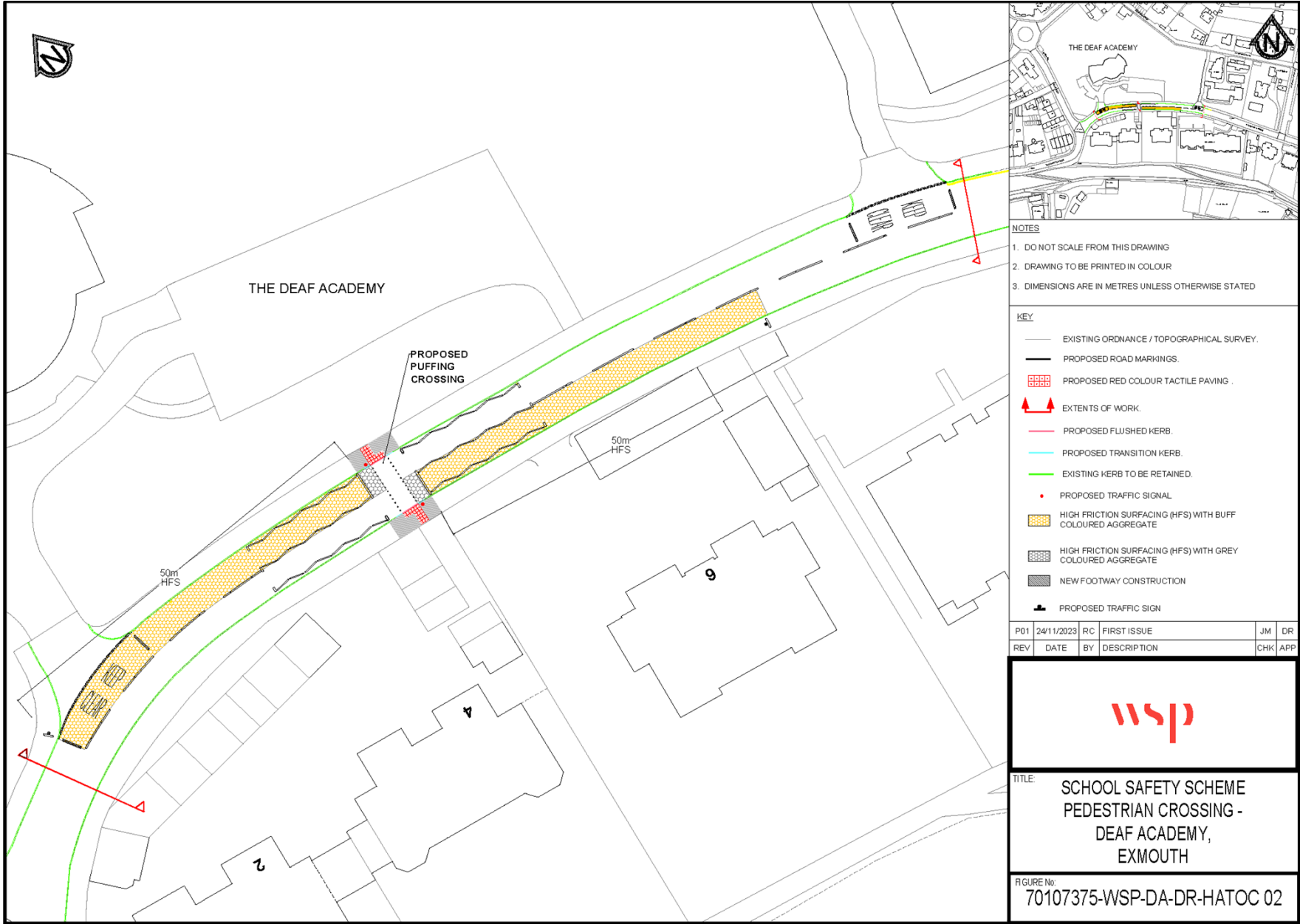
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- EXISTING KERB TO BE RETAINED.
- PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGNAL.
- ▨ HIGH FRICTION SURFACING (HFS) WITH BUFF COLOURED AGGREGATE
- ▩ HIGH FRICTION SURFACING (HFS) WITH GREY COLOURED AGGREGATE
- ▧ NEW FOOTWAY CONSTRUCTION
- ▲ PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGN

