

TRANSPORT WORKING PARTY

A meeting of Transport Working Party will be held on

Thursday, 5 September 2013

commencing at 4.00 pm

The meeting will be held in the Meadfoot Room, Town Hall, Castle Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3DR

Members of the Committee

Councillor Hill (Chairman)

Councillor Addis Councillor Cowell

Councillor Amil Councillor Doggett

Councillor Brooksbank Councillor Pountney

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TRANSPORT WORKING PARTY AGENDA

1.	Apologies for absence	
2.	Minutes from meeting held on 25th July 2013	(Pages 1 - 3)
3.	Transport Asset Management Plans and Maintenance Priorities - Presentation (No report)	
4.	Hele & Coombe Pafford Traffic Action Zone, Torquay	(Pages 4 - 23)
5.	Local Sustainable Transport Fund - Proposed Cycle Route	(Pages 24 - 33)
6.	Fleet Street Regeneration Scheme - Update of the Phase 1 Construction	(Pages 34 - 36)
7.	LSTF Update - Ferry Tender (Verbal update)	
8.	Local Transport Board (Verbal update)	
9.	Date of Next Meeting 24 th October 2013, 4pm.	

Agenda Item 2



Minutes of the Transport Working Party

25 July 2013

-: Present :-

Councillor Pete Addis, Councillor Nicole Amil, Councillor Stephen Brooksbank, Councillor Darren Cowell, Councillor Bobbie Davies, Councillor Ian Doggett and Councillor Ray Hill (Chairman)

(Also in attendance: Sue Cheriton, Sally Farley, Ian Jones, Heidi McBride, Councillor Cindy Stocks and David Whiteway)

105. Apologies for absence

Councillor Pountney – represented by Councillor Bobbie Davies Patrick Carney William Prendergast

106. Minutes from meeting held on 6th June 2013

Cllr Ray Hill queried item 95 on the previous minutes where it was recommended for Teignmouth Road, Torquay to be considered as part of the road safety initiatives priorities at the next meeting of the TWP. It was confirmed the proposal for Teignmouth Road, Torquay was voted through during the last meeting and does not need to be part of this meeting. Ian Jones pointed out that this was included within the report in item 3.

Minutes were agreed subject to the amendment detailed above.

Proposed by: Cllr Addis Seconded by: Cllr Doggett

107. Road Safety Initiative 2013/14

lan Jones presented the Road Safety Initiative 2013/14 annual report to the Transport Working Party and advised that £70k approved funding has been obtained from the Local Transport Plan capital budget for Road Safety Initiatives as detailed in Appendix 3.

Cllr Cindy Stocks gave a presentation to the Transport Working Party requesting for a build out to be installed from the footway on Ellacombe Church Road to be located in the vicinity of Ellacombe School.

Recommendation

Officers to progress the implementation of the Road Safety Initiative scheme as detailed in Appendix 3 with the addition of Ellacombe Church Road as the fourth priority of proposed schemes for 2013/14.

Proposed by: Cllr Amil/Cllr Davies

Seconded by: Cllr Doggett

In favour: All

Cllr Stocks left the meeting.

108. Implementation of 20mph zones outside schools

lan Jones presented the Implementation of 20mph zones outside schools report to the Transport Working Party. Ian Jones explained a few factors had been reviewed in order to produce this report which included speed tests, high traffic and school crossing patrols.

Cllr Davies, Cllr Brooksbank and Cllr Doggett advised they have concerns regarding Hayes Road being a cut through for traffic and could be causing some road safety issues and considered this to be more important than Totnes Road for a 20mph zone.

Recommendation

Implementation of the proposed advised 20mph zones outside schools, as identified in Appendix 3 and to review Hayes Road, Paignton following implementation of the current development.

Proposed by: Cllr Addis Seconded by: Cllr Doggett

In favour: 5 Against: Nil Abstention: 1

109. Victoria Park, Paignton - Proposed Cycle Route

lan Jones presented the Victoria Park, Paignton – Proposed Cycle Route report and advised consultation has taken place with Victoria Friends Group and consultation with the Community Partnerships is to be undertaken shortly via Torbay Council website.

Recommendation

To approve in principle implementation of the cycle routes as shown on Appendix 1.

Proposed by: Cllr Cowell Seconded by: Cllr Doggett

In favour: 5 Against: Nil Abstention: 1

110. Paignton Harbour to Goodrington Cycle Route

lan Jones presented the Paignton Harbour to Goodrington Cycle Route report and advised consultation had taken place and had received 18 responses approving and 6 objecting to the scheme.

Cllr Brooksbank reported concerns he has with Alta Vista Road and Braeside Road in Paignton due to the presence of parked vehicles.

Recommendation

Implementation of the cycle routes shown in Appendices 1 and 2, and following implementation to review the parking restrictions at the junction of Alta Vista Road and Braeside Road in Paignton.

Proposed by: Cllr Cowell

Seconded by: Cllr Brooksbank

In favour: 5
Against: Nil
Abstention: 1

111. Collaton St Mary Junction Development - Verbal update

lan Jones advised a planning application has been submitted for the Collaton St Mary Junction Development on Totnes Road for two junctions to be developed.

lan Jones – Highway Officer objection due to additional congestion and potential additional danger that may occur on the route.

Sally Farley – Strategic Transport have concerns with this.

Members agreed to wait for this to be presented to the Planning Committee before making any decisions at this time.

112. Video by Ben Hamilton Bailey (an Urban Designer) showing a shared space scheme in Poynton

Sally Farley and David Whiteway presented a short film showing a shared space scheme in operation in Poynton.

Sally Farley is to forward a copy of the film to Cllr Cowell so he can provide a copy for the Neighbourhood Plan.

113. Date of Next Meeting

5th September 2013, 4.00pm, Meadfoot Room

Agenda Item 4



Wards Affected: Tormohun and Watcombe

Report Title: Hele and Combe Pafford Traffic Action Zone, Torquay

Executive Lead Contact Details: Sue Cheriton, Executive Head –

Residents & Visitor Services

Supporting Officer Contact Details: John Clewer Senior Engineer –

Highways Development & Traffic

1. Purpose

1.1 The Local Transport Plan 3 (2011 – 2016) has identified the continued provision of funding from the capital program for Traffic Action Zones.

As part of the Integrated Transport Allocation, £170,000 has been allocated in 2013/2014, to enable works to be carried out within the Hele and Combe Pafford area of Torquay under the heading of Traffic Action Zone (TAZ).

2. Proposed Decision

2.1 It is recommended that members approve the proposals outlined under option 6.1 in this Issues Paper for implementation as the Hele and Combe Pafford Traffic Action Zone during the current financial year.

3. Action Needed

3.1 That members recommend approval of the proposals outlined under option 1.

4. Summary

- 4.1 Consultation with the residents of the area, Council Ward Members, Community Partnership and Hele's Angels has being undertaken and positive feedback received.
- 4.2 Consultation with the residents of the area, Council Ward Members, Community Partnership and Hele's Angels has being undertaken and positive feedback received.

- 4.3 Two one day consultation events were held on 23rd August (Windmill Community Centre) and 24th August (Barton Baptist Church) 2013 and further positive feedback received.
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- 4.3 **Appendix 1** shows the boundaries of the proposed traffic action zone, **Appendix 2** shows the number of comments received during the original consultation, from each road within the boundaries of the TAZ, **Appendix 3** (plans 1 10) details the proposed schemes and **Appendix 4** the proposed changes / improvements to the public transport infrastructure.

Supporting Information

5. Position

5.1 The Local Transport Plan 3 (2011 – 2016) has identified the continued provision of funding from the capital program for Traffic Action Zones.

As part of the Integrated Transport Allocation, £170,000 has been allocated in 2013/2014, to enable works to be carried out within the Hele & Combe Pafford area of Torquay under the heading of Traffic Action Zone (TAZ). These works will target improvements in highways safety, traffic calming, signing, lining, landscaping, parking, pedestrian safety, cycling and links to public transport.

By consulting with the key stake holders, the Council hopes to deliver the Hele & Combe Pafford TAZ using a range of innovative ideas and treatments.

5.2 A briefing note was presented to the members of the Transportation Working Party on 18th March 2011 and, after due consideration, approval was given to progress the scheme.

Appendix 1 shows a plan depicting the proposed area of the TAZ.

5.3 In April 2013 letters and questionnaires were delivered to 2,871 properties in the area, which covers the area bordered by Audley Avenue, Barton Hill Road, Fore Street and Teignmouth Road. This was to gauge local opinions on highway problems in the area, in an effort to actively seek residents views on highways safety, traffic calming, signing, lining, landscaping, parking, pedestrian safety, cycling and links to public transport.

The objective of the project is to enable communities to become involved with the re-design of their streets to reduce vehicle speeds and provide safer / better access to the schools and other facilities within the TAZ.

