



DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

PROPOSED INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR FINANCE AND ESTATES

TOPIC - NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK ROUTE 23

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

In accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Corporate Director (Governance), the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any other relevant overview and scrutiny committee. In addition, all Members are notified.

If five or more Members from those informed so request, the Leader may require the matter to be referred to Cabinet for determination.

If you wish to make representation on this proposed Decision please contact the relevant Portfolio Holder and the following Committee Administrator by 5.00pm on Wednesday 29 June 2011

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SUMMARY

The National Cycling Network, Route 23 is a cycle route from Reading to Southampton. The section of the route between Junction 9 and Winchester Town centre has been designed and it is hoped to complete the scheme this summer. This cycling route will be signed along the existing footway adjacent to Tesco store in Winnall (known as Black Path) to the Winchester City Council-owned flats in Craddock Close and then utilising existing highway into the Town Centre. Although this route has been used for many years, it is in a poor state of repair and runs across private property under 2 different ownerships (Tesco and Winchester City Council). The County Council has been working with the land owners to secure agreement to undertake works to the path to make it suitable for the cycling route.

Hampshire County Council has secured a dedication of land from Tesco, so that the cycle route can be created and maintained in the future. A small section of land that leads to the flats is owned by Winchester City Council (and managed by the Landlord Services Team) and it is this section of land that this decision notice relates to. The proposal is to dedicate this piece of land, as shown hatched on the attached plan, to Hampshire County Council as public highway.

The section from Winnall to Winchester Town Centre is the first phase of creating NCN 23 through Winchester. Phase 2 from The Weirs to South Winchester Park & Ride is also being worked on and an update report will be taken to Cabinet in July 2011.

PROPOSED DECISION

That the Head of Legal Services be given approval to enter into a dedication agreement with the highway authority to dedicate as public highway the land shown hatched on the plan attached to this decision notice, between the path known as "Black Path" and Craddock Close.

REASON FOR THE PROPOSED DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The scheme will contribute to the completion of part of a National Cycling Network route through Winchester, and will also improve access for residents of Winnall into the Town Centre. The land has no development potential and will not adversely affect the Council's management of its housing stock in the vicinity.

The proposed dedication will contribute to the Sustainable Community Strategy outcome of a High Quality Environment and Active Communities.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The scheme will be wholly funded by Hampshire County Council and has no resource implications for Winchester City Council. It will be maintained in the future by Hampshire County Council as part of the public highway.

The scheme which has been designed includes the addition of street lighting along the path from Easton Lane to the flats.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE PROPOSED DECISION

Consultation has taken place with Sustrans, County Councillors, City Councillors, the Cycling Working Group (made up of HCC/WCC officers, councillors, and cycling representatives), and the Portfolio Holders for Environment and Transport, and Strategic Housing and Landlord Services.

**FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED
FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION
NOTICE**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR
OFFICER CONSULTED**

N/A

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

N/A

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision

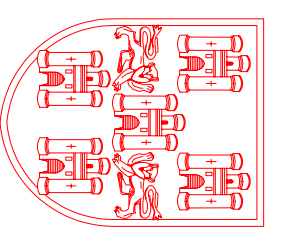
Councillor Wood – Portfolio Holder for Finance and Estates



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- KEY**
- AREA OF LAND TRANSFER/DEDICATION FROM TESCO TO HCC.
 - WCC OWNED LAND TO BE DEDICATED.

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Project: NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK
ROUTE 23

Title: BLACK PATH
TESCO LAND TRANSFER

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