

Summary Sheet

Strategic Director Report

Title: Conversion of the status of existing footways, to a shared use footway on Fenton Road and various side roads, Kimberworth Park, Wingfield and Greasbrough

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report:

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Ward(s) Affected: Ward13, Rotherham West and Ward 21, Wingfield

Executive Summary: To seek approval from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment to convert the status of the existing footways detailed below to a shared use (pedestrian and cyclist) footway.

Recommendations: That the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment exercises their delegated powers and:

- a. Approves the conversion of the status of the existing footways shown on Drawing No 126/17/461 to that of shared use cycle and footway on Fenton Road, Simmonite Road, Roughwood Road, Park View, Munsbrough Rise and Coach Road, utilising powers under Section 65(1) and 66(4) of the Highways Act 1980.

List of Appendices Included:

Appendix A - Plan - Shared use Drawing No. 126/17/461

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel:

No

Council Approval Required:

No

Exempt from the Press and Public:

No

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1. Recommendations:

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2. Background

- 2.1 As part of the Council's commitment to promote active travel between Rotherham Town Centre and its adjoining neighbourhoods, the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) scheme aims to improve accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists along the route. This will also coordinate with previous investment, demonstrated through the Sustainable Transport Exemplar Programme (STEP) which converted some of the footway on Fenton Road to a shared use facility from Corn Law Ryhmer roundabout on Fenton Road to Roughwood Road adjacent to the Ring O'Bells Public House.
- 2.2 The proposed shared use cycle and footway will provide a continuous cycle route between Rotherham Town Centre via Masbrough to Kimberworth Park, Wingfield and the Greasbrough area and provide a link to the Bassingthorpe Farm strategic housing allocation, when development commences.
- 2.3 The conversion of the pedestrian only footways to a shared use cycle and footway is required to allow cyclists and pedestrians to use the footway simultaneously. In addition to the physical works which are going to provide a 3 wide shared use facilities along the whole route. The scheme also aims to improve existing pedestrian links to the adjoining urban areas, junction crossing points and cycle by-pass sections around bus stops.

3. Key Issues

- 3.1 It is proposed to formally convert the footways that have been identified on the attached plan (see Appendix A, Drawing No.126/17/461) to shared use for pedestrians and cyclists. This will help improve accessibility for cyclists to Rotherham Town Centre from areas to the west such as Kimberworth Park, Wingfield and the Greasbrough area
- 3.2 Under Section 65(1) and 66(4) of the Highways Act 1980, the Council is able to convert a footway to shared use cycling and footway status.

4. Options Considered and Recommended Proposal

- 4.1 A do nothing option has been considered. The current cycle infrastructure in the area is prohibitive to promoting the active travel behaviour of local residents and visitors to the Town Centre.
- 4.2 The Implementation of the scheme has been considered and it is felt it will bring benefits to the surrounding areas, as the key objective of the TCF scheme is to deliver improved access between Greasbrough and the Town Centre along Fenton Road. In accordance with Department for Transport approved TCF bid and the Council's commitment to deliver against its funding application, this will create a step change in cycling and walking infrastructure to the area.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Consultation with South Yorkshire Police has been carried out on the conversion of the status of the existing footways and the associated proposed works. South Yorkshire Police have not registered any issues with the proposal.
- 5.2 Should approval for the conversion of the footway be given, additional consultation with the Local Ward Members and the respective Cabinet Members will be undertaken to inform them of the proposed change in the status of the footways.

6. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 6.1 Should the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment approve this recommendation, it is envisaged that works to implement the route widening will start in late summer 2019, with the scheme including the necessary signage be completed in the spring 2020

7. Financial and Procurement Implications

- 7.1 The conversion of the footway to a shared use cycle and footway will form part of a larger TCF scheme in the area. This includes the implementation of access facilities onto Fenton Road from the nearby residential areas, improved cycle and pedestrian crossing facilities and improved verge side planting to help capture and remove vehicle pollutants from the adjacent road. These works will be funded through the Transforming Cities Fund grant which is £980,000, allocated for use in 2019/20 and the scheme will cost an estimated £850,000.

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1 The statutory provisions pursuant to which the Council is able to convert the footway to shared use cycling and footway status is set out above.

9. Human Resources Implications

9.1 None.

10. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

10.1 The scheme aims to improve road safety for all road users including vulnerable road users by improving the pedestrian and cycling provision including crossing points within the immediate and wider area.

11 Equalities and Human Rights Implications

11.1 N/A.

12. Implications for Partners and Other Directorates

12.1 N/A.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 N/A.

14. Accountable Officer(s)

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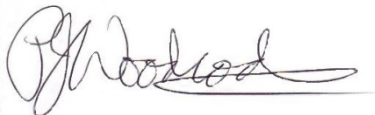
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Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment	Signed:
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