5.4 Around 250 questionnaires were returned and the information received was collated (**Appendix 2** shows the number of comments received, during the original consultation, from each road within the boundaries of the TAZ) and used to develop draft proposals for the following areas:

The list of provisional schemes is as follows:

Schemes involving construction works:

- Barton Hill Road / Isaacs Road Junction improvements
- Barton Hill Road Improvement to the uncontrolled crossing outside the Co-op
- Barton Hill Road Upgrade of the zebra Crossing outside the Hyundai garage
- Clennon Lane (Western End) Footway Improvements
- Happaway Road, / Clennon Lane Junction Footway Improvements
- Hele Road Pedestrian crossing alteration
- Salisbury Avenue Improve 'No Through Road' Barrier
- Teignmouth Road / Penny's Hill Footway Improvements

Parking Restriction Schemes:

- Audley Avenue / Pendennis Road
- Lichfield Avenue / Truro Avenue
- Salisbury Avenue / Barton Hill Road

Public Transport:

- Renewal / improvement to various public transport facilities
- 5.5 These draft proposals were displayed at two Community Consultation events, which were held on:
 - Friday 23rd at the Windmill Centre, Pendennis Road
 - Saturday 24th at the Baptist Church, Barton Hill Road.

Both events ran from 10am-4pm.

5.6 The plans have also been uploaded to the scheme web site which can be found via the following link:

http://www.torbay.gov.uk/index/yourservices/transportandstreets/highwayimprovement/combepaffordheletaz.htm

The draft proposals were generally well supported with some requests for minor amendments.

The proposals are enclosed as Appendix 3.

Schemes involving construction works:

• Scheme No. 1 - Teignmouth Road / Penny's Hill - Footway Improvements. Extend the footway link between the steps and No.84 Teignmouth Road. There is potential for a virtual footway from the steps to the existing

- pavement, however a physical pavement at the exit from the steps is required.
- Scheme No. 3 Hele Road Pedestrian crossing alteration. Consider the possibility of changing the existing signalised pedestrian crossing to a zebra crossing to improve the flow of traffic and therefore air quality. A vehicle survey will also be undertaken to identify operators of coaches / large delivery vehicles who continue to use this route, despite the alterations to route signage. Those identified will be written to and asked to use the signed route where appropriate.
- Scheme No. 5 Salisbury Avenue Improve 'No Through Road' Barrier.
 Redesign the existing barrier to make it more aesthetically pleasing for local residents.
- Scheme No. 6 Happaway Road, / Clennon Lane Junction Footway Improvements.
 - Build out the footway to provide physical footway improvements and uncontrolled crossing points, whilst still maintaining parking, with an option to also provide some sections of virtual footway.
- Scheme No. 8 Clennon Lane (Western End) Footway Improvements. Extend the footway from Clennon Lane up to Fairmead Court, to allow a safe pedestrian link. Improve signage and road markings for motorists entering the lane from either direction, as they reach the 'dual carriageway' section.
- Scheme No. 9 Barton Hill Road Improvement to the uncontrolled crossing outside the Co-op.

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 - Carry out changes to the crossing point to improve visibility, either by the removal or revision of vehicle parking.
- **Scheme No. 9** Barton Hill Road Upgrade of the zebra Crossing outside the Hyundai garage.
 - The proposal is to upgrade the existing zebra pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the Hyundai Garage to improve visibility, using internally illuminated posts, 'Halo' style L.E.D beacons and buff high friction surfacing on the carriageway approaches.
- Scheme No. 10 Barton Hill Road / Isaacs Road Junction improvements. Extend build-out where currently hatched outside no.196 Barton Hill Road to remove the potential for vehicle parking and improve visibility for vehicles exiting from Suncrest.

Schemes involving changes to Parking Restrictions:

- Scheme No. 2 Audley Avenue / Pendennis Road
 The proposal is to formalise parking by the use of access lines and double yellow lines at the various junctions, to help with the free flow of traffic.
- Scheme No. 4 Lichfield Avenue / Truro Avenue
 The proposal is to implement two time restricted bus boxes (operating between 7am 5pm) on Truro Avenue, between its junctions with Lichfield Avenue and Shrewsbury Avenue and a short section of single yellow line ('No Waiting 7am 5pm) on the North Western side of Truro Avenue, South of Shrewsbury Avenue. Both proposals are to help with the free flow of traffic.
- Scheme No. 7 Salisbury Avenue / Barton Hill Road
 The proposal is to implement double yellow lines at the junction, to help with
 the free flow of traffic, especially at school times where parental parking
 around the junction is an issue.

Public Transport:

Renewal / improvement to various public transport facilities

Some upgrading of bus stop facilities / infrastructure, lighting and pedestrian signing will be undertaken within the area of the TAZ and the proposed list is a per **Appendix 4**.

6. Possibilities and Options

6.1 Implement the proposed engineering works as detailed in schemes 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 of the Hele & Combe Pafford Traffic Action Zone.

Advertise the amendments to the Traffic Regulation Orders as detailed in schemes 2, 4 and 7 of the Hele & Combe Pafford Traffic Action Zone and implement should no objections be received. Any objections will then be submitted to a forthcoming meeting of the Transport Working Party for consideration.

6.2 Do not implement the proposed engineering works or amendments to the Traffic Regulation Orders, as detailed in schemes 1 – 10 of the Hele & Combe Pafford Traffic Action Zone.

7. Preferred Solution/Option

Members are recommended that the option in 6.1 above would be the most appropriate option.

8. Consultation

Consultation with the residents of the area, Council Ward Members, Community Partnership and Hele's Angels has been undertaken and positive feedback received.

Two one day consultation events were held on 23rd August (Windmill Community Centre) and 24th August (Barton Baptist Church) 2013 and further positive feedback received.

9. Risks

- 9.1 There is a risk that by not implementing the proposed carriageway / footway improvements, the flow and safety of pedestrian and vehicle traffic may be compromised.
- 9.2 There is a risk that by not implementing the advertised traffic regulation orders, vehicles will continue to park at junctions, causing problems for both the flow of pedestrians and vehicle traffic.

9.3 Whilst consultation has been undertaken it is possible that when the alterations to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) are advertised (both on site and in the local media), these will attract objections from the members of the public. Any such objections will then have to be referred back to a future meeting of the Transport Working Party for consideration.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Shows the boundaries of the proposed review area.

Appendix 2 Shows the number of comments received, during the original

consultation, from each road within the boundaries of the TAZ.

Appendix 3 Plans 1 – 10 detail scheme drawings.

Appendix 4 Lists the proposed changes / improvements to the public transport

infrastructure.

Additional Information:

None

Documents available in Members' Rooms:

None.

Background Papers:

The following documents / files were used to compile this report:

The Local Transport Plan 3 (2011 – 2016)



