

# Portfolio Holder Decision

## Active Travel Schemes Approval

<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	<b>Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property</b>
<b>Date of decision</b>	<b>12 May 2023</b>
	<b>Signed</b>

### 1. Decision taken

- 1.1 That the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property gives approval to the addition of the following active travel schemes to the Capital Programme for 2023/24 to the values stated below funded by S106 developer contributions, and that spend is not committed until the S106 funding is received:
- 1 Burbages Lane footpath and cyclepath, Ash Green £11,241.
  - 2 Ashlawn Road / Dunchurch Road footway and cycleway, Rugby £286,058.
  - 3 Houlton to town centre cycle infrastructure, Rugby £20,960.
  - 4 Coton Park East cycle infrastructure, Rugby £192,738.
  - 5 Gaydon Lighthorne Heath / Jaguar Land Rover to Warwick £660,000.
  - 6 Bishopton Lane to town centre cycle link, Stratford-upon-Avon £54,234.
  - 7 Red Lane / Hob Lane to Kenilworth Greenway footway and cycleway, Burton Green £90,000.
  - 8 Red Lane / Hob Lane active travel routes to Kenilworth, Burton Green to Kenilworth £333,359.
  - 9 Hampton Magna to Warwick town centre cycle route £407,994.

### 2. Reasons for decisions

- 2.1 The County Council has secured and received funding through S106 Agreements for active travel infrastructure schemes. Approval is required from the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property to add these schemes to the capital programme to enable progress to be made on the development and delivery of the schemes.

### 3. Background information

- 3.1 In July 2020, the Government published 'Gear change: a bold vision for cycling and walking' plan, which set out its vision and aims for the future of cycling.
- 3.2 The Council's Cycling Strategy aims to increase cycling in Warwickshire by

improving the safety and quality of the cycling environment. The funding allocations outlined in this report will progress the delivery of safe off-road cycling routes which will enable more people to complete everyday journeys by cycle.

- 3.3 S106 developer funding has been received or secured towards the cost of delivering the cycling infrastructure schemes listed in table 1 which will deliver missing links within Warwickshire's cycle networks and link new developments to key destinations such town centres, rail stations and employment/education centres.
- 3.4 The developer contributions are ring-fenced for walking and cycling infrastructure improvements or other strategic highway improvements. The funding will be used to progress development and delivery of identified active travel schemes. S106 contributions are normally subject to indexation resulting in the value of S106 received being slightly higher than the agreed contribution.

**Table 1: S106 Contributions for the development of off-site walking and cycling infrastructure improvements**

<b>Development(s)</b>	<b>Funding purpose</b>	<b>Agreed S106 contribution</b>	<b>S106 received</b>
Burbages Lane, Ash Green	A new 30m length of shared use footpath / cycleway at the southern end of Burbages Lane	£10,000	£11,241
Ashlawn Road West, Rugby	To deliver shared use footway and cycleway along the B4429 between the site's western access and the proposed toucan crossing north of the Cock Robin roundabout.	£250,000	£286,058
Wharf Farm, Crick Road, Rugby	Towards the provision, improvement and upgrading of cycle infrastructure between the development and Rugby town Centre (Crick Road Houlton to Paddock). Additional contributions of £200,000 towards the creation of cycling links between Houlton and Rugby town centre are due to be paid in the future by the Rugby Radio Station Site, with £100,000 payable no later than the occupation of 1,420 units, and £100,000 no later than occupation of 2,230 units.	£20,000	£20,960
Land off Long Hassocks, Coton Park East, Rugby	Towards the provision of cycle infrastructure within the vicinity of the development to serve the following destinations: (a) Coton Park East employment sites; (b) primary and secondary schools serving the Coton Park East area; (c) Rugby railway station; (d) Rugby town centre, in accordance with the Coton Park East SPD. The first of three instalments has been received.	£192,738	£65,595
Jaguar Land Rover, Banbury	A contribution of £60,000 to the cost of the development and design of proposals for	£660,000	£51,241

Road, Gaydon & Gaydon Lighthorne Heath	the provision, improvement and upgrading of cycle routes between the site and Leamington Spa. An initial £8,750 this contribution has been spent on concept design. An additional £0.6m has been secured towards scheme delivery from Gaydon Lighthorne Heath developments, but will not be received until payments are triggered during site build out.		
North of Bishopton Lane, Stratford-upon-Avon	Contribution towards the provision of a cycle link between the site and Stratford town centre.	£50,000	£54,234
Red Lane and Hob Lane, Burton Green, Kenilworth	Provision of a new shared use footway and cycleway to connect with Kenilworth Greenway	£90,000	£90,000
Red Lane and Hob Lane, Burton Green, Kenilworth	To be applied towards the strategic highways infrastructure and measures to improve walking and cycling on routes into Kenilworth.	£324,000	£333,359
Land off Arras Boulevard, Hampton Magna	Towards the provision of a new cycle route along Hampton Road (A4189) from Hampton Magna to Aylesford School and Warwick town centre	£400,000	£407,994

#### 4. Financial implications

- 4.1 The S106 contributions listed in table 1 have been received or secured by the County Council, are ring-fenced for schemes detailed in the respective S106 agreement and need to be allocated to appropriate capital budgets. This requires that the schemes are added to the capital programme which will also enable the development and delivery of schemes to progress.
- 4.2 Were a scheme not to progress, any S106 funding spent on scheme development would either have to be returned to the developer with the cost falling on revenue budgets or be reallocated to another scheme which meets the terms of the S106 agreement. To overcome this issue, S106 funding will not be utilised until concept design work identifies a feasible scheme and the full funding required to deliver the scheme has been confirmed. This concept design work will be funded from revenue budgets.
- 4.3 There is a risk that as scheme design work progresses, additional unexpected costs will emerge which exceed the available funding. To overcome this issue all cost estimates will include suitable contingency allowance for the stage of design. Should the contingency be insufficient to meet the increased costs the Cycle Schemes Programme Board will recommend next steps for decision by the appropriate level of delegated authority in consultation with the portfolio holder. Options in this situation would be to seek additional funding to deliver the scheme or to descope the project to meet the available budget. Alternative funding options include the Active Travel Fund, Community Infrastructure Levy and future developer contributions.

4.4 Monitoring of the capital project costs will be reported as part of the quarterly financial monitoring report to Cabinet

## 5. Environmental implications

5.1 Transport is the single largest cause of carbon emissions in the UK. The active travel schemes detailed in this report will provide infrastructure which will enable more walking and cycling journeys to be made, thereby contributing to reduced carbon emissions as well as lower levels of congestion and improved air quality

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<b>Urgent matter?</b>	No
<b>Confidential or exempt?</b>	No
<b>Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?</b>	No

## List of background papers

None

## Members and officers consulted and informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Peter Butlin

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- Land off Long Hassocks, Coton Park East, Rugby – Cllr Simpson-Vince, Cllr

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- Ashlawn Road West, Rugby – Cllr H Roberts
- Jaguar Land Rover, Banbury Road, Gaydon – Cllr Mills, Cllr Kettle, Cllr Matecki, Cllr Falp
- North of Bishopton Lane, Stratford-upon-Avon – Cllr Fradgley
- Red Lane and Hob Lane, Burton Green – Cllr Cooke and Cllr Drew
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