

## **Footway on Old Torrington Road, Barnstaple**

Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment

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

### **Recommendation: It is recommended that:**

- (i) subject to detailed design and stage two road safety audit the proposed footway scheme shown on plan 19792/04C in Appendix 1 is approved for construction at an estimated cost of £112,796; and**
- (ii) the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment be given delegated powers, in consultation with the Chair of HATOC and the local member, to make minor amendments to the scheme details.**

### **1. Summary**

Housing developments on Old Torrington Road south of the Crematorium such as those at Sandringham Gardens have no segregated pedestrian footway on which to walk along Old Torrington Road. Housing developments in this area have been approved and progressed on the basis of a path being designed and built by DCC in the future, and we are now at a stage seeking approval for such a path at an estimated cost of £112,796.



*Photo - Section of Old Torrington Road with no segregated path.*

## 2. Introduction

Various designs for shared footway and cycleway and/or footway have been considered along the side of the road in this location, and the current scheme is the culmination of preliminary design work looking at how to achieve a path along Old Torrington Road.

In the current situation pedestrians have to cross the road at least once to stay on the path and then walk on the carriageway passing the crematorium in order to walk towards Sticklepath, Gratton Way or beyond. This includes access to bus stops and all services and facilities in this direction.

## 3. Proposal

Approval is sought for the footway scheme shown on plan 19792/04C in Appendix 1 which is a preliminary design that has been subject to stage one road safety audit. Further detailed design work is required, including stage two road safety audit and minor amendments are expected from that.

The proposal includes a small section of double yellow lines to provide visibility splays from and of pedestrians crossing Old Torrington Road but this will require a separate traffic regulation order which shall be first subject to public consultation.

The proposal also includes street lighting along the road.

There is a BT manhole in the verge north of Sandringham Gardens, which has now been lowered by BT so that this path can be built with acceptable gradient.



*Photo – Lowered BT chamber in verge*

## 4. Options/Alternatives

Other proposals have been looked into but discounted for a number of reasons. There is some shared use footway and cycleway at the southern end of Old Torrington Road which would ideally be linked with more shared use path to the north. However, the presence of

a gas governor at the end of the path means that this path is obstructed. How this gas governor was allowed to be built in this location is not known.

The hedgerow to the west of Old Torrington Road is privately owned. While there is significant highway verge along most of the length of Old Torrington Road opposite the crematorium, this stops before Sandringham Gardens, and the hedge abuts the existing carriageway.

A scheme to narrow the road to provide a path on from that already existing has been looked into, but gas pipes, electric cables and BT services are all present in the road and would require major diversions in order to build the kerbs required for such a path.

## **5. Consultations**

No formal consultation has been carried out, however it is understood that Tawstock Parish Council and many local residents are expecting the path to be built and are already frustrated by the time it has taken to get a design drawn up.

Before any works are undertaken contact will be made with the crematorium to ensure that works can take place without causing disruption to crematorium services and operations.

## **6. Financial Considerations**

The estimated cost of the scheme is £112,796. This will be funded from section 106 contributions from housing developments along Old Torrington Road.

This estimate includes cost already paid to BT for the lowering of a BT chamber and the cost already paid for some survey work.

A contingency of £9,135 is included within this estimate.

## **7. Legal Considerations**

There are no specific legal considerations.

## **8. Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change)**

The scheme is likely to have a positive impact on promoting sustainable low carbon travel options enabling people to leave their cars at home.

## **9. Risk Management Considerations**

The proposal will have an ongoing requirement for the Council to maintain the new path to a higher standard than the existing grass verge.

The proposal is considered to reduce risk to the travelling public on the public highway by providing a facility for pedestrians to use out of the carriageway.

## **10. Public Health Impact**

Increased levels of walking will have a positive impact on public health.

## **11. Summary**

The proposed footway will provide a segregated facility for residents and visitors to many houses at the southern end of Old Torrington Road and provide a safe route for pedestrians to use.