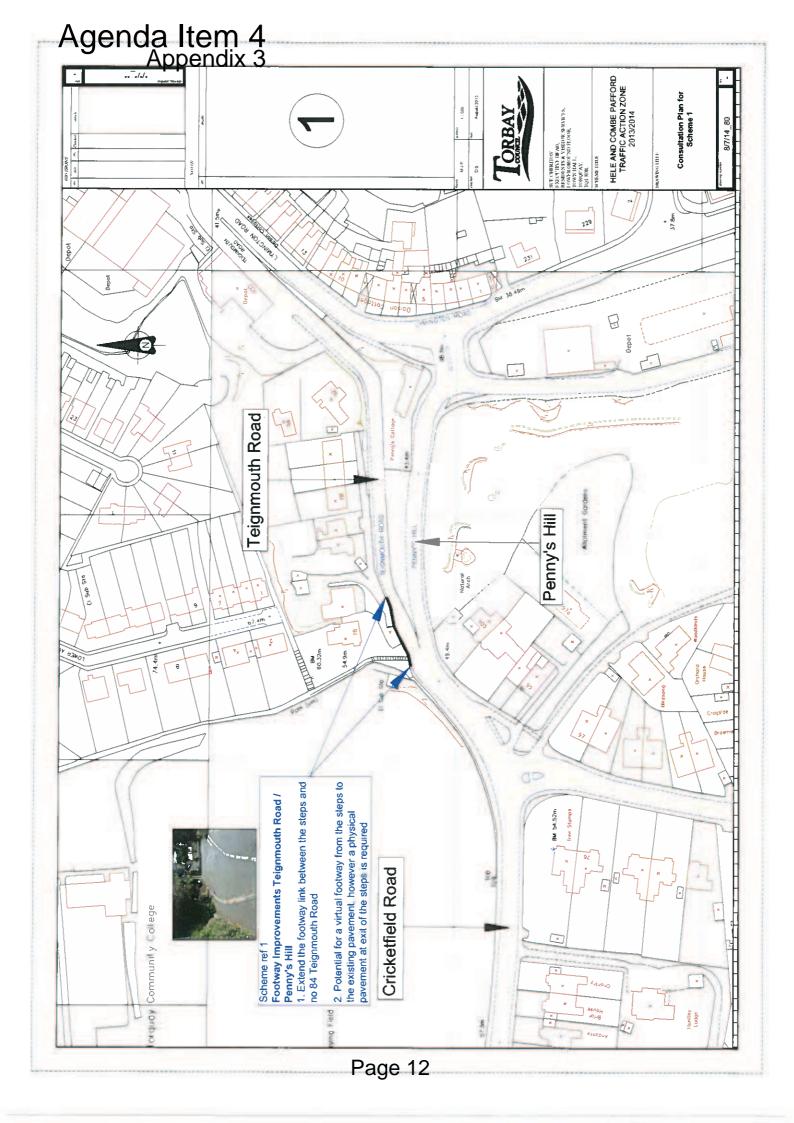
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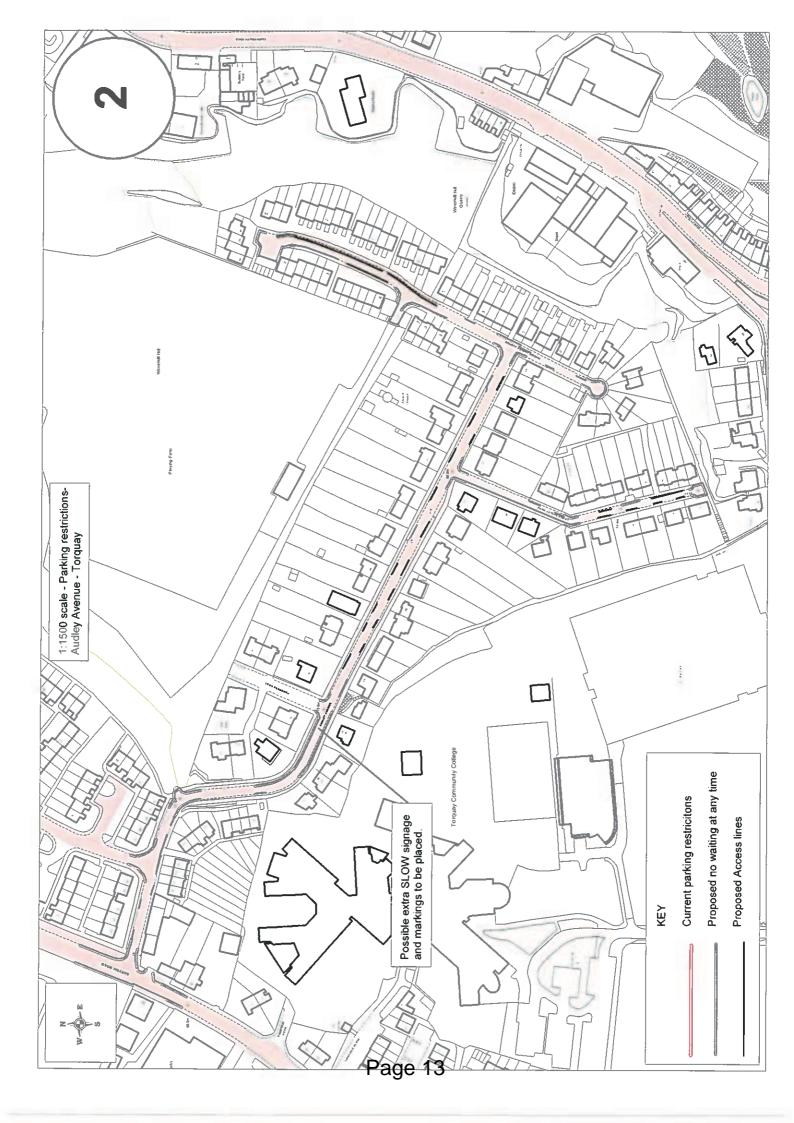
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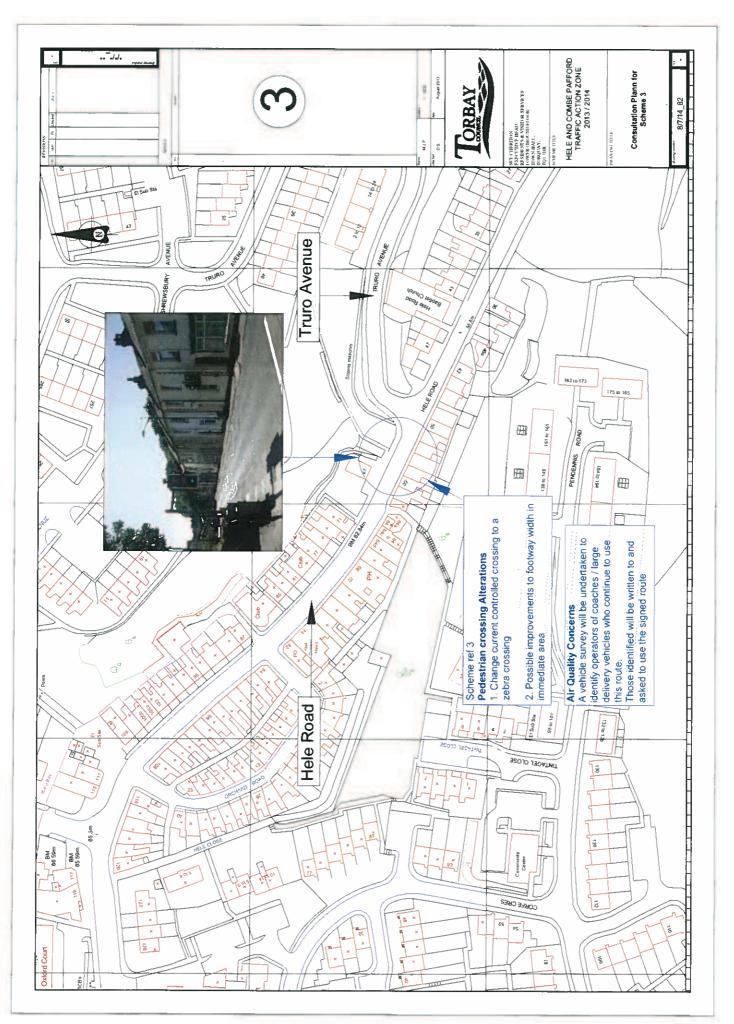
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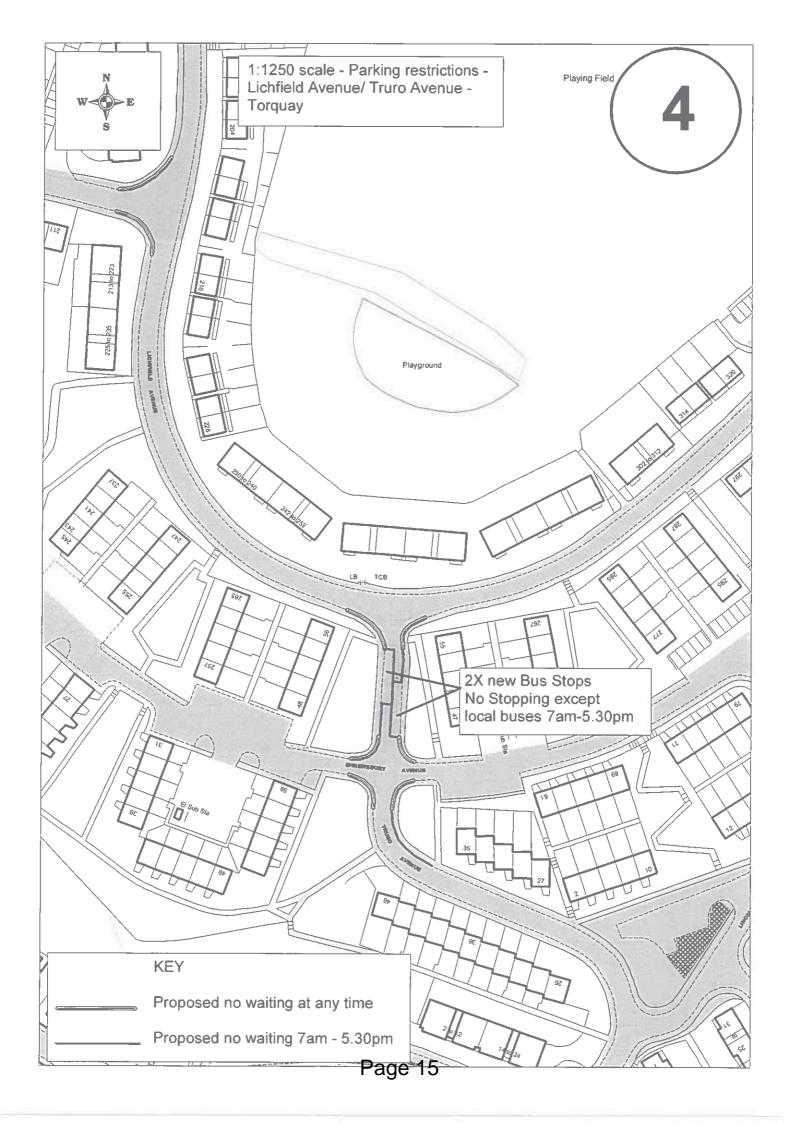
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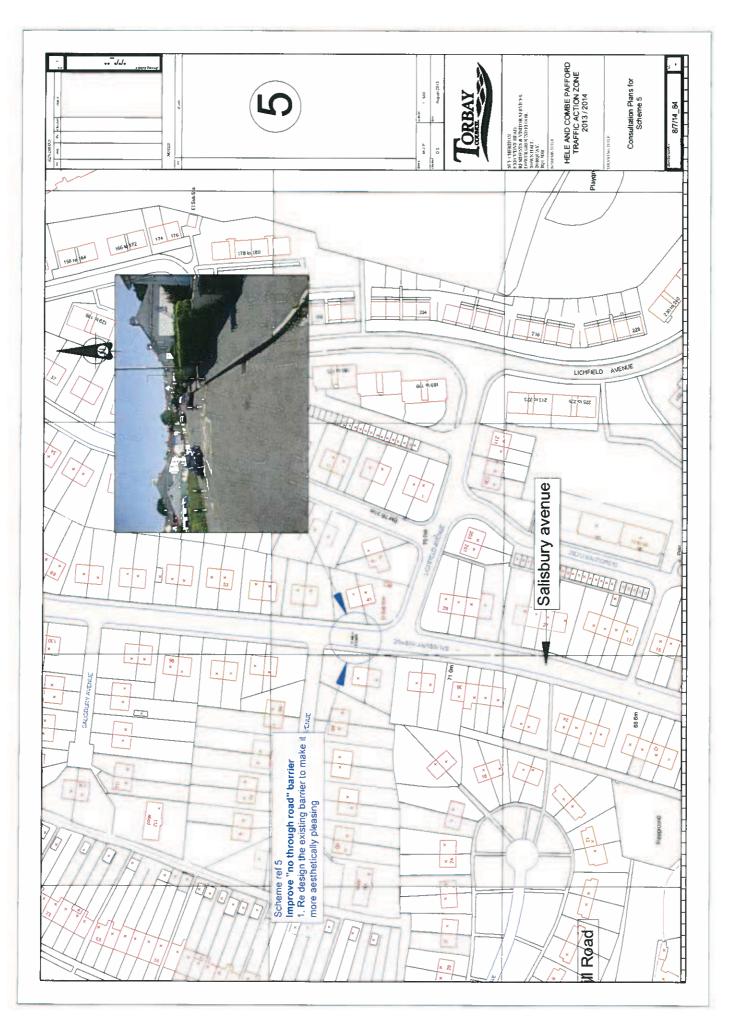




