

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee	North Warwickshire Area Committee
Date of Committee	24th January 2007
Report Title	2006-07 Capital Programme for Transport - Delegated Budget – Junction at B5000 Grendon Road and Common Lane, Polesworth
Summary	A request for a modification to the junction of the B5000 Grendon Road and Common Lane in Polesworth has been made by Councillor Stanley. This scheme could be funded from the £40,000 delegated budget allocated to the Area Committee for transport projects to address local priorities. In September 2006, Area Committee requested that a consultation with local residents be undertaken prior to the scheme being included in the programme for 2006/07. Following the consultation, and in conjunction with Councillor Stanley, Option 1 has been identified as the preferred improvement scheme. It is considered that this option would have the least impact on local residents and greatly improve safety at the junction.
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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?	Yes/No
Background Papers	None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-*Details to be specified*

Other Committees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North Warwickshire Area Committee 22nd March and 26th July 2006
Local Member(s) (With brief comments, if appropriate)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Councillor M Stanley

- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member Councillor M Heatley – for information.
(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)
- Chief Executive
- Legal I Marriott – agreed.
- Finance C Holden – comments incorporated.
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION **YES/NO** *(If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)*

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

North Warwickshire Area Committee – 24th January 2007

2006-07 Capital Programme for Transport - Delegated Budget - Junction at B5000 Grendon Road and Common Lane, Polesworth

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy

Recommendation

That the preferred scheme to modify the junction of the B5000 Grendon Road/Common Lane, Polesworth be included in the 2006/07 Capital Programme for Transport, to be funded by allocating £25,000 from this Area Committee's delegated budget.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Transport Capital Programme for North Warwickshire was supported by Area Committee on 22nd March 2006. £40,000 was delegated to North Warwickshire Area Committee to allocate to transport projects to address local priorities.
- 1.2 At Area Committee in March 2006 it was agreed to allocate £10,000 to improvements to lighting on the Service Road on Watling Street, Grendon and to defer the decision regarding allocation of the remainder of the delegated budget until further schemes had been identified. Following a consultation, the scheme on Watling Street, Grendon has now been withdrawn due to a lack of support from local residents.
- 1.3 As Members will recall from the meeting of the Area Committee in July 2006, it was agreed to allocate £6,000 to the modification of two traffic calming humps in Laural Drive, Hartshill. This leaves a remaining £34,000 in the delegated budget to fund further schemes within the Borough during the current financial year (2006/07).

2. Modification of the Junction Layout at B5000 Grendon Road with Common Lane, Polesworth.

- 2.1 There are currently two entrances and two exits to Common Lane from the B5000 Grendon Road, Polesworth. The current layout of the junction is shown

as Figure 1 in **Appendix A** of this report and the preferred junction layout shown as Figure 2 in **Appendix A**.

- 2.2 Councillor Stanley has requested a modification to this junction so that vehicles turning right into Common Lane can undertake the manoeuvre more safely. At present vehicles travelling on the B5000 Grendon Road from the Tamworth direction can be confronted by stationary cars waiting to turn right into Common Lane. The view of drivers in this direction is restricted by a hump back canal bridge which is located immediately before the junction.
- 2.3 In order to address this problem, two options were proposed in the consultation. Option 1 proposes that the first junction with Common Lane when travelling from the west is made “No Entry”, which would force vehicles to use the second junction to turn right after the grassed triangle. This would allow vehicles on the B5000 more time to see other vehicles making this manoeuvre after the hump back bridge. In order to facilitate this, the second exit to the junction would be made wider, whilst the width of the first exit would be reduced and made left turn only out of Common Lane. It is anticipated that only a small loss of on-street parking on Common Lane will be required to allow the junction improvement to be implemented.
- 2.4 Option 2 meanwhile would completely close one of the junctions leaving just a single junction. This would mean a total loss of on-street car parking for residents living between No 2-12 Common Lane. The existing road would then be landscaped.
- 2.5 It is estimated that both schemes described above will cost in the order of £25,000. It should be noted that this junction has not been identified by the County Council’s Safety Engineering Team as a priority, as there have been no fatal/serious and just two slight casualties at this junction in the last five years.