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CET/24/27
East Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee
19 April 2024

Stopping up of public highway: Land adjacent to Swordfish Avenue, Clyst Honiton

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport

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

1) Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- (a) the extent of highway land adjacent to Swordfish Avenue, Clyst Honiton, as detailed in Appendix 1, is not needed for public use; and
- (b) this Committee resolves that subject to the consultations referred to in section 4, Devon County Council makes an application to the magistrates' court for an order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 that the said highway land be stopped up.

2) Introduction

Under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980, Devon County Council can make an application to a magistrates' court to stop up a section of highway if they think it is unnecessary.

We have received representation from NPS, acting on behalf of the joint venture partnership between DCC and St Modwens (Skypark Development Partnership LLP), who wish to apply for a stopping up order so that the land in question (as shown in Appendix 1) no longer forms part of the public highway.

3) Proposal

It is recommended that an application is made to the Magistrates' Court under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 for the stopping-up of the public highway known as Land adjacent to Swordfish Avenue, Clyst Honiton as shown on the drawing attached as Appendix 1.

4) Alternatives

Devon County Council could refuse the application but would have no specific reasons for doing so as it is not considered the public highway provides any benefit to the highway network.

5) Consultations

A number of organisations have been contacted on the proposal and a summary of the consultees and their response can be found in Appendix 2.

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6) Strategic Plan

The proposal to stop up the highway will reduce the maintenance liability for the Council. This is considered an effective use of the resource that is available and helps the Council be financially resilient and a trusted Council.

7) Financial Considerations

There are no financial implications to this proposal as all costs will be met by the applicant.

8) Legal Considerations

Under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 a highway authority can apply to a magistrates' court to stop up highway on the grounds that it is 'unnecessary'. Whether a highway is unnecessary is a question of fact. It should be unnecessary for the sort of purpose for which the public might reasonably be expected to use it, for example, to reach a specific destination or for recreational purposes.

Only a highway authority can apply to a magistrates' court for a stopping up order. A highway authority has discretion on whether or not to make an application. However, this discretion is capable of being judicially reviewed. It should therefore have good reason for not making an order.

9) Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change, Sustainability and Socio-economic)

There are no environmental impacts in relation to this proposal.

10) Equality Considerations

There are no equality considerations in relation to this proposal.

11) Risk Management Considerations

No risks have been identified.

12) Reasons for Recommendations

In summary it is recommended that the Committee approve the request for an application to the magistrates' court for a stopping up order of the public highway known as Land adjacent to Swordfish Avenue, Clyst Honiton as described above, as the land is not needed for public use and is unnecessary as public highway.