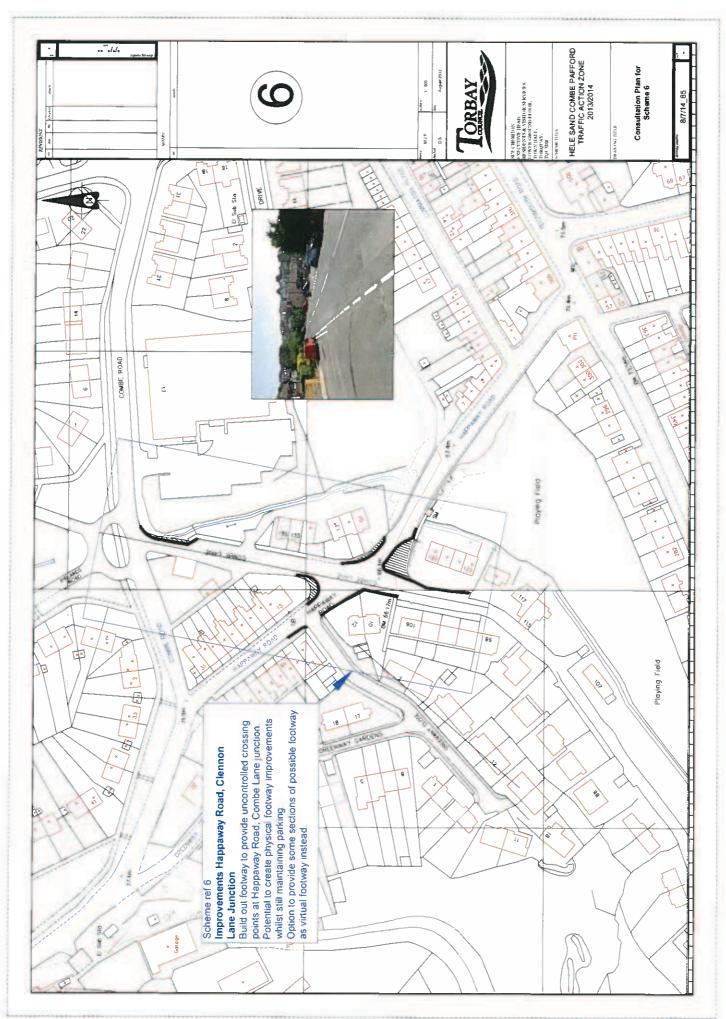


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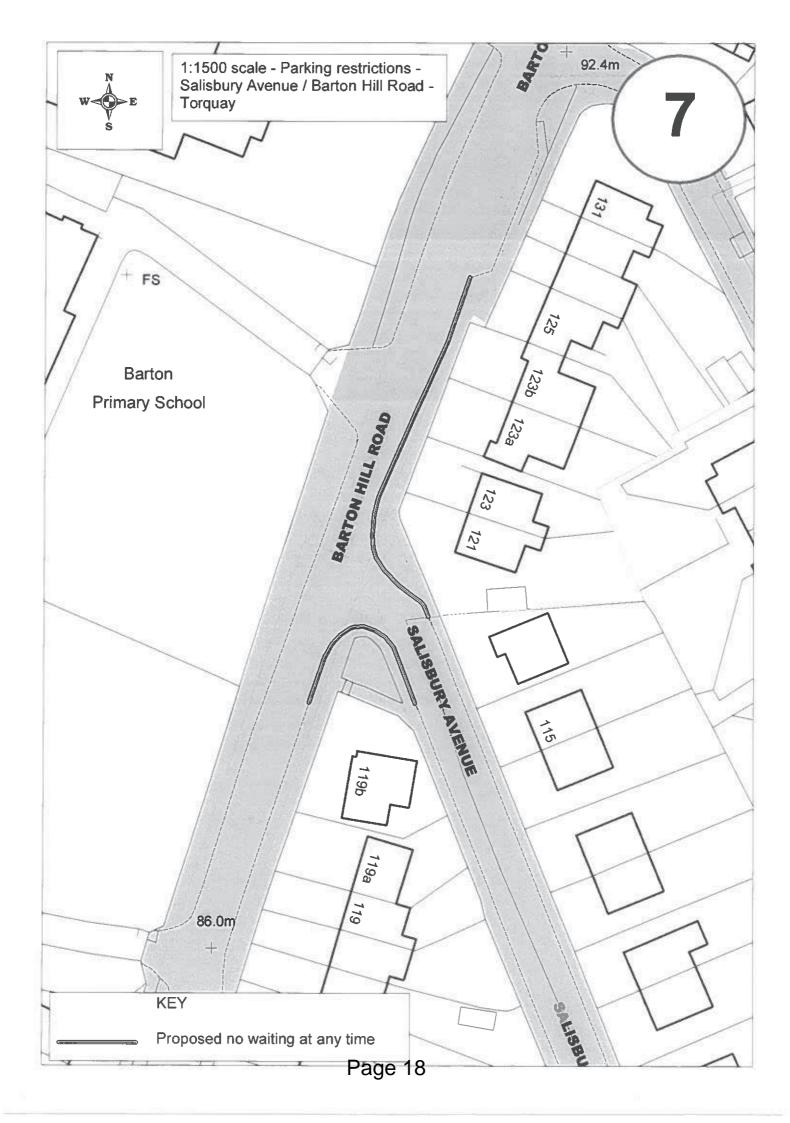


