Proposed Decision to be taken by the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) on or after 14 September 2018

Addition of one Developer-funded Scheme to the 2018/2019 Capital Programme

Recommendation

The Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) gives approval to add the following highway improvement scheme to the 2018/2019 capital programme subject to the applicable (Highways Act, 1980) Section 278 Agreement being signed which will provide for 100% of the funding:

 Highway improvements in connection with the development of the Rugby Free School. Funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Approximate value £750k

1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 On 15 May 2018 Council reconfirmed the delegated power to the Leader, or body nominated by them, to approve the addition to the capital programme of projects costing less than £2.0 million, which are fully funded from external grants, developer contributions or from revenue. The Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) is that nominated body.
- 1.2 This scheme will be fully funded by developer contributions ring-fenced for the works specified. For developer funded schemes there are no alternative uses for the contributions and the addition of these schemes will not affect the overall level of available capital resources.
- 1.3 Within the following section of this report there are references to plans showing the proposed highway improvements in accordance with the appropriate planning conditions. These schemes are subject to on-going technical approval processes and the final detail of the schemes may differ slightly to that shown here.

2.0 Rugby Free School

- 2.1 A planning application was submitted to the Regulatory Committee of Warwickshire County Council on behalf of Warwickshire County Council and the Education and Skills Funding Agency for the development of a new secondary school and new SEN school on the existing site of Rokeby Infant School. Planning permission was granted on 21 December 2017 (ref: RBC/16CC016).
- 2.2 The planning permission requires highway improvements to be undertaken at the following locations:

- New access on Anderson Avenue
- Traffic calming on Anderson Avenue, Long Furlong, Charlesfield Road and Rosewood Avenue
- Traffic signal junction at Dunchurch Road / Kingsway
- Puffin crossing on Dunchurch Road near Shakespeare Gardens
- Toucan crossing on Dunchurch Road near Overlsade Lane.
- 2.3 With the exception of the Puffin crossing on Dunchurch Road near Shakespeare Gardens, plans showing the current design of the proposed highway improvements for are included in **Appendix A**, however these may be subject to change as the detailed design evolves.
- 2.4 A subsequent planning application was submitted to the Regulatory Committee of Warwickshire County Council in respect of the demolition of existing buildings to create a new classroom block. Planning permission was granted on 08 June 2018 (ref: RBC/18CC003) and requires that the Toucan crossing on Dunchurch Road near Overslade Lane be in place in September 2018. Arrangements are being made for a temporary crossing to be installed whilst progress is made with finalising the design and installation of a permanent crossing.
- 2.5 Subject to the recommendation being agreed, the County Council will enter into a Section 278 agreement with the Education and Skills Funding Agency to undertake the works at an estimated cost of £750,000 including fees. Under the agreement the costs will be fully funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Subject to the signing of the S278 agreement the works are expected to commence in the 2018/2019 financial year and be completed within the 2019/2020 financial year.

