

Tiverton Road Footway, Cullompton

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

Recommendation: that the Committee be asked:

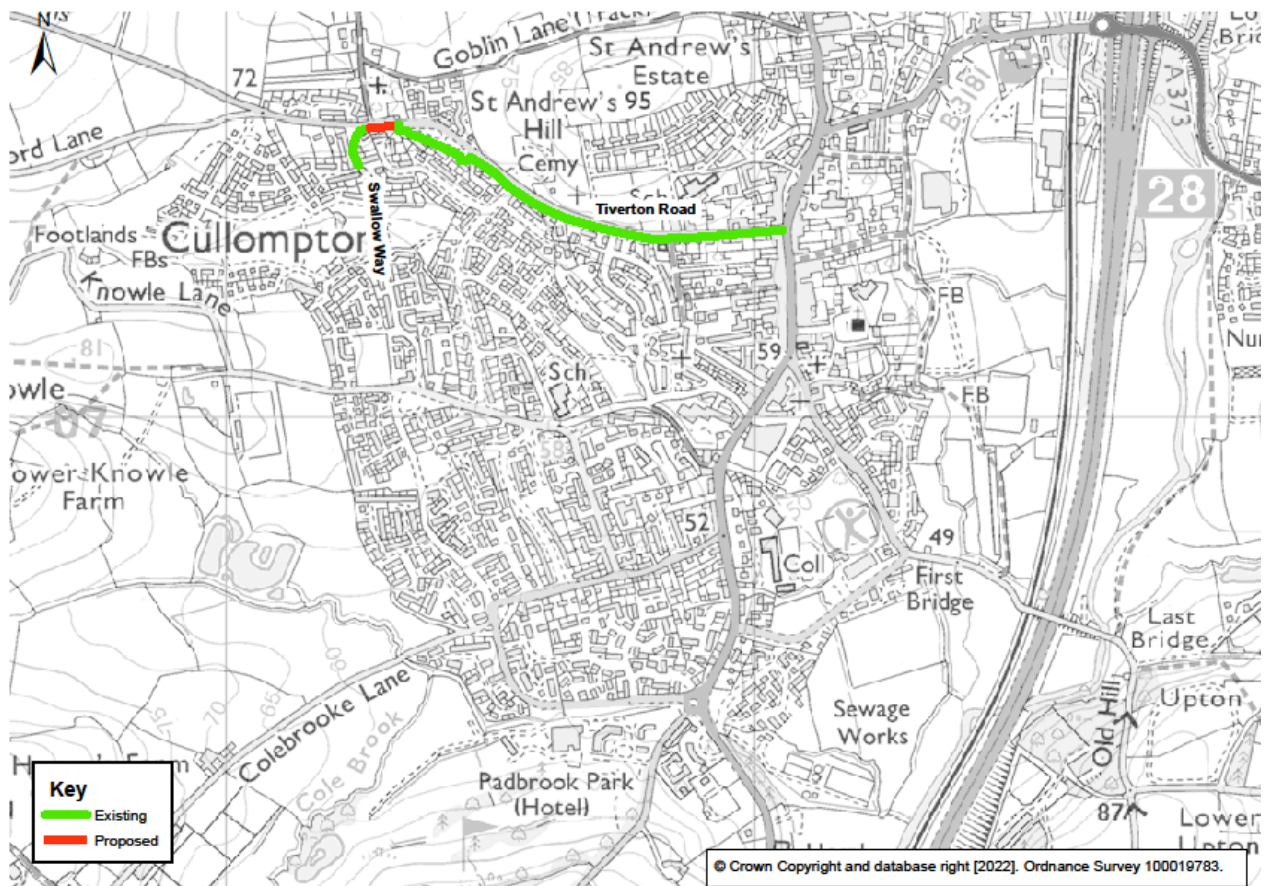
- (a) To approve the proposed footway along Tiverton Road as shown in Appendix (plan number C20014/2) to be constructed for a total cost estimate of £125,500; and**
- (b) That the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport be given delegated powers, in consultation with the Chair of HATOC and the local member, to make minor amendments to the scheme details.**

1. Introduction

Development to the west of Cullompton continues to come forward, increasing the number of people who wish to access the town centre, walking along Tiverton Road. There is currently a gap in the footway on the southern side of Tiverton Road approximately 80m east of the Swallow Way junction, which means pedestrians currently have to cross to the north side of the road and back again. There is anecdotal evidence of people staying on the southern side desire line and walking along the grass verge. Traffic flows on Tiverton Road are likely to increase as further development to the North-West of Cullompton is constructed, making it harder to cross the road in future.

2. Proposal

This report seeks approval to provide a surfaced footway, funded by development, between Swallow Way and the unnamed road to the south of Tiverton Road. From there, pedestrians can continue along the existing footpath in the unnamed road before re-joining Tiverton Road to the east of Olympian Way where the footpath on the southern side continues all the way to the town centre. The Plan below shows the location of the missing footway, with a detailed Plan included in Appendix 1.



3. Options/Alternatives

Improving the facilities to cross Tiverton Road and making use of the footway on the northern side of Tiverton Road was considered but this requires crossing Tiverton Road twice and takes people off the desire line.

4. Consultations/Representations/Technical Data

The Local Member has been consulted on and is in support of the scheme. Provision of a continuous footway along the south side of Tiverton Road is also supported by the local community.

