

**AREA COMMITTEE:** EAST LUTON

**DATE:** 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006

**SUBJECT:** SHARED USE PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE PATH –  
KIMPTON ROAD TO CRAWLEY GREEN ROAD

**REPORT BY:** HEAD OF ENGINEERING & TRANSPORTATION

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**IMPLICATIONS:**

LEGAL	COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES	ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING	OTHER

**WARDS AFFECTED: CRAWLEY**

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**PURPOSE**

1. To seek approval of the Area Committee to convert the footpath between Crawley Green Road and Kimpton Road into shared pedestrian and cycle use path.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2. **The Area Committee is recommended to approve the conversion of the footpath between Crawley Green Road and Kimpton Road into shared pedestrian and cycle use.**

**REPORT**

3. In the past few years there has been a significant amount of cycle related work carried out in Luton. A proposed cycle network for Luton has been developed following extensive consultation including through the Area Committees. Many new routes have been introduced, often through the use of external funding. The National Cycle Network in Luton has now been

substantially completed. Overall the length of cycle routes in Luton has increased from around 8Km in 2003 to over 42Km (length of one-way routes) in 2006.

4. Part of the proposed cycle network for Luton requires the conversion of the footpath from Crawley Green Road to Kimpton Road into a shared pedestrian/cycle route. This route could provide part of an alternative route for the National Cycle Network between New Bedford Road and Luton Parkway Station. The current route involves cyclists dismounting and walking through Manchester Street and George Street and while this gives good access to the town, it is not so good for cyclists wishing to travel through Luton on the National Cycle Network. Other sections of this alternative route could involve parts of Translink and the use of Kimpton Road.
5. Standing Orders require Regulation Committee's approval to proceed with the Order to convert this path into shared use. Therefore a report was presented to that Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2006, with a recommendation to approve the conversion of this path subject to the approval of this Area Committee. The Regulation Committee agreed that further details of the narrow section of the path should be sent to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Regulation Committee for a decision on whether to approve this scheme and also requesting that a Road Safety Audit be carried out. The Road Safety Audit has been carried out and all the recommendations that were made were taken into account in a revised design. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Regulation Committee have now agreed to this scheme progressing, subject to approval of the Area Committee. A plan of the proposed scheme has been attached.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6. The conversion of the path between Crawley Green Road can be contained within the existing Integrated Transport Local Transport Plan budgets for 2006/07.
7. Agreed by the departmental Finance Manager on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. The conversion of footpath into shared pedestrian/cycle route require an Order under Section 3 of the Cycle Tracks Act 1984 and this has been agreed with the relevant solicitor in Legal Services on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

### **APPENDIX**

9. Plan of proposed scheme.

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

Regulation Committee 14<sup>th</sup> June 2006