Meg Booth

Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport

Electoral Division: Broadclyst

Local Government Act 1972: List of background papers

Nil

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
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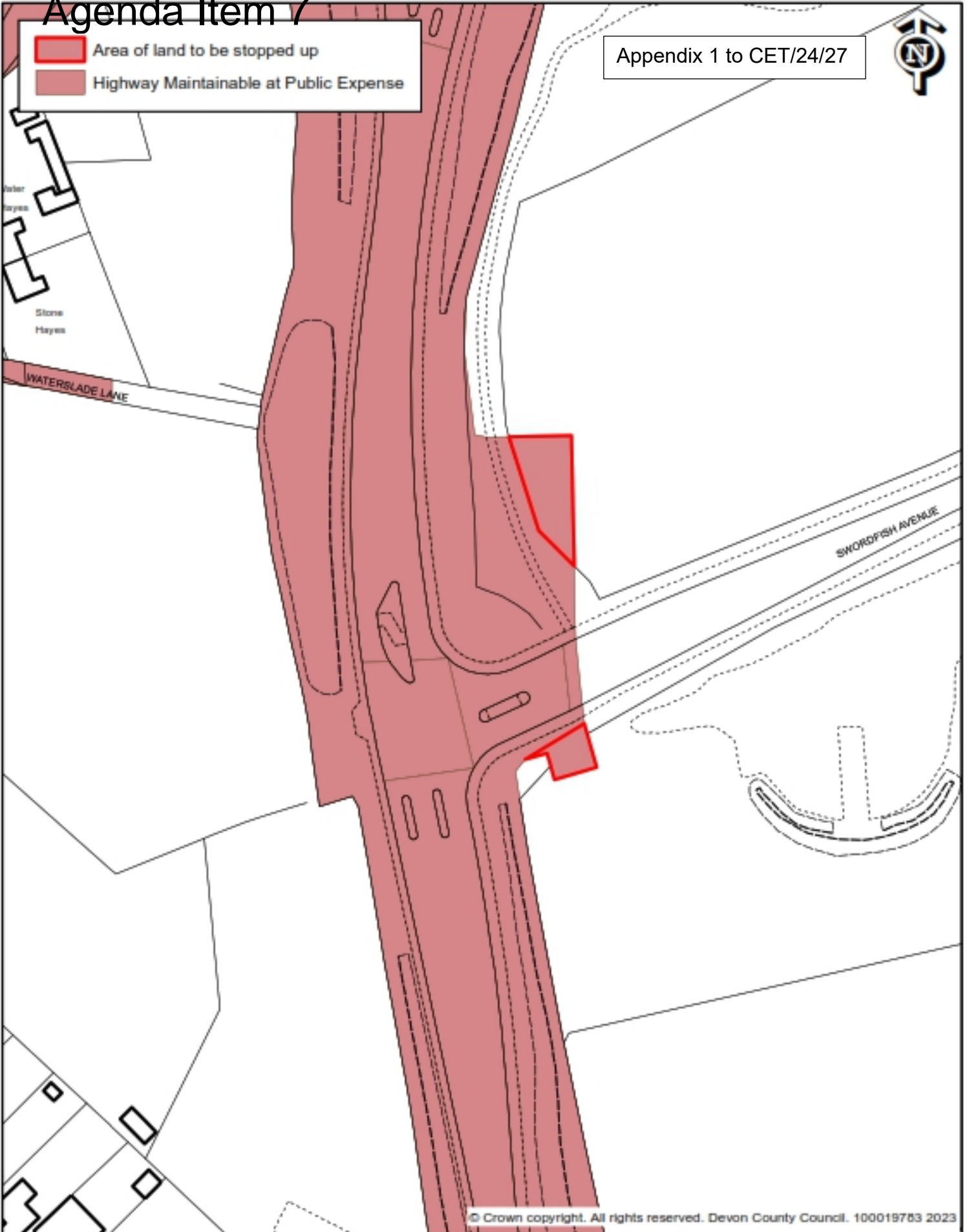
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	Highway Maintainable at Public Expense

Appendix 1 to CET/24/27



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Appendix 2 to CET/24/27

Organisation Contacted	Response
East Devon District Council	Letter sent 23/01/2024 No comments received – deadline for response was 23/03/2024
Clyst Honiton Parish Council	Letter sent 23/01/2024 No comments received – deadline for response was 23/03/2024
Auto-Cycle Union Ltd.	Letter sent 23/01/2024 No comments received – deadline for response was 23/02/2024
British Driving Society	Letter sent 23/01/2024 No comments received – deadline for response was 23/02/2024
British Horse Society	Letter sent 23/01/2024 No comments received – deadline for response was 23/02/2024
Byways and Bridleways Trust	Letter sent 23/01/2024 No comments received – deadline for response was 23/02/2024
CLA South West	Letter sent 23/01/2024 No comments received – deadline for response was 23/02/2024
Cycling UK	Letter sent 23/01/2024 No comments received – deadline for response was 23/02/2024
National Farmers Union	Letter sent 23/01/2024 No comments received – deadline for response was 23/02/2024
Natural England Consultation Service	Letter sent 23/01/2024 No comments received – deadline for response was 23/02/2024
The Open Spaces Society	Letter sent 23/01/2024 No comments received – deadline for response was 23/02/2024
The Ramblers Association	Letter sent 23/01/2024 No comments received – deadline for response was 23/02/2024
Trail Riders Fellowship	Letter sent 23/01/2024 No comments received – deadline for response was 23/02/2024