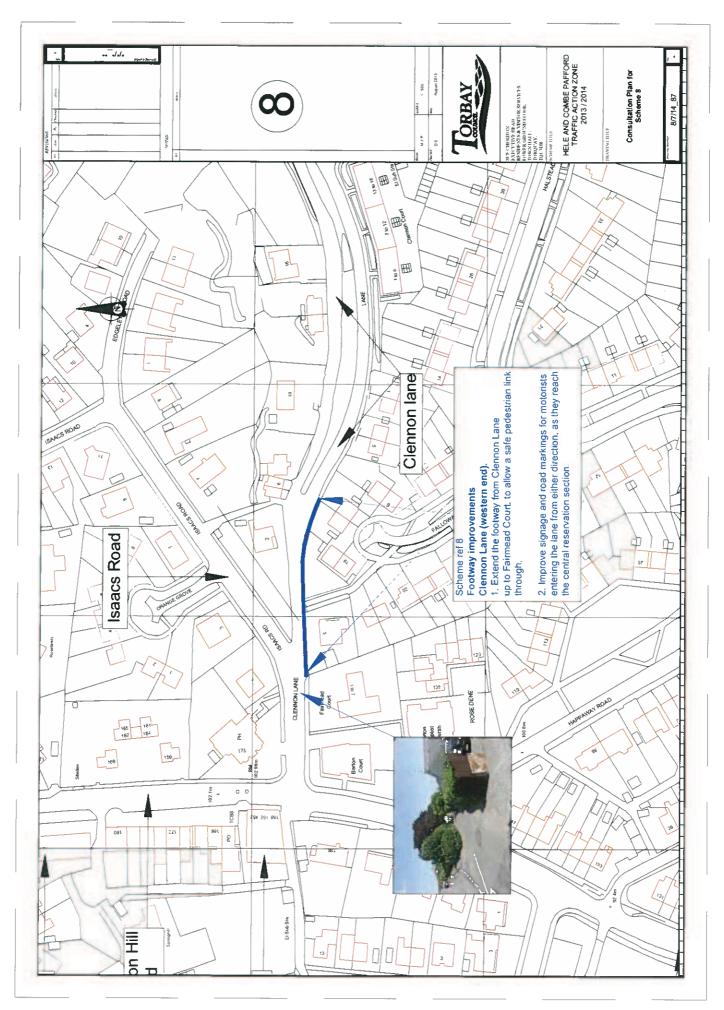


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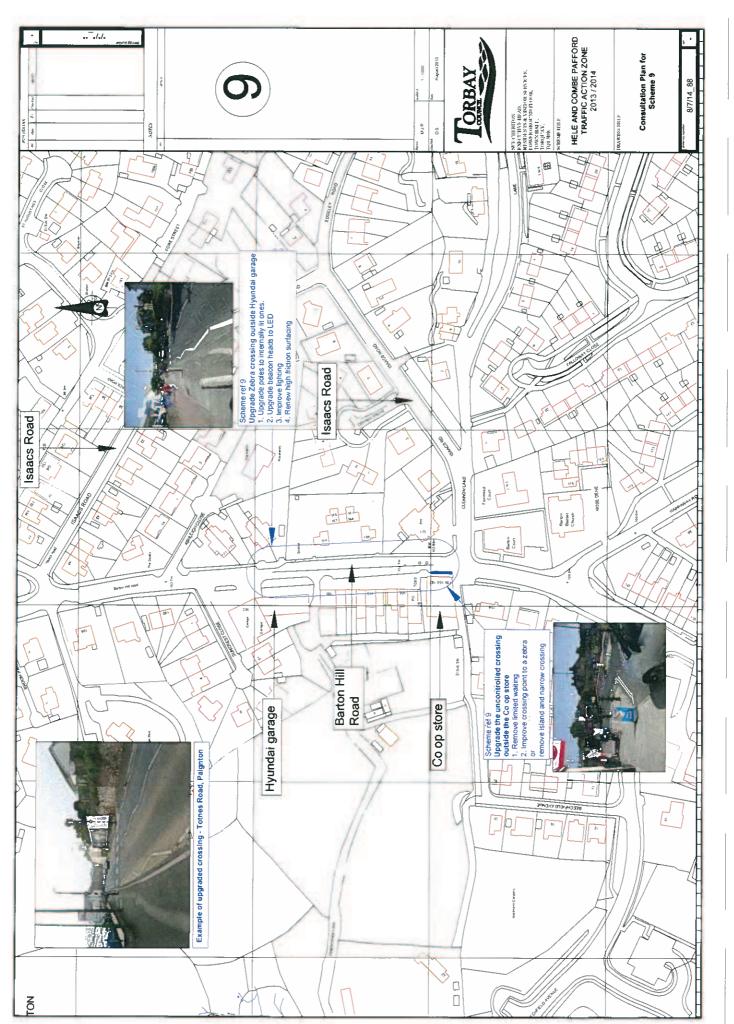


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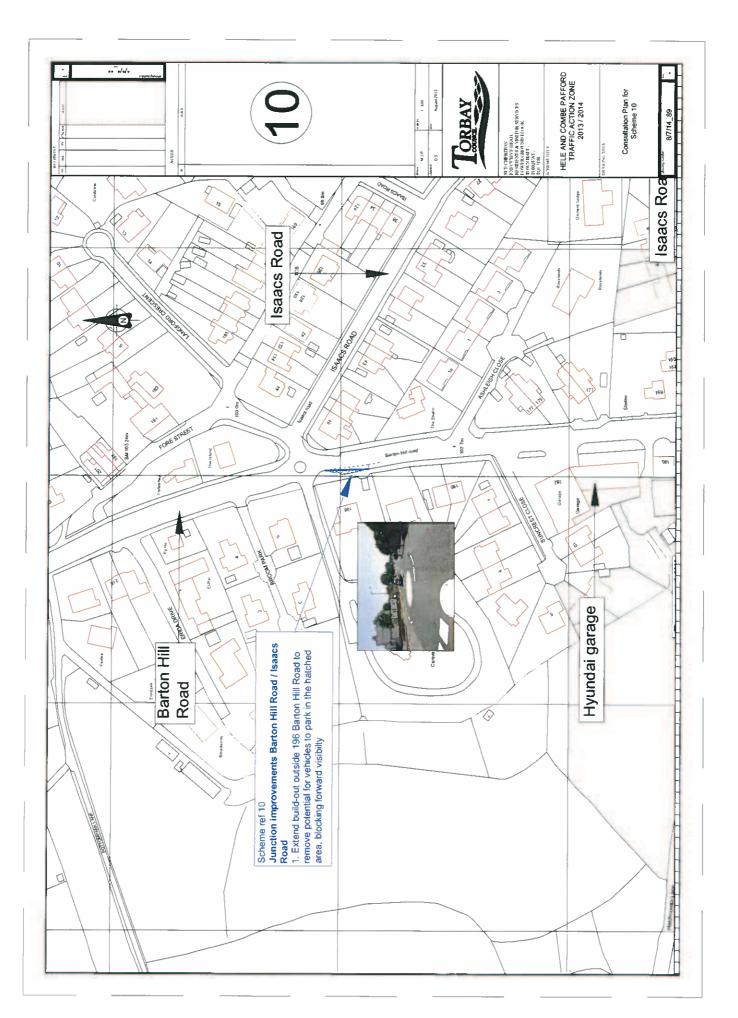




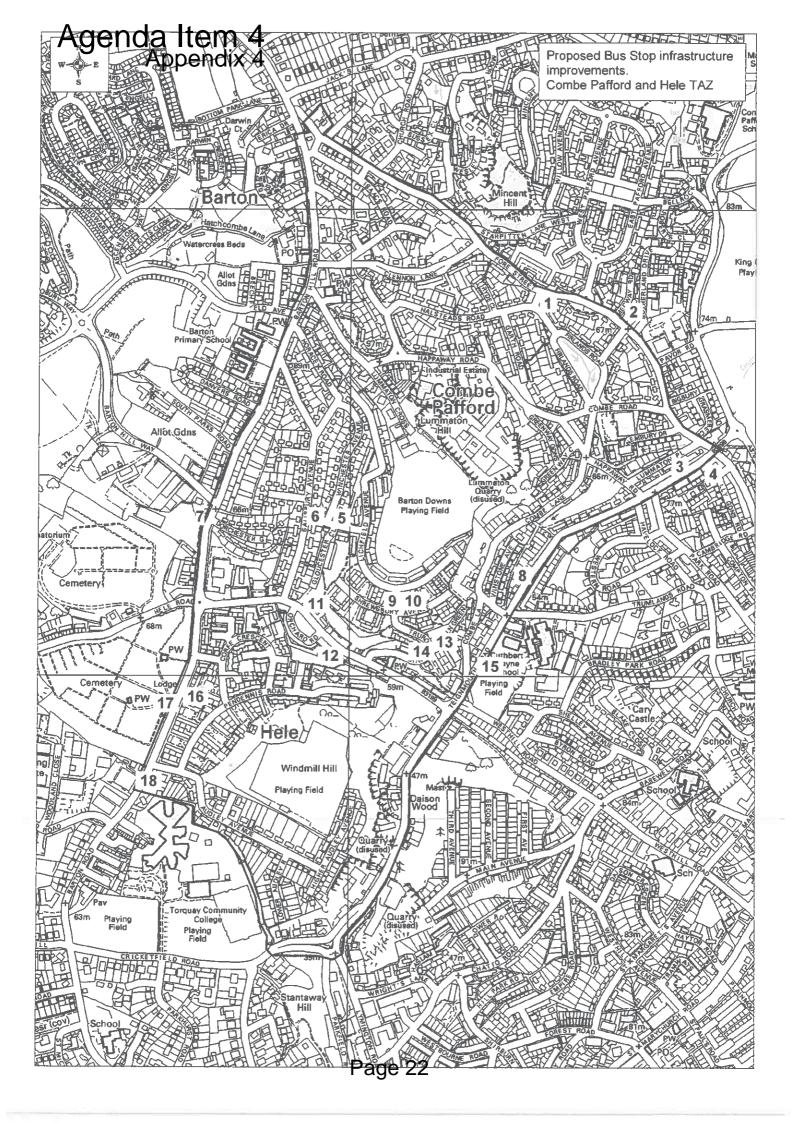
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Proposed bus stop infrastructure improvements - Combe Pafford and Hele TAZ

Number	Location	Works
1	Fore Street outside 76A Watcombe, Lamp Post No.16	Affix new Trueform fläg, timetable case and Clearway sign. Place Clearway Bus Box Marking.
2	Fore Street outside No.52 Watcombe	Move Bus Stop Post and Clearway marking either outside Nos.54/56 (opposite Bus Stop) or opp the shops.
3	Telgrimouth Rd outside 1 – 6 Haldon House	Mark Clearway Bus Box Marking over double yellow lines.
4	Teignmouth Rd outside No.393, Lamp Post 73	Affix new Trueform flag, timetable case and Clearway sign. Place Clearway Bus Box Marking.
5	Lichfield Ave opposite Gloucester Close Lump Post No.14	Affix new Trueform flag and timetable case to Lamp Column No.14. Place Clearway Bus Box Marking.
6	Lichfield Ave junction with Salisbury Ave.Lamp Post No.12	Affix new Trueform flag, timetable case and sign.
7	Barton Hill Rd near junction with Dorchester Grove	Mark Clearway Line and Bus Box within Bus Layby.
8	Teignmouth Rd outside No.238	Remove and dispose of old Bus Stop Post.
9	Truro Avenue outside 50-54 Junction with Shrewsbury Avenue	install new Trueform Bus Stop Place Bus Box Marking 7am-5.30pm.
10	Truro Avenue outside 43-47	Affix new Trueform flag, timetable case and sign. Place Bus Box Marking 7am-5.30pm.
11	Hele Road outside No.74	Install new Trueform Bus Stop complete with flag and timetable case. Mark Clearway Line over existing double yellow lines.
12	Hele Road outside No.103 Lamp Post No 12	Affix new Trueform flag, timetable case and Clearway sign. Place Clearway Bus Box Marking.
13	Truro Avenue Junction with Lincoln Green Lamp Post 5	Affix new Trueform flag and timetable case.
14	Truro Avenue opposite Junction with Lincoln Green	Install new Trueform Bus Stop.
15	Telgrimouth Road outside Cuthbert Mayne School	Mark Clearway Bus Box Marking over double yellow lines.
16	Barton Road opposite Cemetery Lodge Lamp Post No.47	Affix new Trueform flag and timetable case. Install new section of hard standing for pedestrians.
17	Barton Röad outside Cernetery Lodge opposite Lamp Post No.47	Install new Trueform Bus Stop complete with fieg and timetable case. Place Clearway Bus Stop marking.
18	Barton Road near No.104 opposite 79	Install new Trueform Bus Stop complete with flag, and timetable case.