3. Consultation

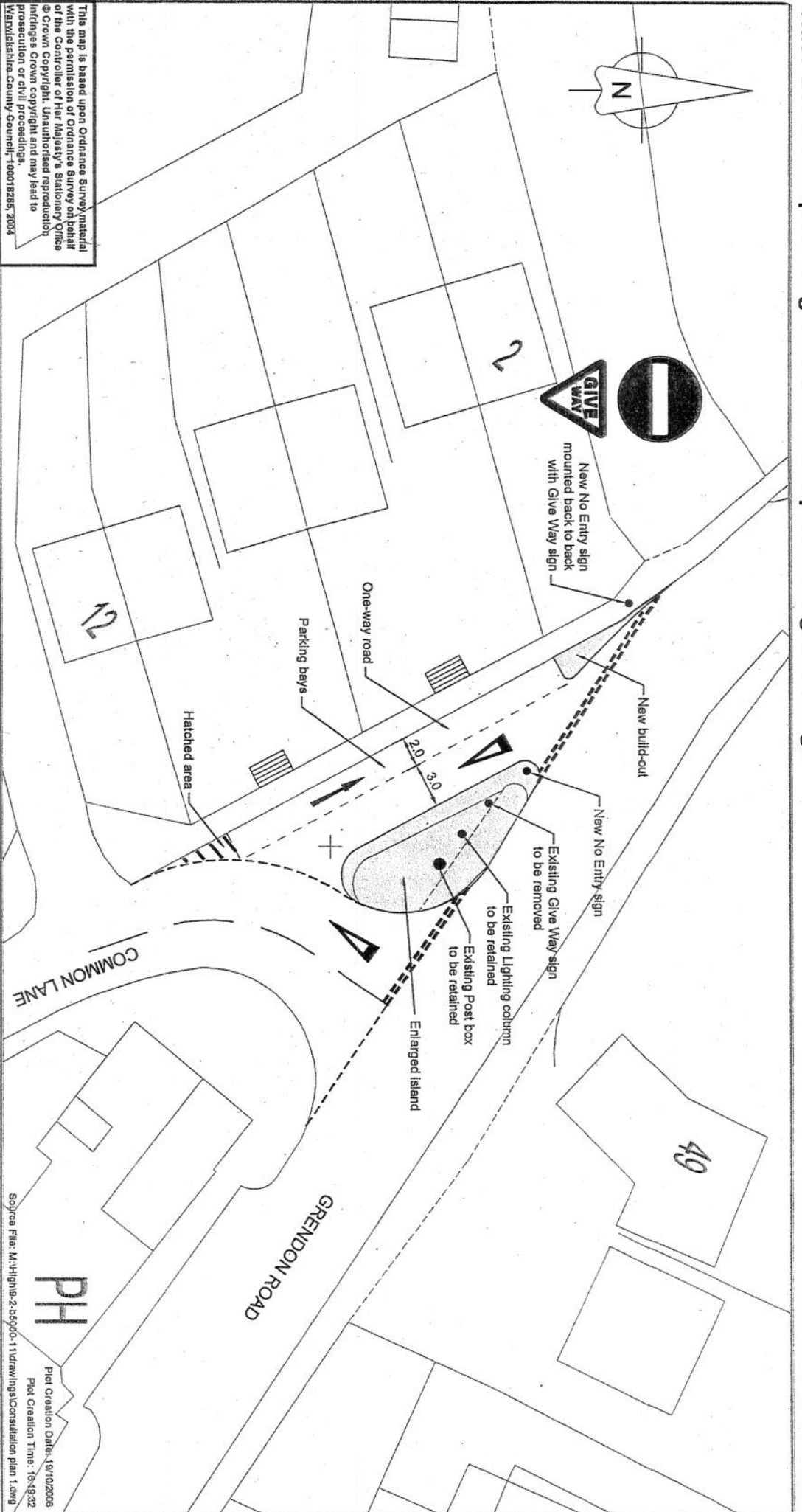
- 3.1 Given the contentious nature of the proposed junction modification and the potential loss of on-street parking on Common Lane, Area Committee authorised a consultation to be undertaken with local residents on two possible junction improvements. The results of the consultation are described below.
- 3.2 Local residents directly affected by any modifications to the junction were all in favour of Option 1, as it would generally allow them to continue to use the existing on-street parking on Common Lane.
- 3.3 The majority of the other consultees preferred Option 2, although it should be noted that this option does not affect these people directly. There was also a concern that a single exit and entrance may cause localised congestion, especially when vehicles exiting Common Lane wished to turn right.
- 3.4 A number of other options have been suggested by consultees, but these would either require further consultation or would exceed the funding available from the 2006/07 delegated budget.