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4 Wheel Vehicle Users	Letter sent 23/01/2024 No comments received – deadline for response was 23/02/2024
Devon County Council Estates department	Letter sent 23/01/2024 No comments received – deadline for response was 23/02/2024
Skypark Development Partnership LLP, Northfield	Letter sent 23/01/2024 No comments received – deadline for response was 23/02/2024
Skypark Development Partnership LLP, Bristol	Letter sent 23/01/2024 No comments received – deadline for response was 23/02/2024
Exeter and Devon Airport Ltd	Letter sent 23/01/2024 No comments received – deadline for response was 23/02/2024



BUS (Bus Users and Stakeholders) Forum, 11th January, 2024

Summary Report of the Meeting – prepared for designated representatives from each of the Highways and Traffic Orders Committees (HATOC)

Purpose/role of the Forum

- The Forum acts as an informal body to consider current issues and opportunities relating to all aspects of bus services across the Devon County Council (DCC) administrative area.
- The Forum will represent the views of bus users and stakeholder across the county and provide a united voice through the invited representatives.

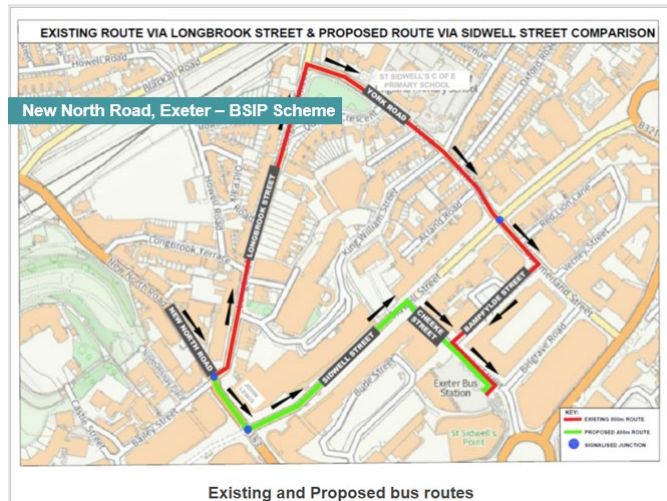
The Forum meets quarterly, and each of the eight HATOCs have an invited representative at the meeting. Bus operators are also invited to join. Terms of reference for the forum have been circulated previously.

1) DCC Officer Update (Rachel Phillips, Integrated Public Transport DCC)

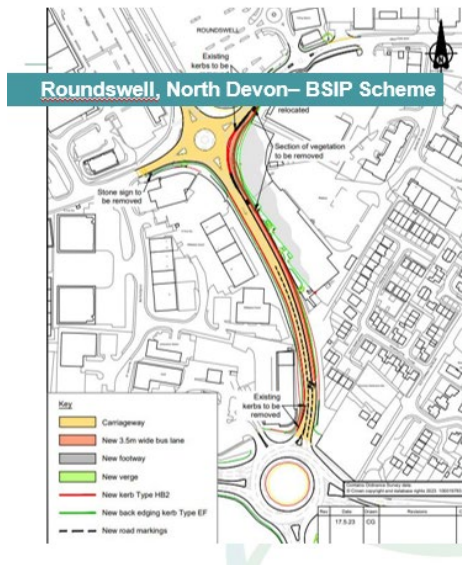
ZEBRA2 Fund (Zero Emission Bus Rural Areas Scheme)

- DfT announced the ZEBRA2 Fund (Zero Emission Bus Rural Areas Scheme) - £129M funding for ZEBs (Zero Emission Buses) including £25M ring fenced for rural schemes
- Competitive bid process, applications had to be made by Local Transport Authority (Devon County Council) – however does require **significant investment** from bus operators
- Stagecoach and Devon County Council have put in a bid – awaiting a decision from the DfT which will be in March 2024
- Proposal includes electrifying routes in both Exeter and North Devon