Background papers

None

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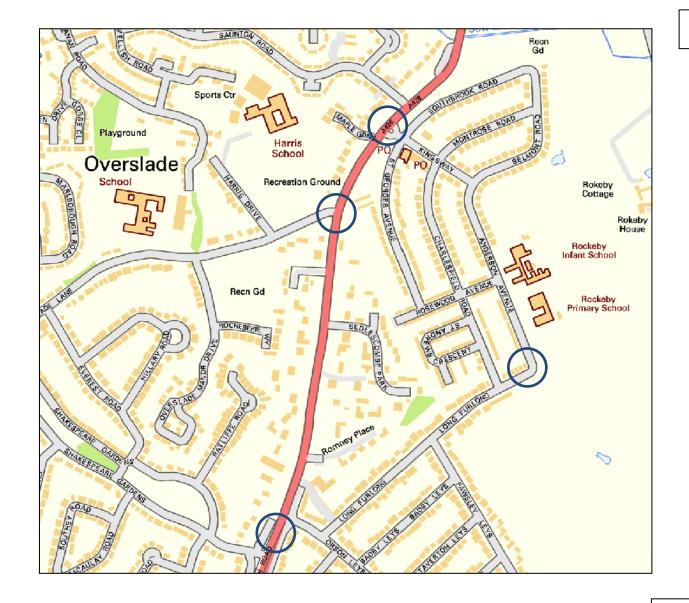
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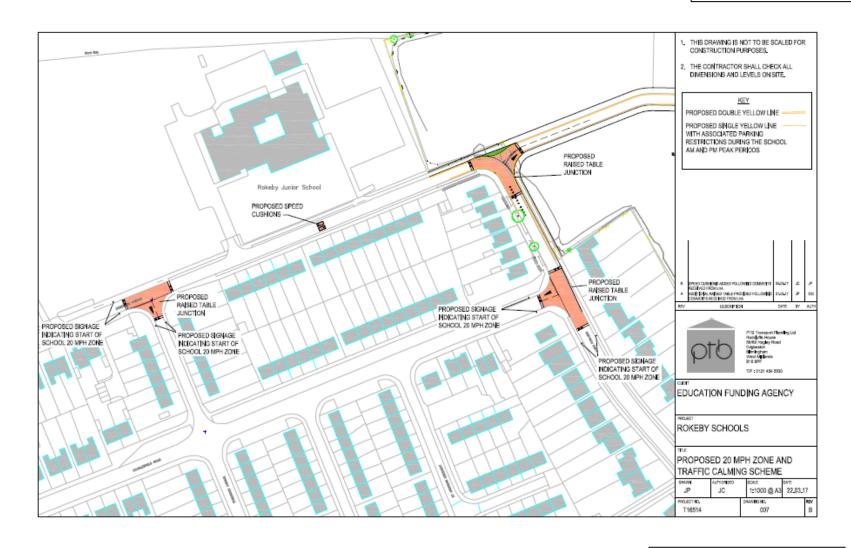
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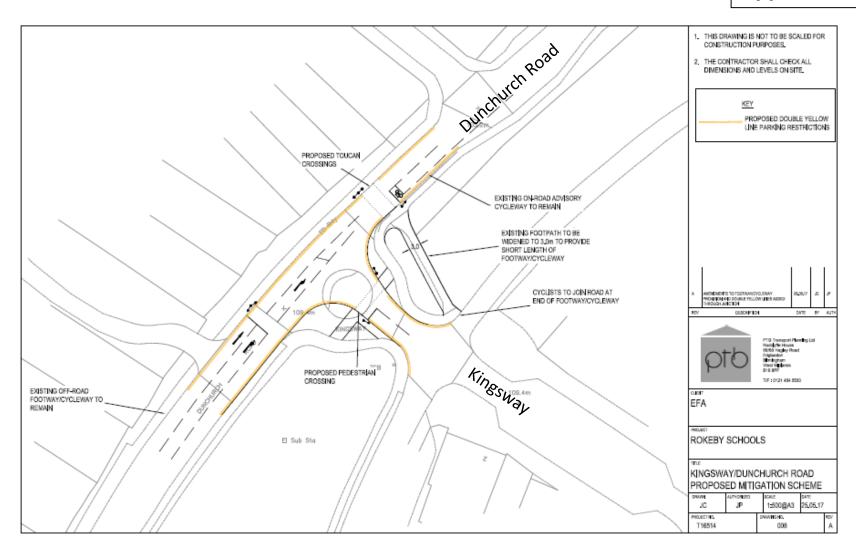
S278 scheme: Overview of area

Appendix A (2)



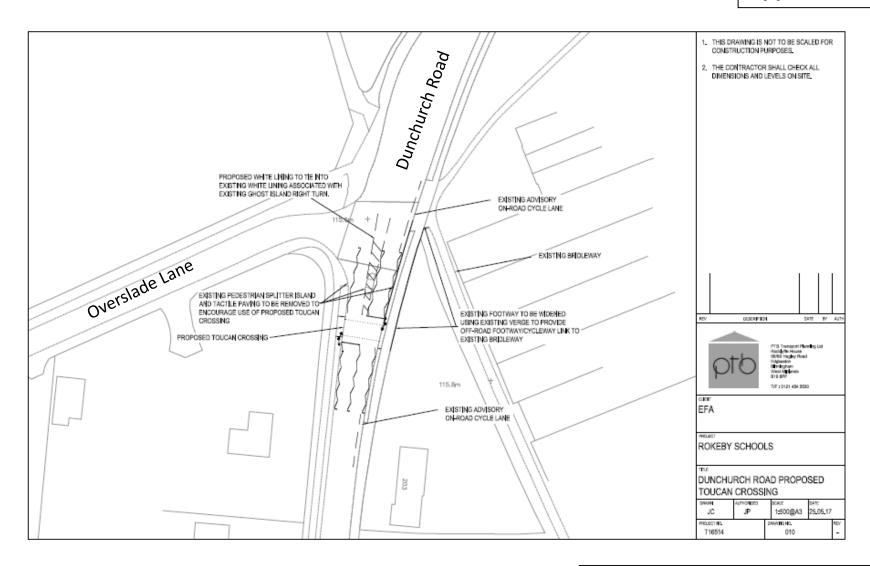
S278 scheme:
Anderson Avenue area

Appendix A (3)



S278 scheme: Dunchurch Road / Kingsway

Appendix A (4)



S278 scheme:

Dunchurch Road near Overslade Lane