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### **Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers**

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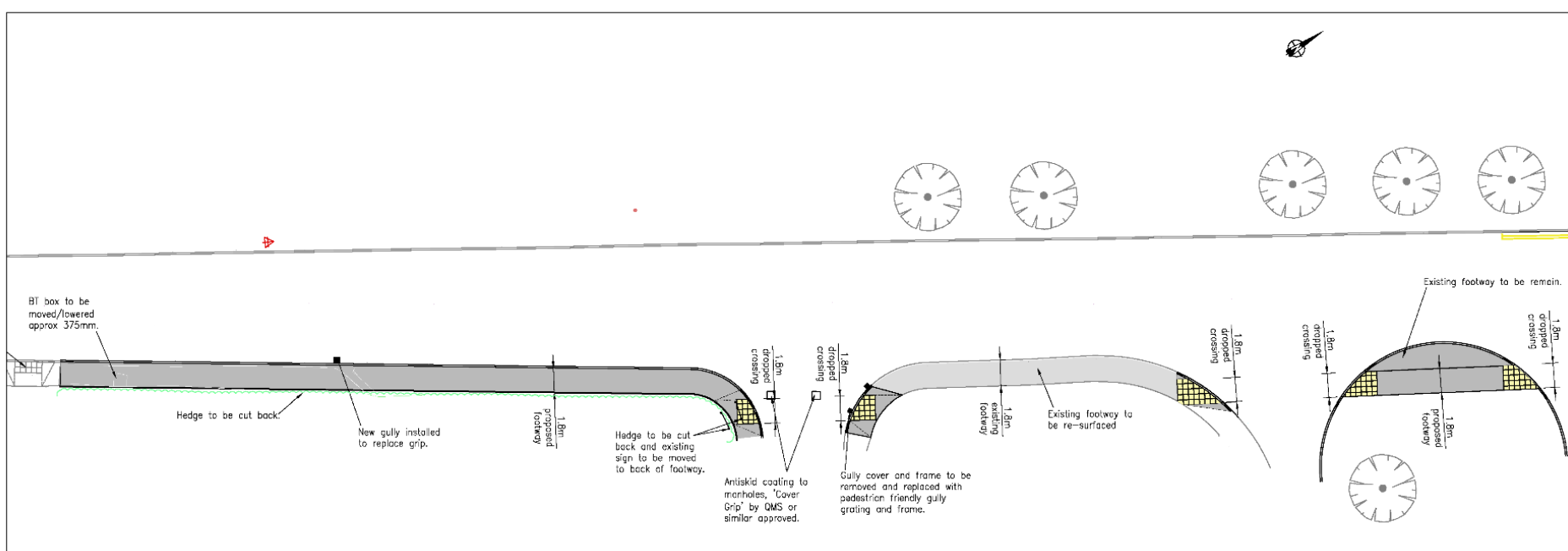
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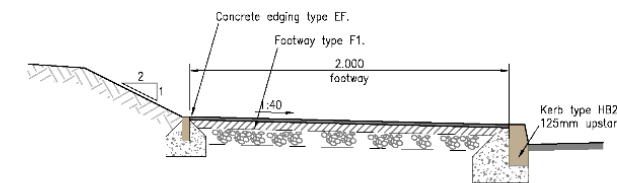
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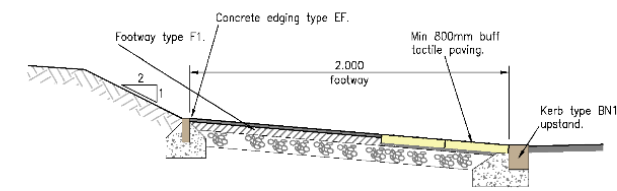