2) BSIP Capital Schemes Update



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- New bus lane (500m) between Gratton Way and Roundswell roundabout
- Improve bus journey times for services from Barnstaple towards Roundswell
- Priority for buses and taxis to avoid the queuing traffic, ensuring more reliable bus services onto the A39

Scheme	Update	Timings
Exeter		
New North Road - Bus Gate	Approved by Cabinet – contractors are being appointed	work will start late-Spring 2024
Cowick/Preston Street	Improvements to Preston St junction, traffic signalling and bus lane timings – consultation complete.	HATOC approval at January HATOC
Heavitree & Pinhoe corridors	Still in design phase – consultation to begin in February	Completion in 24/25 following consultation and Cabinet approval
Newton Abbot		
Highweek Street improvements	Improvements to junction layout and signalling to improve access and priority for buses.	Completion in 24/25 following consultation and Cabinet approval
North Devon		
Gratton Way Bus Gate, Roundswell	Approved by Cabinet – contractors are being appointed	Following approval, work will start in Summer 2024
Braunton Road	Consultation currently underway: Bus Services Improvement Plan (BSIP) in North Devon - Have Your Say	Completion in 24/25 following consultation and Cabinet approval
Barnstaple Rail Station – improved access for bus passengers	Approval given by DFT to move funds – now in design stage	Timeline TBC

Bus Station Improvements	
Barnstaple	Site visit complete – works have started to replace shelters and update signage (see photos below).
Tavistock	Site visit complete – plan in progress to update signage, real time and cycle parking
Tiverton	Site visit pending
Countywide	
Street Lighting Upgrades	COMPLETE

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Bus Stop Infrastructure	£1M of investment – completed Y1 / Y2	Plan in place to spend remaining fund in Y2 & Y3
Bus Stop Multi-Modal Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drumbridges pilot project – HATOC approval – work to start spring/summer 2024 • Design proposal in place for Yelverton and Tavistock 	
Countywide Pinchpoint Scheme	Work underway on identified schemes	

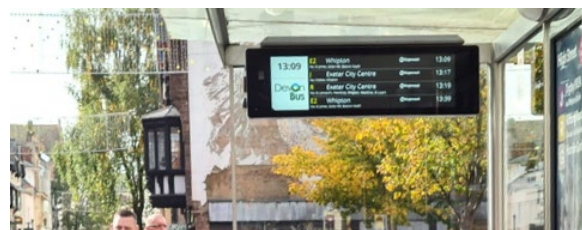
Barnstaple Bus Station

- Upgrades to shelters – replacement of perspex
- All signage replaced
- New real time signs will follow



Upgrades to Real Time Estate

20 screens going in imminently – mainly in Exeter. Longer term plan to replace existing estate. Following this we will identify new locations around the county.



Q&A

Q: May I request a reminder as to what the Braunton road scheme entails?

A: Improved bus priority coming into Barnstaple from Braunton. (this has now gone to consultation - full details are on the DCC "Have your say" website: [Bus Services Improvement Plan \(BSIP\) in North Devon - Have Your Say](#))

Q: regarding Barnstaple Rail Station; does improving access mean matching bus & train times? Particularly regarding East-the-Water services?

A: It is capital investment, so this means physical improvements at the rail station. Quite a few bus routes have been re-timetabled, improving connections. The main bus service between Bideford and Barnstaple is at a 15 minute frequency, which does link to rail services.

Q: In Exeter High Street, the screens are displaying timetabled information rather than real time information?

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A: We do not understand this as have seen real time on these screens - the limitation in the High Street could be when buses have just started their journey, so there is no previous vehicle tracking for the journey (DCC have since checked the system and provided evidence to the individual that the screens do in fact show real time information – this will, on occasion, default to scheduled information if real time information is not available)

Q: Will further bus/rail links be added in 2024?

A: We are always looking for opportunities to do more.