Agenda Item 5



Meeting: Transport Working Party Date: 5th September 2013

Wards Affected: Tormohun, Cockington with Chelston, Shiphay with the Willows

Report Title: Local Sustainable Transport Fund- Proposed Cycle Route

Executive Lead Contact Details: Sue Cheriton, Executive Head –

Residents & Visitor Services

Supporting Officer Contact Details: lan Jones -

Principal Engineer (Traffic and Development)

1. Purpose

1.1. The Bid for the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, as agreed by members at the 5th January 2012 meeting of the Transport Working Party has now been agreed by the Department for Transport. Highways are now developing a viable cycle route to link with the frequent ferry service from Torquay Harbourside to the town centre, to Torbay Hospital and the National Cycle Network.

2. Proposed Decision

2.1 That members approve the progression and implementation of the cycle routes shown in **Appendix 1 (Plans 1-7)** to support the proposed frequent ferry service, and that any required traffic regulation orders are advertised and implemented if no objections are received.

3. Action Needed

A recommendation from this Working Party is required to assist the appropriate Executive Lead Member and Director to grant a formal decision on implementation.

4. Summary

4.1 The implementation of further cycle routes will enable the Council to meet its obligation to provide sustainable transport links around the bay and link to the South Devon network.

- 4.2 The implementation of the proposed frequent ferry service has given the opportunity to link sustainable travel options between Brixham and Torquay. As part of the overall package cycle routes which link the ferry to Torquay Town Centre, Torbay Hospital and rail, cycle links have been included as part of the successful bid for funding to the Department for Transport.
- 4.3 The Transport Working Party gave approval in principle to these routes at their meeting in December 2012, subject to areas where parking is proposed to be removed or where carriageway widths are to be reduced being returned to the Working Party for further consideration.

Supporting Information

5. Position

- 5.1 The recent bid for Department for Transport (Dft) Local Sustainable Transport Funding (LSTF) bid has been successful and officers are now progressing the implementation of the frequent ferry service along with the associated sustainable transport links.
- As part of the bid application, details of potential cycle routes were prepared by the Council's partner consultant, Jacobs and accepted by the Dft. Highways officers reassessed these routes and presented them to the Working Party at their meeting in December 2012.
- 5.3 The routes proposed were a combination of dedicated on and off highway routes, along with some 'signed only' routes where highway constraints will not accommodate dedicated routes. The routes were approved 'in principle' by the Working Party subject to further detailed design and further consideration by the Working Party if proposals required the removal of any parking or the physical reduction of any carriageway widths.
- 5.4 The routes have now been subject to further design work and proposals have not shown a requirement for any removal of parking with only a small number of physical alterations to carriageways.
- 5.5 The outline layouts for the schemes which affect the public highway either physically or otherwise are now attached in **Appendix 1** to this report with any proposed alterations highlighted. A recommendation is now required from the Working Party to progress these proposals to implementation.

6. Possibilities and Options

- 6.1 The LSTF Proposed Cycle Routes may be implemented as detailed in **Appendix 1**.
- 6.2 Members may choose to recommend that the route is not implemented.
- 6.3 Members may choose to implement the Town Centre route and link only at this time.

7. Preferred Solution/Option

7.1 Due to the requirement to implement the cycle links to the proposed Frequent Ferry Service during the 2013/14 and 2014/15 financial years, the option shown in 6.1 is recommended as the preferred option.

8. Consultation

- 8.1 Amendments to Traffic Regulation Orders will be advertised and implemented if no objections are received. Any objections will be presented to a future Working Party for consideration.
- 8.2 The proposals will be placed on the Torbay Council Website and the Community Partnerships, Ward Councillors, and Town Centre Company will be invited to view details and comment prior to implementation.

9. Risks

- 9.1 If the cycle improvements are not implemented there may be a detrimental impact to the delivery of the LSTF bid and this may not satisfy the Dft's requirements for the provision of funding.
- 9.2 If the cycle improvements are not implemented then this may have a detrimental effect to the promotion of sustainable transport options in Torbay and the promotion of Torbay as a tourist destination for cycling in the future.
- 9.3 If the Cycle improvements are implemented there may be detrimental impacts to other highway users in some sections.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Proposed Routes Plans 1-7

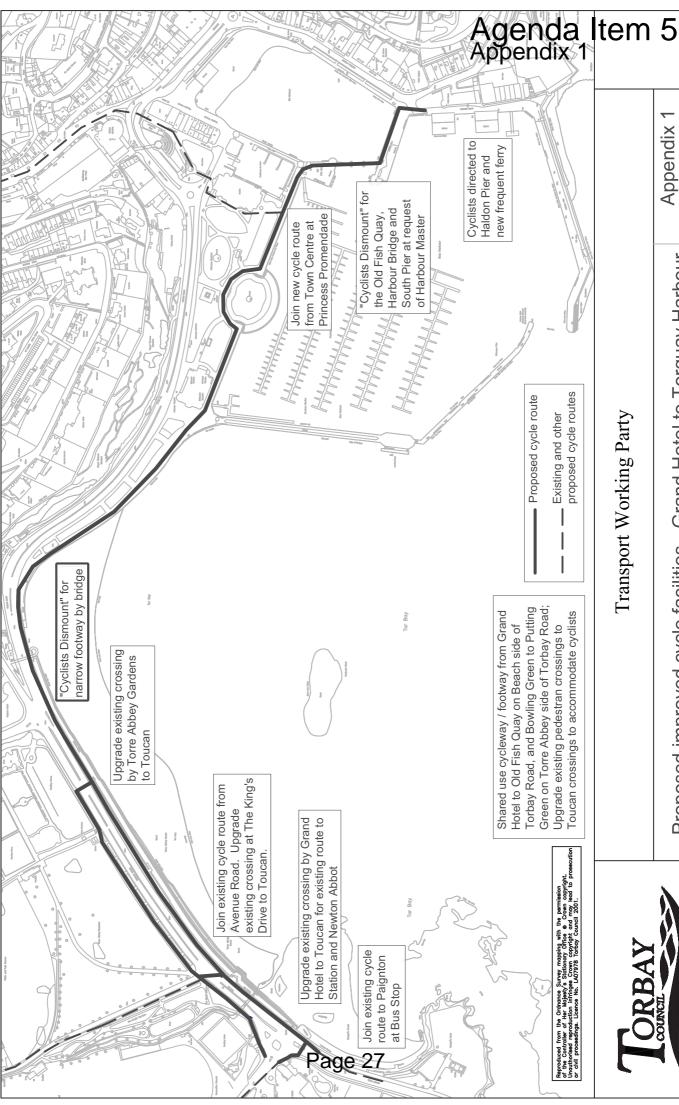
Additional Information: None.