4. A Way Forward

- 4.1 It is recommended that Option 1 (as shown as Figure 2 in **Appendix A**) be taken forward as the preferred scheme to modify the junction of the B5000 Grendon Road/Common Lane, Polesworth and that the scheme is funded by allocating £25,000 from the 2006/07 delegated budget.
- 4.2 If the expenditure cannot be completed in 2006/07 the underspend will be accommodated elsewhere in the integrated budget and provision to complete the scheme will be made from the 2007/08 integrated transport allocation.

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15th December 2006



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Figure 2

**B5000, COMMON LANE JUNCTION
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JUNCTION REALIGNMENT
OPTION 1**

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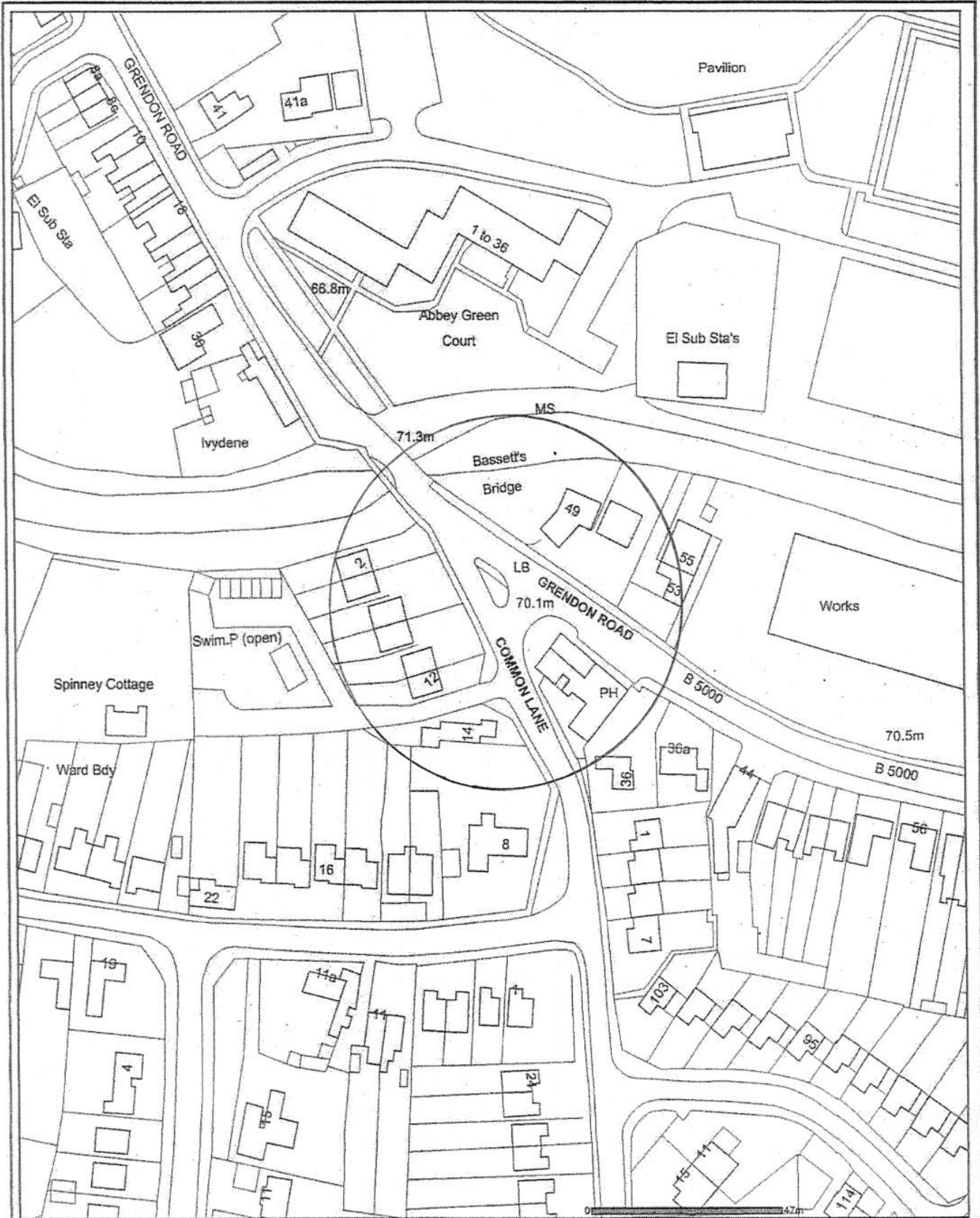
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APPENDIX A OF AGENDA NO.

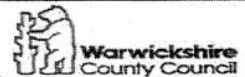


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Subject

B5000 Grendon Road junction with Common Lane, Polesworth

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