3) Update from Stagecoach (Peter Knight, Managing Director)

Headlines

- Reminded attendees whilst Stagecoach represent 90% of the bus market in Devon, there are other operators.
- Stagecoach had a very busy Christmas period with 5% increase in passenger numbers in the run up, compared to last year. Situation has improved regarding service reliability. However, it has been extremely challenging regarding current levels of congestion in Exeter causing punctuality to drop. Whilst the congestion problems have mainly been within the city, most services touch upon Exeter at some point so this causes delays across the county.
- From a service delivery standpoint, Stagecoach has a full complement of staff across the business and has made significant investment in driver recruitment and training to achieve this and ensure that services operate per the published timetables. However, the variable levels of traffic congestion do cause issues with services being operated punctually.
- The wider view and Government policy: The £2 fare cap runs until the end of December 2024 and Stagecoach are expecting to participate for this length of time. It has helped grow patronage and helps customers knowing their fare; therefore addressing uncertainty.

Q&A

Q: Any news on the new vehicles coming in the Spring? Is it dependent on winning the ZEBRA 2 bid?

A: 10 new diesel vehicles are still coming to Devon very shortly.

Q: Will new vehicles have audio announcements?

A: Yes, they will be equipped with next stop information and a hearing loop. This is a government requirement for any new passenger service vehicles which are purchased.

Q: Regarding usage increase, what is the percentage increase in Exeter? Also, £2 fare cap – what if people have to travel and change buses - are there thoughts on a through ticket system?

A: Percentage increase for Exeter was 6.9% in the 4 weeks running up to Christmas. Re the £2 Fare; this is for one single journey. There are barriers to technology regarding fare-capping and therefore enabling 2 hour tickets that allow multiple journey's in that timeframe. Stagecoach as a group are investigating options but it will not be achievable particularly quickly. If there are 2 bus journeys to a destination, plus 2 return journeys; then a day ticket or flexi-bundle may be the best value option.

Q: For many years, there was a half-hourly evening service in Exeter, now late evening is hourly on the 2, 5, 9 services. It is quite a sever drop to get back from an evening event.

A: It is challenging in the context of hourly services not being as attractive. However, there is also the challenge of a structural change post-covid and there are not as many people around in the evenings, coupled with inflationary increases with £40+/hour operating costs now. The economics don't warrant a more frequent service. Vehicles might look busy (eg from Exmouth) but would look a lot less busy if we halved the numbers onto a more regular service; but incurred twice the cost - it wouldn't necessarily generate more passengers. Stagecoach do tailor their service to actual travel patterns and therefore do review services regularly.

In conclusion, Cllr Andrea Davis (Chair) reminded all that we must use services or lose them.

4) Equality Impact Assessment Discussion – ZEBRA 2 Bid (Rachel Phillips)

- As part of our ZEBRA2 bid DCC, have conducted an equality impact assessment (EIA) to ensure due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty (s149 Public Sector Equality Duty – Equality Act 2010), and how people with

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protected characteristics will benefit from the scheme and to ensure any possible negative impacts are mitigated early on.

- We must consider how ZEBRA 2 positively or negatively affects people.
- Rachel talked through the slides and EIA consultation completed so far and asked if anyone had anything to add.
- Comments from the discussion have now been incorporated into the EIA which will be published in due course with our ZEBRA2 bid.

5) Connecting You – project summary and update (Karen Rose, Devon County Council)

- Devon Connecting You final report was submitted to DfT at the beginning of November. There is an embargo on sharing it until DfT have had the opportunity to review all 12 pilots and release their report. This is anticipated to be February.
- Karen was able to share some examples of the life changing stories which the pilot received from the transport projects funded through the Connecting You pilot.
- There is no news of further DfT funding to address loneliness but some of the Connecting You projects have used their experience gained from this pilot to apply to other sources to continue their work.

A comment was made about the positive results from the pilot and suggested that social prescribing could be a good way to link people to public transport.

6) Questions from the Floor (raised in advance)

None received.

- Cllr Andrea Davis (acting Chair) thanked everyone for attending and reminded all that this meeting represents the end of the first year of the forum and we need to consider electing a new Chair. Nominations to rachel.phillips@devon.gov.uk please.
- Date of Next Meeting – 11th April 2024

