

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Warwick Area Committee

Date of Committee 23rd January 2007

Report Title A429 Coventry Road Cycleway, Warwick

Summary It is proposed to develop a new cycleway along the A429 Coventry Road north of Warwick. This route will form part of the National Cycle Network route 52 between Warwick and Nuneaton. A preliminary design for the cycleway has been drawn up and a local consultation has been carried out. This report seeks Area Committee approval for conversion of the western footway on the Coventry Road to a shared use footway/cycleway.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? Yes/No

Background Papers Consultation responses.

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- *Details to be specified*

Other Committees

Local Member(s) Councillor Mrs J Compton – supports this report going to Warwick Area Committee.
(With brief comments, if appropriate) Councillor K Browne - 'I fully support this excellent scheme, and am pleased to see that the concerns of local residents in Huddisdon Close and Hayle Avenue have been listened to'.

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
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils Warwick District Council
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals Warwick Town Council; Leek Wootton Parish Council; Highways Agency; local residents.

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

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**Report of the Strategic Director for
Environment and Economy**

Recommendation

That Area Committee approves the conversion of the footway on the A429 Coventry Road, highlighted on the plan in **Appendix A**, to a shared use footway/cycleway.

1. Background

- 1.1 It is proposed to develop a new cycleway along the A429 Coventry Road, between the Primrose Hill roundabout on the outskirts of Warwick and the A46 roundabout near Leek Wootton.
- 1.2 This cycleway will form part of the proposed National Cycle Network (NCN) Route 52, which, when completed, will extend from Warwick – Kenilworth – Warwick University – Coventry – Nuneaton and beyond into Leicestershire. The Local Transport Plan 2006-11 Cycling Strategy includes a policy to work with Sustrans, the organisation co-ordinating the development of the National Cycle Network, to complete the NCN routes within the County.
- 1.3 As well as being important strategically, the proposed cycleway will assist local cycle journeys for utility and leisure purposes on the Kenilworth – Warwick – Leamington Spa corridor. Cycling conditions on the A429 are currently difficult due to the volume and speed of traffic on this road.
- 1.4 It is proposed to include the A429 Coventry Road cycleway scheme in the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Capital Programme for 2007/8. However, construction of the proposed cycleway will require vegetation to be cut back and the removal of some small trees. This work must be carried out before the end of February to avoid the bird nesting season in Spring/Summer 2007.
- 1.5 Area Committee approval is required for the conversion of the western footway on the A429 Coventry Road to a shared use footway/cycleway to enable the scheme to be further progressed, as discussed above.

2. Outline of Proposed Scheme

- 2.1 The outline proposal for the Coventry Road cycleway consists of a 2.2 – 3.0 metre wide un-segregated shared use footway/cycleway, achieved by cutting back overgrown vegetation where necessary and widening the footway into the adjacent verges. A verge of a minimum 0.5 metres will be retained to separate the cycleway from the carriageway, except at locations where there is currently no verge on the outside of the footway.
- 2.2 South of the proposed Coventry Road cycleway, Sustrans intend signing the National Cycle Network Route 52 via quiet roads through the Woodloes residential area to join the Woodloes to Aylesford Safer Routes to School cycleway, when this route is completed. A new link from the Primrose Hill roundabout to Huddisdon Close was therefore included in the preliminary design, to facilitate cycle access through the Woodloes.
- 2.3 North of the A46 roundabout, the National Cycle Network will be a signed on-carriageway route through Leek Wootton and will follow Woodcote Lane/Rouncil Lane to Kenilworth.
- 2.4 Improvements are proposed at the locations where the proposed cycleway will cross the on-slip road and off-slip road of the A46, subject to approval from the Highways Agency. The preliminary design also includes a new link to the B4115, which forms an advisory cycle route to Coventry.
- 2.5 The outline design for the scheme can be found in the Plan in **Appendix A**. The final design will be subject to the scheme satisfying an independent Road Safety Audit.

3. Consultation

- 3.1 A copy of the preliminary scheme plan was sent to local properties and other interested parties in November 2006.
- 3.2 Support for the outline proposals has been received from Warwick District Council and the Highways Agency.
- 3.3 Nine responses have been received from residents of Huddisdon Close and Hayle Avenue, who were all opposed to the proposed new cycleway link from Primrose Hill roundabout to Huddisdon Close. This opposition was generally based around safety concerns and other perceived negative impacts of providing a new cycle access onto this cul-de-sac, and not on the proposals for the Coventry Road Cycleway itself.
- 3.4 As a result of the level of opposition, it has been decided not to pursue the construction of a cycleway link to Huddisdon Close, and to discuss with Sustrans an alternative route for National Cycle Network Route 52 between the Primrose Hill roundabout and the Woodloes to Aylesford Safer Routes to School cycleway.

4. The Way Forward

- 4.1 As part of the Area Committee's powers to determine road traffic management and accident prevention schemes, the Committee is asked to approve the conversion of the western footway along the A429 Coventry Road, highlighted in **Appendix A**, to shared use footway/cycleway facilities, pursuant to Sections 64 and 65 of the Highways Act 1980.

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