5. Strategic Plan

The scheme is well-aligned with several actions within the Strategic Plan, as outlined below:

- **Respond to the Climate Emergency** – the scheme will **prioritise sustainable travel and transport** by encouraging more people to walk along the proposed footway into town as opposed to driving.
- **Investing in Devon's economic recovery** – the footway will **maintain and, where necessary, improve our highway network and improve sustainable transport options** by providing a continuous footway into Cullompton without needing to cross Tiverton Road.
- **Improving health and wellbeing** – the completion of the footway will **give people greater opportunities for walking and cycling to increase their physical activity.**

- **Helping communities to be safe, connected and resilient** – the scheme will improve safe access to bus services, helping **enable a range of transport options, including public transport.**

6. Financial

The scheme is expected to cost £125,500 which includes design costs, staff time and construction costs. This will be funded from S106 contributions received from the Knowle Lane development in Cullompton.

7. Legal Considerations

The legal implications of the proposal have been considered in the preparation of this report. The County Council will ensure that all relevant legislation is complied with.

8. Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change)

The proposed scheme will improve walking infrastructure, encouraging reduced car trips for short distance journeys into Cullompton Town Centre, reducing car emissions and helping boost people's health and fitness.

9. Equality Considerations

'Where relevant to the decision, the Equality Act 2010 Public Sector Equality Duty requires decision makers to give due regard to the need to:

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other prohibited conduct;
- advance equality by encouraging participation, removing disadvantage, taking account of disabilities and meeting people's needs; and
- foster good relations between people by tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

taking account of [*protected characteristics*](#) in coming to a decision.

The proposed scheme will help all types of pedestrians to safely walk along Tiverton Road. The width of the footway at 1.8m allows use by all types of pedestrian including but not limited to wheelchairs and parents with buggies.

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. Summary

The proposal improves pedestrian facilities along Tiverton Road to complete the missing section of footway between new developments west of Cullompton and the town centre. It will provide a safe route for pedestrians to walk into town without having to cross Tiverton Road which is likely to see an increase in traffic due to development in the area.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

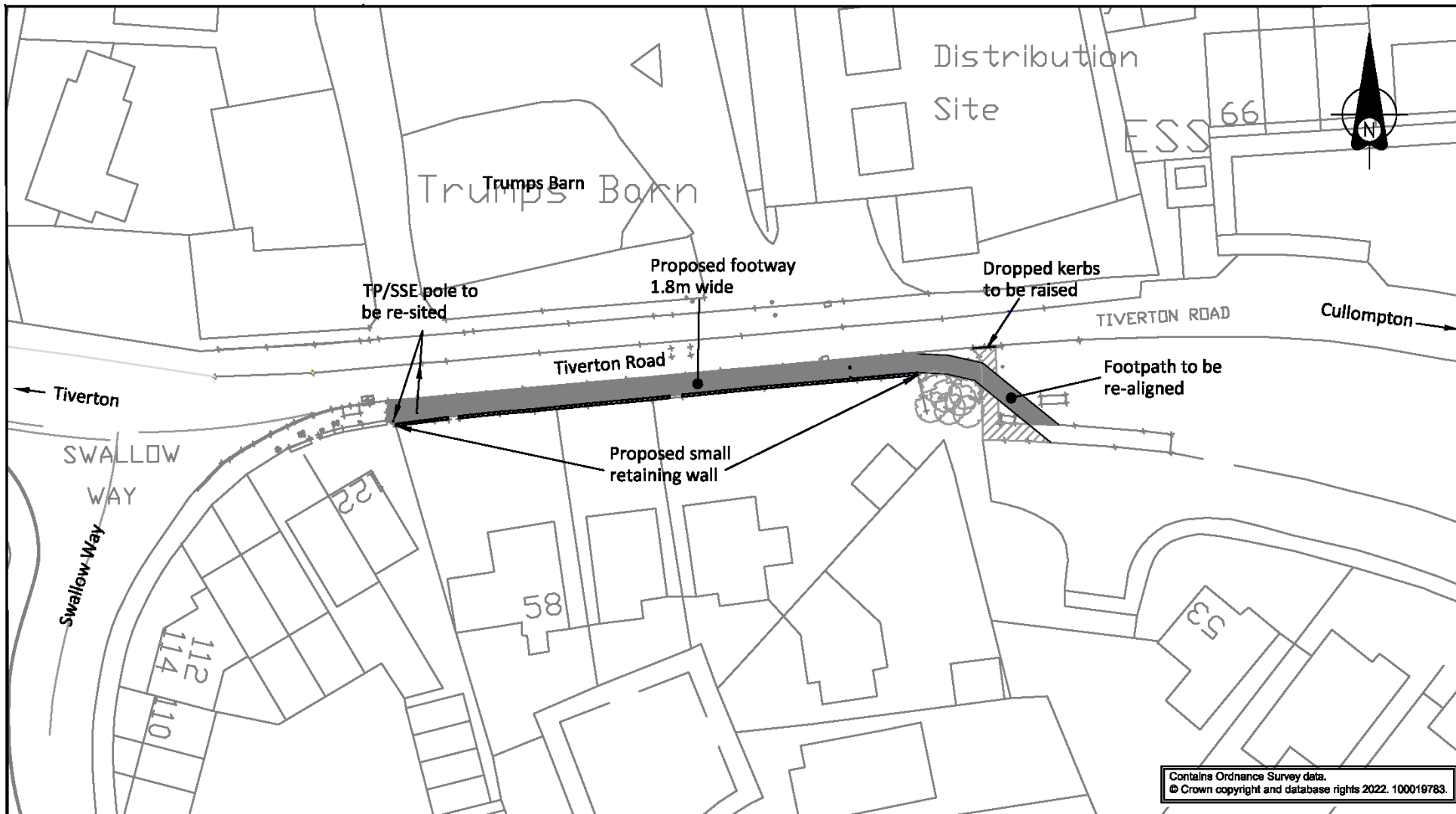
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