Documents available in Members' Rooms: None

Background Papers:

The following documents/files were used to compile this report:

- LSTF Frequent Ferry Bid Application.
- Report to Transport Working Party 13th December 2012



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Proposed improved cycle facilities - Grand Hotel to Torquay Harbour

Appendix 1 Plan 1



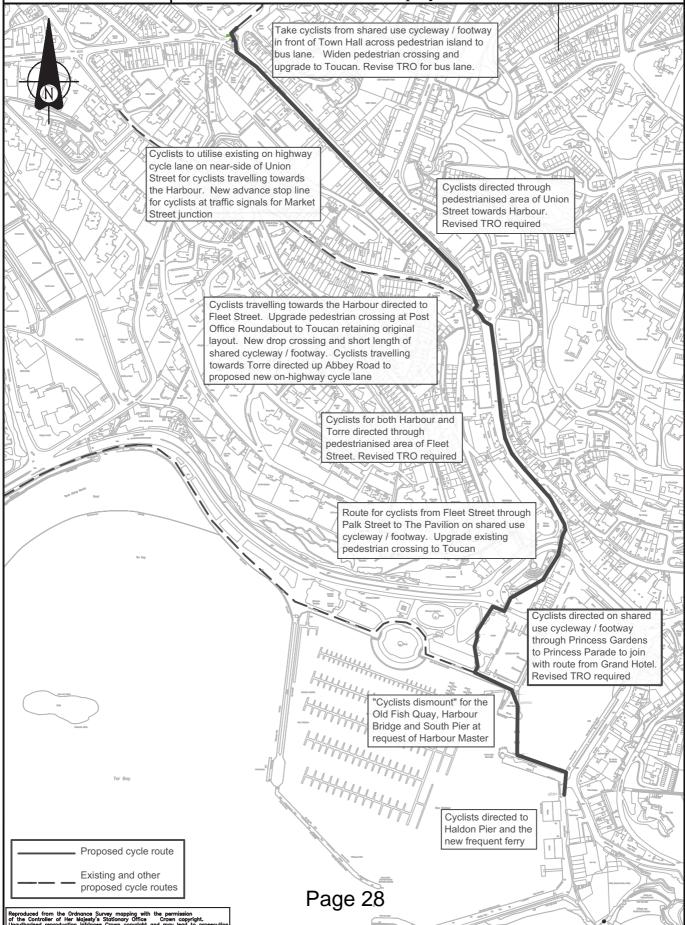
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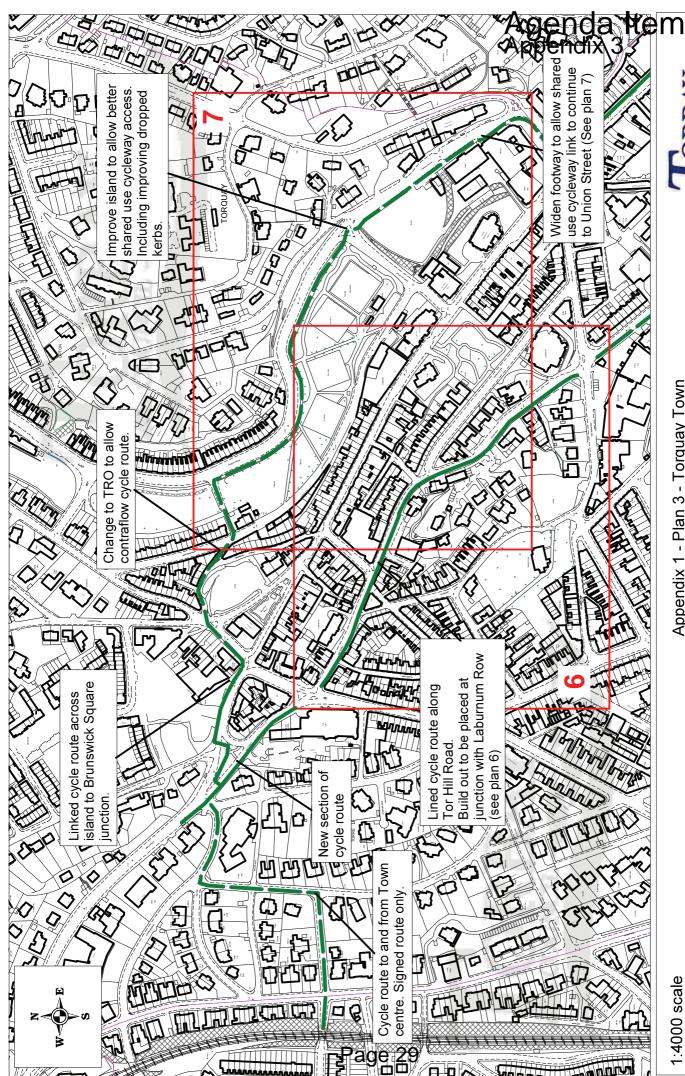


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Appendix 1 Plan 2

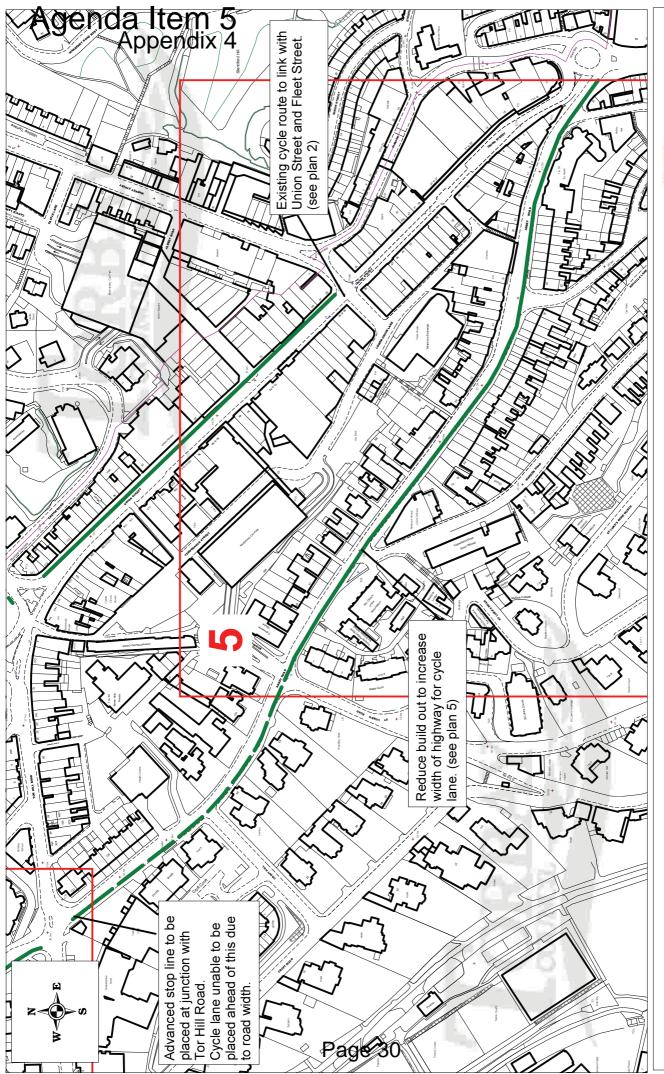
Proposed improved cycle facilities Castle Circus to Torquay Harbour





Appendix 1 - Plan 3 - Torquay Town Centre Cycle Route

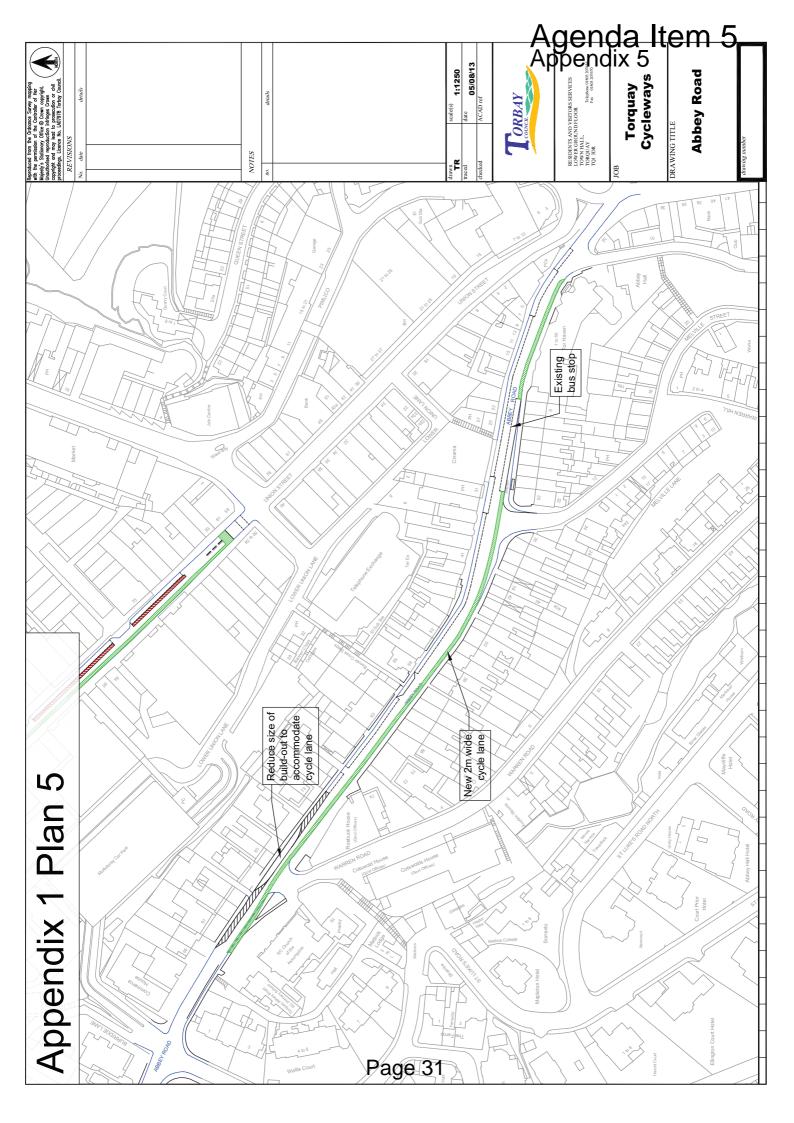
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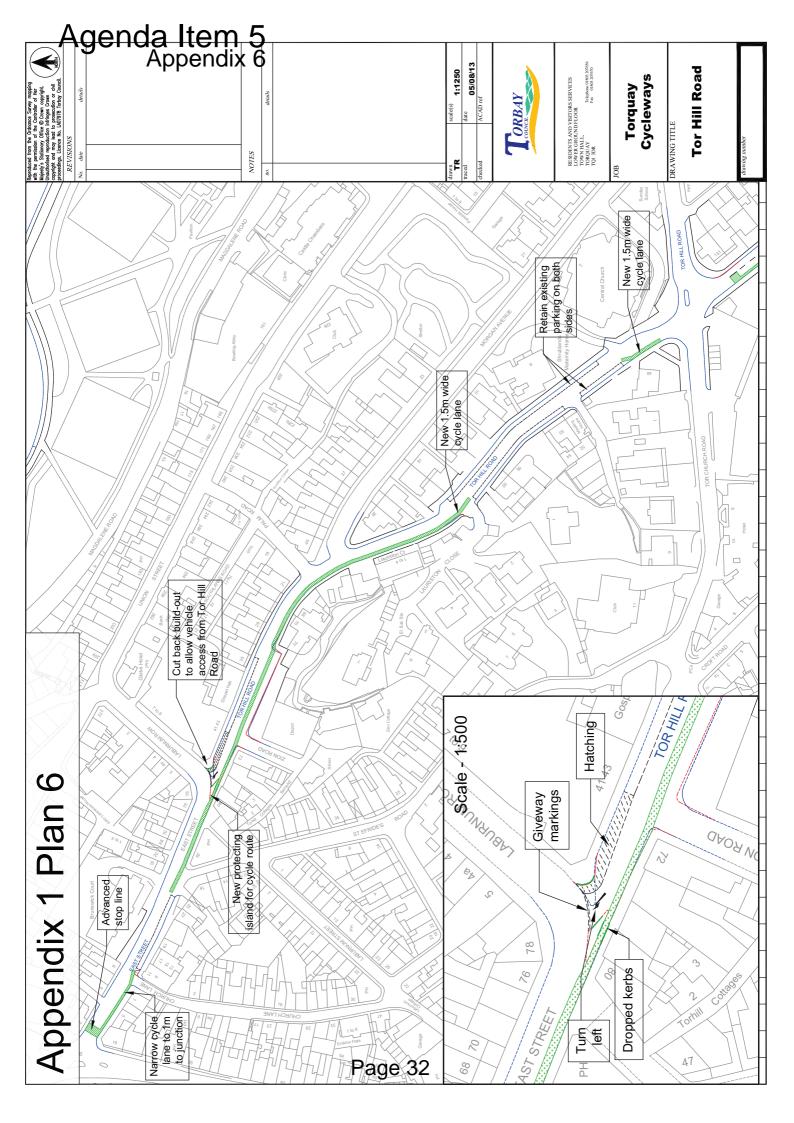