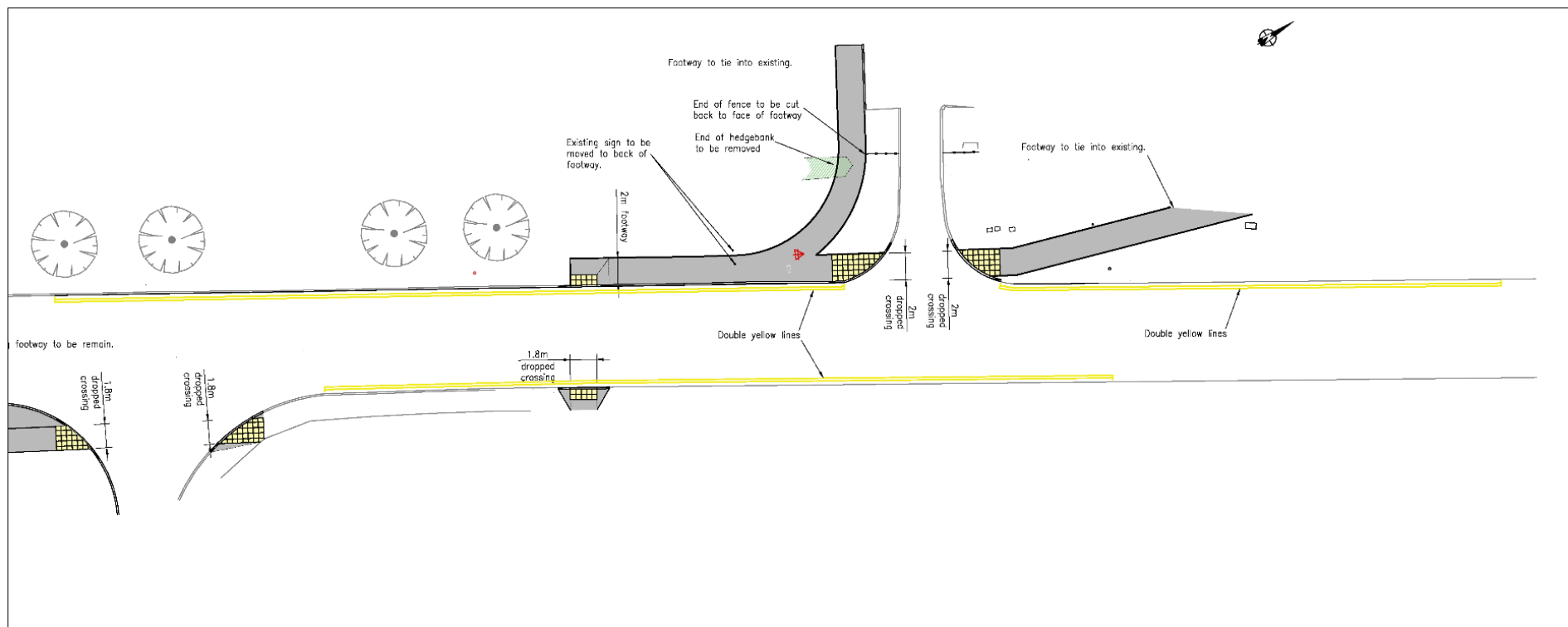
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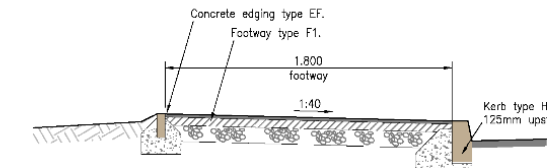
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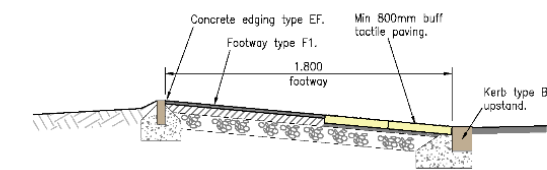
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0	JUL 20	IWS	Original issue	SH
A	JAN 21	IWS	No parking added by on road narrowing and sign moved at Gratton way Entrance footpath in front of Crematorium carpark removed and additional crossing points added.	SH
B	MAY 21	IWS	Scheme reduced down to footpath East side and short link by Gratton Way.	SH
C	OCT 21	IWS	Minor changes for safety audit	SH

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