

PROPOSED SEGREGATED CYCLE/FOOTPATH WITH IMPROVED LIGHTING IN THE VICINITY FROM CYPRESS ROAD TO CUT THROAT LANE

Agenda Item 2.5

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Background Papers: - Designing for cyclists: a guide to good practice (Essex County Council) Braintree District Local Plan Review
Financial Implications: - Costs of design and construction of cycleway/footway.
Equalities Implications: - Improved disabled access.
Legal Implications: - A Cycle Track Conversion Order is required.

Options:

1. To construct cycle/footway in accordance with design
2. To amend design of proposed cycle/footway
3. Not to construct cycle/footway

Risks:

Insufficient finance to construct cycle/footway. Construction costs increasing, loss of capital programme funding.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks authorisation for the proposed segregated cycle/footpath from Cypress Road to Cut Throat Lane with improved lighting funded from the Capital Programme to improve the health and safety of pedestrians and cyclists in the vicinity.

DECISION

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the construction of a segregated 3.0 metre wide cycle/footpath with improved non-polluting lighting in the vicinity be approved from Cypress Road to Cut Throat Lane.

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Background

The Council's Direction and Ambition includes the following aim to: -

'Reduce the impact of traffic on the District by promoting and supporting improved public and community transport, cycling and walking'.

The Braintree District Local Plan Review 2005 supports the provision of cycleways and indicates proposed routes on the Inset Maps including a route from Cypress Road to Cut Throat Lane, Witham.

This proposed link would provide direct access for pedestrians and cyclists from Cut Throat Lane/Motts Lane to Cypress Road. It is anticipated that once further funding becomes available in the future the proposed link will form part of a continuous strategic cycle/pedestrian route from Cut Throat Lane to Rickstones Road as indicated on the proposals map of the Braintree District Local Plan Review 2005. (Please see attached extract)

Finance

It is estimated that the proposed segregated 3.0 metre wide cycle/footway will cost approximately £25,000. This includes a site survey, design, safety audit of the proposals, construction works and fees.

This scheme will be funded from the Capital Programme to improve the health and safety of pedestrians and cyclists in the vicinity by providing additional lighting.

Scheme Design

The proposed cycleway/footway from Cypress Road to Cut Throat Lane, Witham is indicated on the attached plan. The length of this section is 110 metres.

The guidance document produced by Essex County Council *'Designing for cyclists: a guide to good practice'* indicates a minimum standard of 3.0 metres for cycleway/footways. It will be a segregated surface divided by a colour surfacing that would be sympathetic to the surroundings.

Unfortunately, there has been a recorded mugging incident recently in this particular area. The proposed scheme will provide additional lighting improving the health and safety of the pedestrians/cyclists who will use this route in the dark. The street lighting will be provided in accordance with existing standards. This will be designed to concentrate light onto the ground and avoid light pollution spillage to the night sky. Additional lamp

columns will be provided on Cut Throat Lane near the junction of Motts Lane. Essex County Council will adopt the lamp columns.

The proposed cycleway/footway will follow the existing Public Footpath 16 therefore a Conversion Order would be required. The existing Public Footpath is currently a grassed surface therefore the provision of a tarmac surface would improve accessibility for persons in wheelchairs, mobility scooters, pushchairs as well as cyclists and pedestrians.

Consultation

Discussions have taken place with Essex County Council and the Mid Area Highways Office regarding the proposals for the cycleway/footway and no objections have been raised subject to the completion of a Safety Audit.

The proposed cycle/footway is situated on land owned by Greenfield's Community Housing. The Director of Property Services has been consulted on the proposed scheme and raises no objection.

The local residents will be notified of the proposed scheme prior to construction works.

Planning Approval/Orders

The cycleway/footway does not require planning permission as the development is covered by the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995.