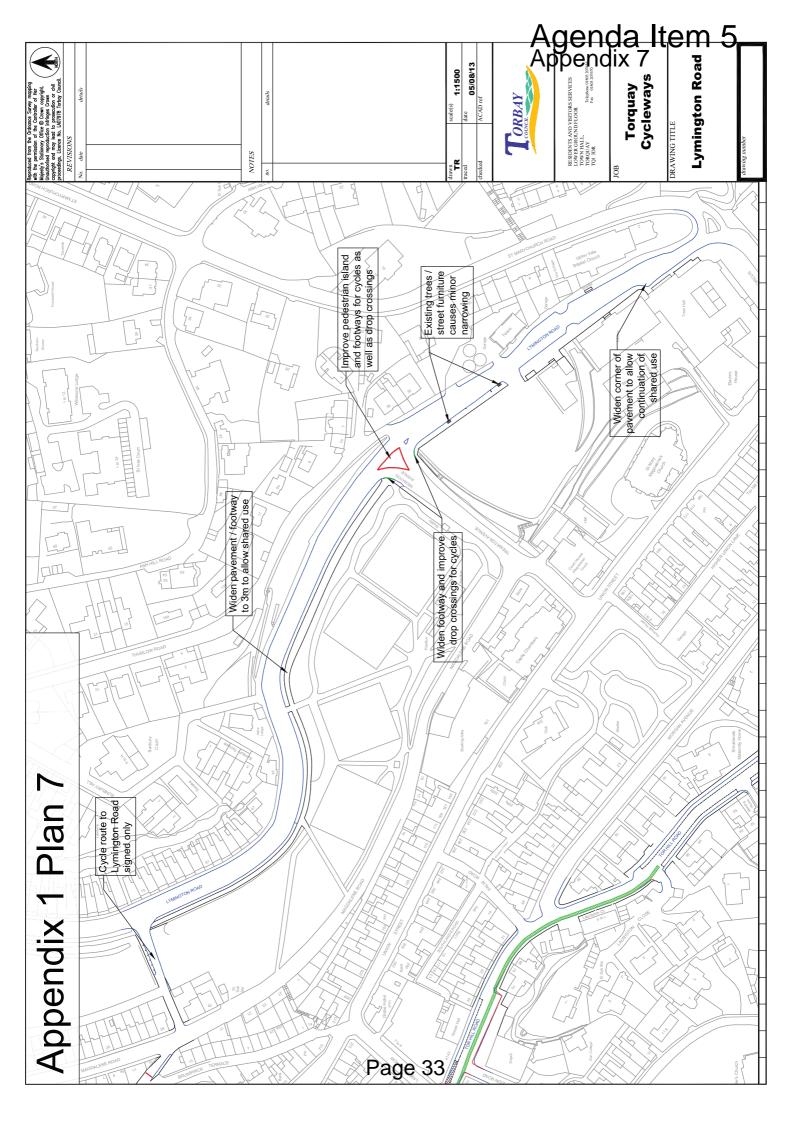




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Agenda Item 6



Wards Affected: Tormohun

Report Title: Fleet Street Regeneration Scheme – Update on the Phase 1 Construction

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1. Purpose

1.1 To inform members of the latest position regarding the construction of Phase 1 and to ask members whether or not to canvass the views of the local traders regarding delaying the start of the Phase 2 of the contract for one year in order to allow them to catch up on lost trade due to the construction of Phase 1

2. **Proposed Decision**

- 2.1 To note the progress of the construction of Phase 1
- 2.2 Members are recommended to instruct officers to canvass the views of Fleet Street traders regarding the start date of Phase 2 of the contract

3. Action Needed

3.1 To decide whether or not the local traders should be canvassed about the start date of Phase 2

4. Summary

- 4.1 Phase 1 of the Fleet Street Regeneration Scheme was started in January 2013 and the works are now due to be completed in November 2013.
- 4.2 From the end of June until the 16th September works have been suspended to allow traders and busses to operate as normal without the interference of construction operations.
- 4.3 Because the construction of phase 1 may have had an impact on trading in Fleet Street, it is considered prudent to seek the views of the Fleet Street traders regarding the start date of Phase 2.

Supporting Information

Position

- 5.1 The contract for Phase 1 of the Fleet Street Regeneration was awarded to Roadform, and works started in January this year
- 5.2 The initial works included the excavation of the existing Fleet Street carriageway to a depth of half a metre and the construction of a new service lane.
- 5.3 Many existing utilities such as BT; Eurobell and Wales and West (gas) were exposed within the excavation, which needed protection because of the lack of cover to new road level.
- 5.4 It was evident that the contractor would overrun the end of June completion date because of delays due to these unforeseen protection measures
- 5.5 A decision was taken to stop all works at the end of June and to return the street for busses to operate two way, and to allow the Fleet Street businesses to have July, August and part of September without interference from contractors operations
- 5.6 At the end of June the kerbing and carriageway was completed together with the paving on the splitter island and a substantial area of granite paving on the east side, including the bottom end of The Terrace.
- 5.7 Remaining defects in the footway were made safe before opening the street to the public on the 1st July 2013.
- 5.8 It was anticipated that the works would start again on Monday 9th September and carry on until completion in November 2013, however taking into account requests from local traders it was agreed to delay the start of the works until mid September. This may have a knock on effect on the finishing date.
- 5.9 It is likely that the busses will be operating two way at the same time as the contractor will be working, and the contractor has been asked to produce a method statement for the paving and drainage operations.
- 5.10 The next phase of the Fleet Street Regeneration Scheme, which is the second of three stages, is programmed to start in September 2014.
- 5.11 However some Members have suggested a delay to the start date for a year to allow the Fleet Street businesses to catch up on lost trade which may have been affected by the phase 1 works.

6. Possibilities and Options

- 6.1 The following options have been considered
 - Commence Phase 2 of the works in the Autumn 2014 as originally programmed
 - Consult with traders to see if they would prefer to delay the second phase by a year

7. **Preferred Solution/Option**

- 7.1 The preferred option is to canvass the views of the Fleet Street traders before making a decision.
- 8. Consultation
- 8.1 An extensive consultation was carried out in May 2012 for the design of the road, the results of which were reported to the 8th August Transportation Steering Group.
- 9. Risks
- 9.1 The road is in a poor condition, further delays could see an increase in maintenance costs.
- 9.2 The road will continue to look "half finished" until completion of the scheme.

Appendices: None

Additional Information: None

Documents available in Members' Rooms: None

Background Papers: None