The proposed cycleway/footway partially follows the existing Public Footpath 16 therefore a conversion order is required under Section 3 of the Cycle Tracks Act 1984 and the Cycle Tracks Regulations 1984 (SI1984 / 1431). Essex County Council is currently pursuing this order.



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Contractors must check all dimensions on site and report any discrepancies to the Engineer immediately.

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Revisions:

**Cypress Road to
Cut Throat Lane
Cycleway Link
Witham**

**Proposed Cycleway
Link**

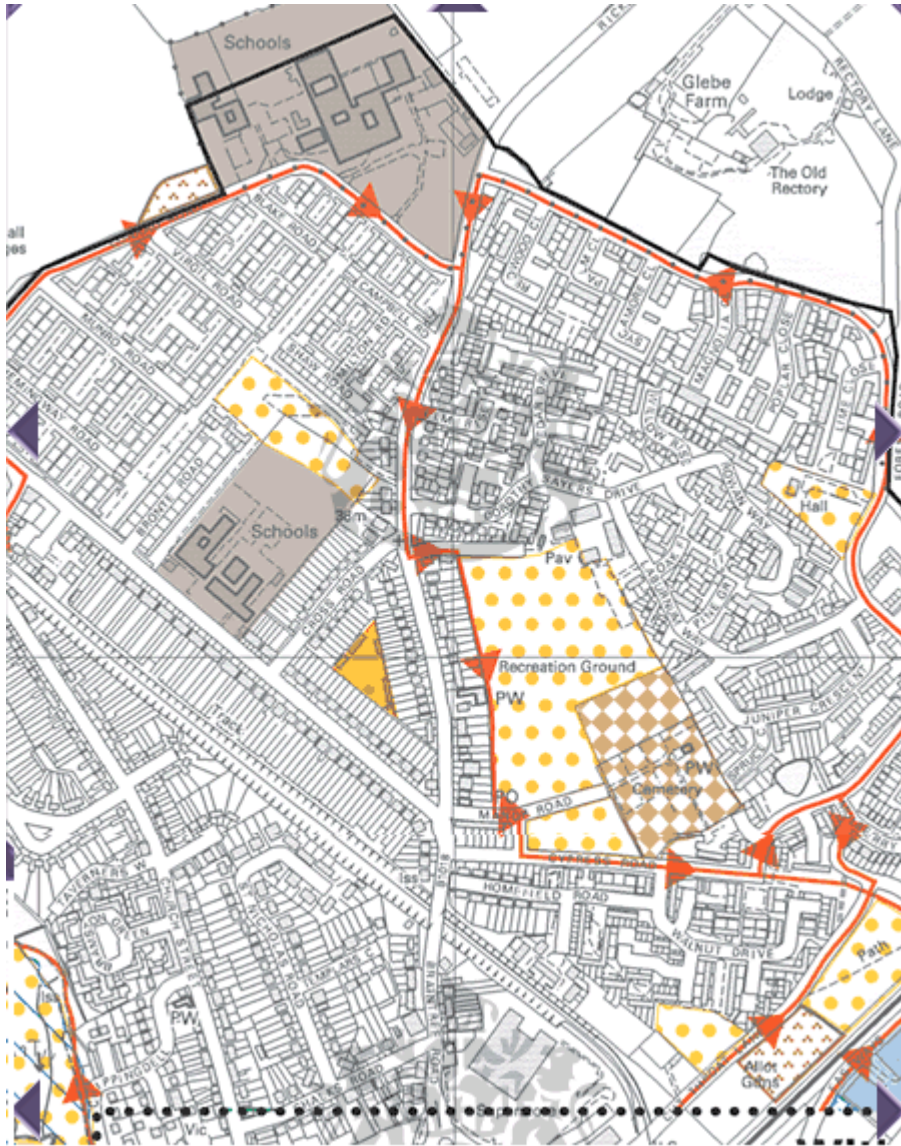
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Extract – Proposals Map of the Braintree District Local Plan Review 2005
(Proposed cycle/pedestrian links in Witham)